



GOD'S DIETARY COMMANDS: CEREMONIAL OR PERPETUAL?

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Many Christians proclaim that God's dietary laws were temporary, as were God's offering and sacrificial laws. The doctrinal belief is that God's Dietary Commandments were ceremonial laws that were rescinded after Yeshua (Jesus) died on the cross. When God's dietary commands are read in context, they have nothing to do with ceremonies; they deal strictly with cleanliness and health. God's dietary commands were not issued as temporary restrictions, but as perpetual commands.

Our bodies were created for optimal operation through following the Master Designer's dietary laws outlined primarily in Genesis 1:29, Leviticus 11, and Deuteronomy 14.

The word 'ceremonial' and the phrase 'ceremonially clean and unclean animals' do not appear anywhere in Scripture, yet many bibles have headnotes preceding Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14 that read, "Ceremonially Clean and Unclean Animals." These added headnotes are not Scripture, but instead are an inserted false doctrinal teaching of man.

If God's dietary laws concerning clean and unclean animals were temporary in nature, as were God's animal sacrifice and offering measures, the Scriptures would clearly state so. God's dietary laws have always been in effect and have never been rescinded. The traditional dietary teachings of Catholicism and Protestantism have proclaimed that unclean animals were merely ceremonially unclean. There is nothing 'ceremonial' about clean and unclean creatures. These types of misleading statements render the word of God of no effect through tradition and false teaching (Matthew 15:6).

Some Christians say that these dietary laws are of the 'old Mosaic law' of restrictions and were not meant to be permanent. The truth is that God's Dietary Commandments are perpetual and are no more ceremonial or restrictive than are His Ten Commandments.

The distinction between clean and unclean animals is first recorded in Genesis 7:2-3 and lastly in Revelation 18:2; from the first book to the last book of the Scriptures.

LEVITICUS 3:17:

It shall be a PERPETUAL STATUTE for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that you shall eat neither fat nor blood.

LEVITICUS 11:10-11:

Anything in the seas or the rivers that do not have fins and scales, of the swarming creatures in the waters and of the living creatures that are in the waters, is an abomination to you. They SHALL REMAIN an abomination to you; of their flesh you shall not eat and their carcasses you shall have in abomination.

Scripture does not support the false doctrinal belief that God's Dietary Commandments are ceremonial or that they were temporary restrictions. Leviticus 3:17 and 11:10-11 confirm that God's Dietary Commandments are not temporary, but *PERPETUAL* and they *SHALL REMAIN* in effect.