



THE LAWS OF CLEAN AND UNCLEAN CREATURES

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God has declared certain creatures as clean and other creatures as unclean for human consumption. Man is an omnivorous being. God allows us to eat herbivore animals for meat and has prohibited us from eating carnivores and omnivores. Herbivores are creatures that eat only vegetables; carnivores eat only meat; and omnivores eat both plants and meat.

God's dietary laws forbid the eating of two types of creatures:

PREDATORS:

carnivorous animals that prey upon and kill other animals for food*

SCAVENGERS:

carrion eaters that feed off carcasses of already dead creatures, fecal matter, and other refuse

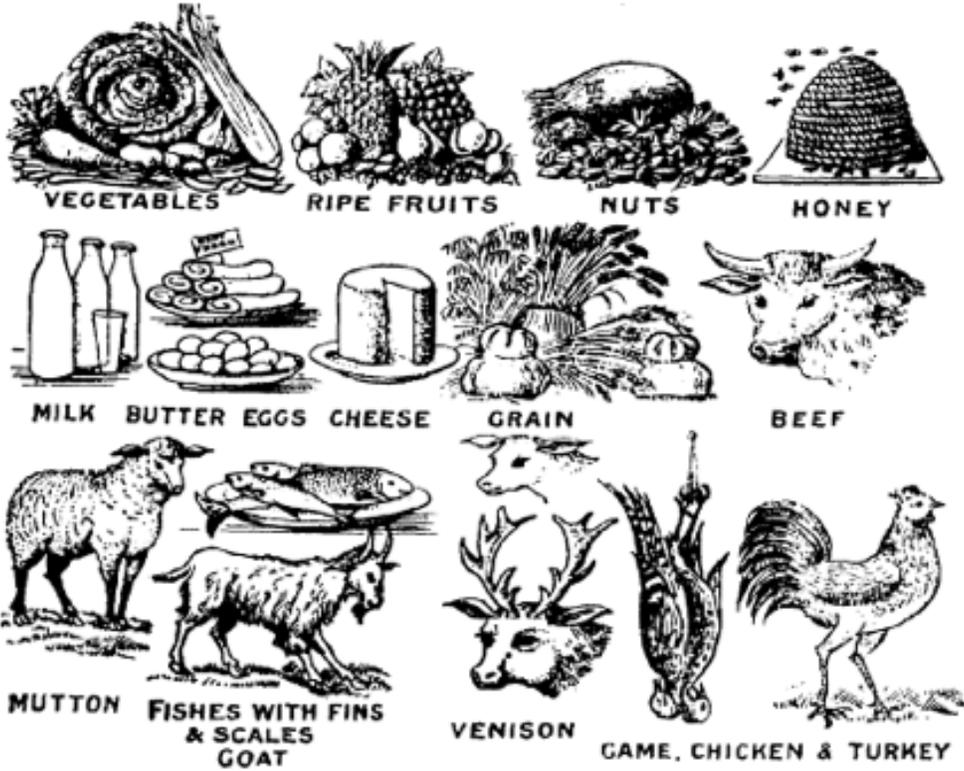
*Fish can be noted as somewhat of an exception. Most fish feed on smaller fish, which classifies them as a type of predatory carnivore in the strictest sense. All clean fish swim in schools however, and are not ambush or solitary predators.

LEVITICUS 11:46-47:

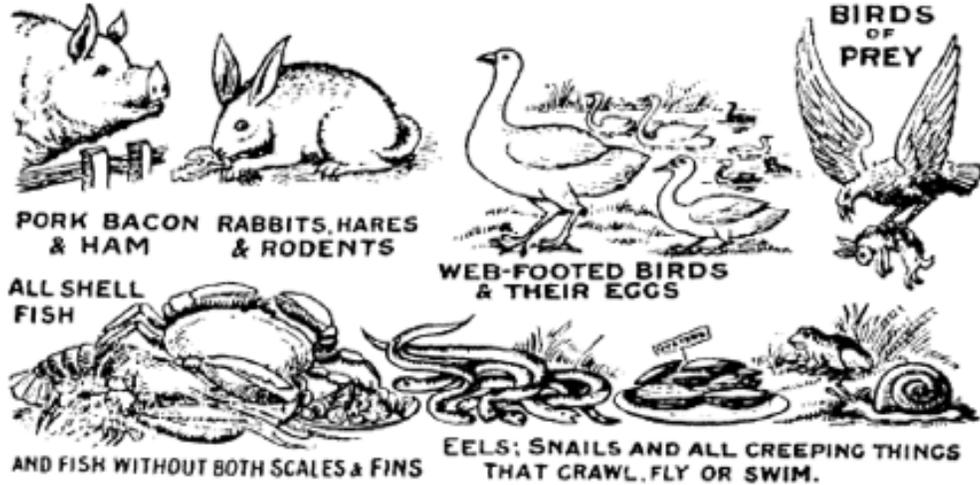
This is the law of the animals and the birds and every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth, to distinguish between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.

God's Dietary Commandments, after exhaustive and thorough meticulous Scripture and scientific research, are compiled and presented in the following comprehensive listing and artistic images, to make a distinction between the clean creatures that may be eaten and the unclean creatures that may not be eaten (Leviticus 11:46-47, 20:25, Ezekiel 44:23).

CLEAN CREATURES



UNCLEAN CREATURES



DIETARY COMMANDMENTS

PLANTS:

- *You may eat plants that produce seed and the fruit of trees that contain tree-yielding seed.
- *You shall not eat defiled plants, poisonous plants, or the toxic parts of edible plants.
- *You shall not eat fungi, aquatic plants, seedless plants, or fruitless trees.

FLESH, MEAT, FAT, BLOOD, & ORGANS:

- *You may eat the flesh of clean animals for meat.
- *You shall not eat the flesh of unclean animals.
- *You shall not eat the fat, blood, or organs of any animal.

MAMMALS:

- *You may eat mammals that have cloven hooves parted in two and chew the cud.
- *You shall not eat mammals that have cloven hooves parted in two, but do not chew the cud.
- *You shall not eat mammals that chew the cud, but do not have cloven hooves parted in two.
- *You shall not eat mammals that go on their paws, predator, or scavenger mammals.
- *You shall not eat burrowing, flying, marine, marsupial, monotreme, or rodent mammals.
- *You shall not eat young calves that are nursing on their mother's milk.

FISH & AQUATIC CREATURES:

- *You may eat fish in the waters, seas, and rivers that have fins and overlapping, shedding scales.
- *You shall not eat fish in the waters that do not have fins and overlapping, shedding scales.
- *You shall not eat non-fish aquatic creatures in the waters, seas, and rivers.

BIRDS:

- *You may eat birds with all of these characteristics:
 - They have craws or crops and a gizzard with a double lining that can be easily separated;
 - They have three front toes with an elongated middle front toe and a hind toe;
 - They spread three front toes on one side of a perch and their hind toe on the other side;
 - They bring food to the ground and divide it with their bills, if possible, before eating it.
- *You shall not eat aquatic, predator, raptor, ratite, or scavenger birds.
- *You shall not eat eggs or young chicks together with their mother.

INSECTS:

- *You may eat insects that have wings, four legs, and legs for leaping upon the earth.
- *You shall not eat insects that do not have wings, four legs, and legs for leaping upon the earth.

REPTILES, AMPHIBIANS, & OTHER CREATURES:

- *You shall not eat creatures that crawl, creep, slither, or are multi-legged.

DEAD & DISEASED:

- *You shall not eat anything that dies of itself, is infected with disease, or is torn by beasts.

CONTAMINATED:

- *You shall not eat anything that has been contaminated with anything unclean.

LIQUIDS:

- *You may consume fruit and vegetable juice, milk, honey, and alcohol.
- *You shall not consume alcohol to get drunk, when operating machinery, or during pregnancy.
- *You shall not consume the blood of any creature.
- *You shall not consume liquids that have been contaminated with anything unclean.

DIETARY COMMANDMENTS (with references)

PLANTS:

- *You may eat plants that produce seed and the fruit of trees that contain tree-yielding seed.
GENESIS 1:29, 3:18, 9:3; LEVITICUS 19:25; DEUTERONOMY 14:23;
PROVERBS 24:13, 25:16,27; ISAIAH 7:15,22, 30:23, 55:10.
- *You shall not eat defiled plants, poisonous plants, or the toxic parts of edible plants.
GENESIS 3:17-18; LEVITICUS 19:19, DEUTERONOMY 22:9.
- *You shall not eat fungi, aquatic plants, seedless plants, or fruitless trees.
GENESIS 1:29; AMOS 4:9; HAGGAI 2:17.

FLESH, MEAT, FAT, BLOOD, & ORGANS:

- *You may eat the flesh of clean animals for meat.
FLESH: EXODUS 12:8,46, 29:31-33; LEVITICUS 7:15, 8:31; NUMBERS 18:15-18,
1 KINGS 19:21.
MEAT: EXODUS 16:8,12; NUMBERS 11:4,13,18,21,33; DEUTERONOMY
12:15,20,23,27; 1 SAMUEL 2:13-15, 25:11; 2 SAMUEL 6:19; 1 KINGS 17:6, 19:21;
1 CHRONICLES 16:3; JOB 31:31; PSALM 78:20,27; PROVERBS 9:2, 23:20;
ISAIAH 22:13, 44:16,19; JEREMIAH 7:21; DANIEL 10:3; ROMANS 14:21;
1 CORINTHIANS 8:13.
- *You shall not eat the flesh of unclean animals.
LEVITICUS 11:8,11; DEUTERONOMY 14:8.
- *You shall not eat the fat, blood, or organs of any animal.
GENESIS 9:4; LEVITICUS 3:17, 17:10-14, 19:26; DEUTERONOMY 12:16,23-25;
15:23; 1 SAMUEL 14:32-34; EZEKIEL 33:25; ACTS 15:20,29; 21:25.
*The following references indicate that fat, blood and organs were not to be used for
food, but were to be for offerings and sacrifices, then afterward discarded:
GENESIS 4:4, EXODUS 23:18, 29:13-25; LEVITICUS 1- 4, 6:8-30, 7, 8:14-30, 9,
10:12-20, 16:14-27, 17:6-11; NUMBERS 18:17; 19:1-5; DEUTERONOMY 12:27;
1 SAMUEL 2:15-16; 1 KINGS 8:64; 2 KINGS 16:13-15; 2 CHRONICLES 7:7, 29:21-
35, 30:16, 35:11-14.

MAMMALS:

- *You may eat mammals that have cloven hooves parted in two and chew the cud.
LEVITICUS 11:3; DEUTERONOMY 14:6.
- *You shall not eat mammals that have cloven hooves parted in two, but do not chew the
cud. LEVITICUS 11:7, 26; DEUTERONOMY 14:8; ISAIAH 65:4, 66:17.
- *You shall not eat mammals that chew the cud, but do not have cloven hooves parted in
two. LEVITICUS 11:4-6; DEUTERONOMY 14:7.
- *You shall not eat mammals that go on their paws, predator, or scavenger mammals.
LEVITICUS 11:27.
- *You shall not eat burrowing, flying, marine, marsupial, monotreme, or rodent mammals.
LEVITICUS 11:19, 29-30.
- *You shall not eat young calves that are nursing on their mother's milk.
EXODUS 23:19, 34:26; DEUTERONOMY 14:21.

FISH & AQUATIC CREATURES:

- *You may eat fish in the waters, seas, and rivers that have fins and overlapping, shedding
scales.
LEVITICUS 11:9; DEUTERONOMY 14:9.
- *You shall not eat fish in the waters that do not have fins and overlapping, shedding scales.
LEVITICUS 11:10-12; DEUTERONOMY 14:10; ISAIAH 65:4, 66:17.
- *You shall not eat non-fish aquatic creatures in the waters, seas, and rivers.
LEVITICUS 11:10-12; DEUTERONOMY 14:10; ISAIAH 65:4, 66:17.

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- They bring food to the ground and divide it with their bills, if possible, before eating it.

*** DEUTERONOMY 14:11.**

***(Based on characteristics of biblically known clean birds: chicken, dove (turtledove), pigeon and quail: LEVITICUS 1:14-17, 12:8, 14:22, 15:14-15; PSALM 105:40; MATTHEW 3:16, 21:12, 23:37; MARK 1:10, 11:15; LUKE 2:24, 3:22, 13:34; JOHN 1:32, 2:14-16).**

***You shall not eat aquatic, predator, raptor, ratite, or scavenger birds.**

LEVITICUS 11:13-17,20; DEUTERONOMY 14:12-16,19; JOB 39:13-17; LAMENTATIONS 4:3; REVELATION 18:2.

***You shall not eat eggs or young chicks together with their mother.**

DEUTERONOMY 22:6-7.

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***You may eat insects that have wings, four legs, and legs for leaping upon the earth.**

LEVITICUS 11:21-22.

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LEVITICUS 11:29-31, 41- 44; MATTHEW 7:10; LUKE 11:11-12.

DEAD & DISEASED:

***You shall not eat anything that dies of itself, is infected with disease, or is torn by beasts.**

EXODUS 22:31; LEVITICUS 7:24, 11:39-40, 17:15-16, 22:4,8; DEUTERONOMY 14:21; EZEKIEL 4:14, 44:31; AMOS 4:9.

CONTAMINATED:

***You shall not eat anything that has been contaminated with anything unclean.**

LEVITICUS 6:28, 7:19, 11:31-38.

LIQUIDS:

***You may drink fruit and vegetable juice, milk, honey, and alcohol.**

GENESIS 1:29, 3:18, 9:3; DEUTERONOMY 14:23,26; PROVERBS 24:13, 25:16,27, 27:27; ECCLESIASTES 9:7, 10:19; SONG OF SOLOMON 5:1; ISAIAH 7:15,22, 28:9, 55:1; 1 TIMOTHY 5:23.

***You shall not drink alcohol to get drunk, when operating machinery, or during pregnancy.**

DEUTERONOMY 21:20; JOB 12:25; PSALM 107:27; PROVERBS 20:1, 23:20-21,29-35; ECCLESIASTES 10:17; ISAIAH 19:14, 28:1-3, 7-8; JEREMIAH 23:9; NAHUM 1:10; HABAKKUK 2:15; LUKE 21:34; ROMANS 13:13; 1 CORINTHIANS 5:11, 6:10; GALATIANS 5:21; EPHESIANS 5:18; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:6-7; 1 TIMOTHY 3:3,8; TITUS 1:7, 2:3; 1 PETER 4:3.

***You shall not drink the blood of any creature.**

LEVITICUS 7:26-27, 17:10-14, 19:26; DEUTERONOMY 12:16, 23-25.

***You shall not drink liquids that have been contaminated with anything unclean.**

EXODUS 7:18-24, 15:23; LEVITICUS 11:33-34; DEUTERONOMY 23:12-13.



QUESTION: IF UNCLEAN CREATURES WERE MADE CLEAN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHY ARE THERE UNCLEAN BIRDS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION?



“And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, ‘Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every UNCLEAN AND HATED BIRD!’”

-Revelation 18:2