

**“The Pentateuch”**  
**Leviticus 11-12**  
**Wednesday February 17, 2010**

**Leviticus** – Deals with Separation and Communion.

**Leviticus 1-17** How to Approach God:

1. Holy Offerings – Lev 1-7
2. A Holy Priesthood – Lev 8-10
3. A Holy Nation – 11-17 Uncleaness is incurred in the course of everyday life:

Clean and unclean food – Lev 11

Childbirth – Lev 12

Diseases and defilement – Lev 13-15

The Day of Atonement – Lev 16-17

Holiness – root word “separation” NT Saint’s – “holy ones”; set apart ones, called out ones.

**1. Lev 11:1-23 Eating of Food:**

**2. Lev 11:24-43 Touching of Things:**

**3. Lev 11:44-47 Discerning Right From Wrong:**

**4. Lev 12:1-8 Purifying of The Defiled:**

**1. Lev 11:1-23 Eating of Food:**

Gen 7:2, 8; 8:20

Lev 11:44

Deuteronomy 14:3-20

Three facts should be noted about the dietary laws:

1. God gave these laws only to the Jewish nation:
2. Obeying them guaranteed ceremonial purity but didn’t automatically make the person holy in character:
3. The laws were temporary and were ended on the cross of Christ (Col. 2:14).

Verses 3-8 – The Land Animals:

Guidelines: split hoofs, and chews the cud,

Verses 4-8 – Animals Not Meeting The 2 Requirements:

Verses 9-12 – Water Creatures:

Verses 13-19 – The Sky, Fowl:

Verses 20-23 – Flying Insects:

The Jews had to learn to despise the foods that God said were unclean and to enjoy the foods that God said were clean.

## **2. Lev 11:24-43 Touching of Things:**

The emphasis in this section is on avoiding the defilement caused by touching certain dead creatures, both clean and unclean.

Judg. 14:1-9

Lev 11:25-40

Cross Contamination -

But the main reason for these laws was to teach the people to appreciate cleanliness and shun whatever was unclean. (2 Cor. 6:14-7:1)

Verses 41-43 – The Ground Animals:

The word "unclean" 32X in Leviticus 11. You find the word "abomination" 10X; What God says is unclean must be an abomination in our eyes.

Isa. 5:20

Jer. 17:9

## **3. Lev 11:44-47 Discerning Right From Wrong:**

Must know God's Word, respecting it, and obeying it.

Eph 4:1

Phil 1:27

Col 1:10

1 Thess 2:12

2 Thess 1:5

Deut 4:7-8

Lev 11:45

Why all these guidelines: Suggestions -

1. Hygienic -

2. Symbolic -

3. Cultic -

4. Uninformed -

Kosher - Not Biblical but Rabbinical

#### **4. Lev 12:1-8 Purifying of The Defiled:**

Verses 2-5 - The Mother And The Child:

shall be unclean - "Not immoral but ritual impurity"

Psalm 51:5

Verse 3 - Circumcision: And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

Deut. 10:16

Romans 2:29

Deut 30:6; Jer. 4:4

Verses 4-8 - Sacrifice:

Luke 2:24 Mary and Joseph offered birds because they were poor. Jesus would make us rich 2 Cor 8:9

**Application:**

1 Cor 8:8

Col 2:16-17

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