

Leviticus 11:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Clean and Unclean Animals**. Dietary laws distinguishing clean from unclean animals, teaching Israel holiness and separation from pagan practices.

Hebrews 9-10 explains how Christ's once-for-all sacrifice supersedes the repeated Levitical offerings, providing permanent cleansing from sin.

Historical Context

Dietary laws distinguishing clean from unclean animals, teaching Israel holiness and separation from pagan practices. Chapters 11-15 address ritual purity, teaching Israel to distinguish clean from unclean. These laws served multiple purposes: promoting health, teaching spiritual lessons about sin's defilement, and separating Israel from pagan practices. Archaeological evidence shows Canaanite worship involved practices Israel's laws explicitly prohibited. Israel received these laws while encamped at Sinai, before entering Canaan. The laws prepared them for life in the promised land, distinguishing them from Canaanite practices and establishing their identity as God's holy nation. The portable tabernacle, central to Levitical worship, accompanied them through wilderness wanderings and

eventually found permanent form in Solomon's temple. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?

Interlinear Text

הַחַיָּה	זֹאת	לֵאמֹר	יְשׁוּעָה	לְ	בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	אֶל	דִּבֶּר וְ
are the beasts	These	saying	of Israel		unto the children	Speak	
H2416	H2063	H559	H3478		H1121	H413	H1696
עַל	אֲשֶׁר	הַבְּהֵמָה	הַ	מִכָּל	תֹּאכֵל וְ	אֲשֶׁר	ר
H5921	H834	among all the beasts		H3605	which ye shall eat	H834	
		H929			H398		
					הָאָרֶץ:		
					that are on the earth		
					H776		

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 9:10 (Parallel theme): Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

Matthew 15:11 (Parallel theme): Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

Leviticus 11:11 (Parallel theme): They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination.

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