

Leviticus 11:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth;

Analysis

Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth;

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.

What Leviticus portrayed through types and shadows, Christ fulfilled in reality through His incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection.

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. Ancient texts like the Code of Hammurabi show that law codes were common in the ancient Near East, but biblical law uniquely grounded ethics in God's character rather than merely social convention.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
2. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

Interlinear Text

בָּאָתָּה אַתָּה תֹאכֵל וְמַפְלֵשׁ שְׁצַדְקָה בְּעֵזֶב וְ
H389 H853 H2088 Yet these may ye eat H3605 creeping H8318 of every flying H5775

מִפְּנֵן כְּבָעַם לֹא אַשְׁר הַלְּבָנָן עַל אָרֶב עַל
H1980 H5921 upon all four H834 H3808 which have legs H3767 above H4605

בָּאָרֶץ עַל בָּהָר לְבָנֶת רַבְגָּל יְ
their feet to leap withal upon the earth H5921 H2004 H776

