

Leviticus 11:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Even these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind.

Analysis

Even these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind.

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.

The New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

Interlinear Text

אַתָּה אַתָּה לְהַלְלָמָד תְּאַכֵּל לְאַתָּה הַאֲרָבָה

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תְּאַכֵּל לְ

Even these of them ye may eat

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אַתָּה

H853

הַאֲרָבָה הַ

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לְמִינְהָה: וְאַתָּה הַמְּרָבָב לְמִינְהָה: וְאַתָּה הַ

after his kind

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בְּשָׁלָע מְ

and the bald locust

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לְמִינְהָה: וְאַתָּה הַמְּרָבָב לְמִינְהָה: וְאַתָּה הַ

and the beetle

H2728

לְמִינְהָה: וְאַתָּה הַמְּרָבָב לְמִינְהָה: וְאַתָּה הַ

after his kind

H853

בָּשָׁׁבֶת

and the grasshopper

H2284

after his kind

H4327

Additional Cross-References

Mark 1:6 (Parallel theme): And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

Matthew 3:4 (Parallel theme): And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

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