

# Leviticus 11:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you.

## Analysis

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**But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you.**

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

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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. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
  2. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
  3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

## Interlinear Text

אָרֶב עַ	ל וּ אֲשֶׁר	בָּעַ וְ	שׁ רַץ	וְכָל
H3605 creeping	But all other flying	H834	H0	things which have four

לְכָמָן	ה	וְאַ	כְּגָל	אֵם	שֶׁקְרֵב	לְכָמָן
feet		shall be an abomination			H1931	H0
H7272			H8263			