

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

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

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

וְכָל	שֶׁ־רֶ֫חַץ	קָ֫עֹ וּפָ֫רֶץ	לֹ־אֲשֶׁר	אֲרֵבָ֫עַ
H3605	creeping H8318	But all other flying H5775	H834	H0
				things which have four H702
רַגְלָ֫יִם	שֶׁ־קֶ֫זֶץ	לָכֶ֫ם׃	הָ־וָא	
feet H7272	shall be an abomination H8263	H1931	H0	
