

Leviticus 11:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of all meat which may be eaten, that on which such water cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every such vessel shall be unclean.

Analysis

Of all meat which may be eaten, that on which such water cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every such vessel shall be unclean.

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.

Ritual purity laws taught Israel to distinguish between clean and unclean, holy and common, training them in discernment and reverence for God's presence.

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 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How can you develop greater spiritual discernment in distinguishing what honors God from what defiles?
2. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

Interlinear Text

מִכָּל	הָא כָּל	אֲשֶׁר	יֵאָכֵל	אֲשֶׁר	יָבֹא	עַל יוֹ
H3605	Of all meat	H834	which may be eaten	H834	cometh	H5921
	H400		H398		H935	
	מִמֶּנִּים	יִטְמָא:	וְכָל	מִשְׁקָה	אֲשֶׁר	
that on which such water		shall be unclean	H3605	and all drink	H834	
	H4325	H2930		H4945		
יִשְׁתָּה	בְּכָל	כָּל י	יִטְמָא:			
that may be drunk	H3605	in every such vessel	shall be unclean			
H8354		H3627	H2930			

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