

# Leviticus 11:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination.

## Analysis

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**Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination.**

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

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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. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
2. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

## Interlinear Text

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| כָּל                  | הוֹלֵךְ           | עַל   | גַּח וְעַל                  | וְכָל | הוֹלֵךְ          | עַל   |
| H3605                 | Whatsoever goeth  | H5921 | upon the belly              | H3605 | Whatsoever goeth | H5921 |
|                       | H1980             |       | H1512                       |       | H1980            |       |
| עַל                   | אַרְבַּע          | כָּל  | מִרְבֵּה                    | לְכָל | רַגְלָיִם        |       |
|                       | upon all four     | H5704 | or whatsoever hath more     | feet  | H3605            |       |
|                       | H702              |       | H7235                       | H7272 |                  |       |
| הַשֹּׁרֵץ             | הַשֹּׁרֵץ         | עַל   | הָאָרֶץ                     | לְאֵל |                  |       |
| among all creeping    | things that creep | H5921 | upon the earth              | H3808 |                  |       |
| H8318                 | H8317             |       | H776                        |       |                  |       |
| וְלֹא                 | יֵאָכְלוּ         | כִּי  | שֶׁהֵם                      | הֵם   |                  |       |
| them ye shall not eat |                   | H3588 | for they are an abomination | H1992 |                  |       |
| H398                  |                   |       | H8263                       |       |                  |       |

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