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LEVITICUS Chapters 11-12

The third division of the book of Leviticus deals with the laws and instructions of clean foods and ceremonial purity ch.11-15.

- ch.11 various food forbidden and permitted.
- ch.12 purifying right after giving birth.
- ch.13-14 detecting leprosy, skin diseases, and the ritual for cleansing.
- ch.15 bodily discharge and rights of cleansing.

The parallel passages are found in Deut.14:3-21, Lev.20:24-26.

- The word unclean appears 100 times between ch.11-15.
- * The time of uncleanness increased from hours, month to years in ch.11-15.
- The word holy appears 6 times in the same chapters (83 times in Leviticus and 131 times with cognates)
- The word holy is the result of being related and identified with God.
- The word clean describes the condition to approach God.

- You can be clean but not holy but holiness demands cleanness!
- * The key verse for this 3rd section is found in 10:10-11, Mal.2:7-8.

Notice the order to this point -

- 1) Ch.1-7 sacrifices for atonement
- 2) Ch.8-10 priesthood for mediation
- 3) Ch.11-15 sanctification for fellowship

There are many opinions as to why the laws of food and cleanliness were given.

- 1) Dietary and sanitary rather than spiritual.
 - * God had promised to keep them from many of the gentile diseases if they would obey His word.
- 2) They were to be a Holy people 11:44-45, Deut.14:2,21.

11:1-23 Animals permitted and forbidden for food.

- 11:1-8** The large domesticated and wild animals.
- 11:1** First time God spoke to Moses and Aaron 13:1, 14:33, 15:1.
- 11:2-3** To teach children of Israel 10:10-11.

animals - cattle, sheep, goats, deer, gazelle, antelope, etc.
Deut.14:5-6.

criteria - divides the hoof, having cloven hoof.

11:4 The prohibition.

11:5 **rock hyrax** - rock bodes

11:6 **hare** - larger than rabbit and lives above ground.
- considered holy by some and parts of it were made into amulets (yellow fever).

11:7-8 **swine**- pig have trichinous if not cooked sufficient.
- horse, dog, etc.

11:9-12 The fish allowed and disallowed.

11:9 All with fins and scales.

11:10-12 **abomination**- detestable, used of idols Hos.9:10.
- certain shellfish have toxic poison at times of the year.

11:13-19 The birds disallowed.

15 land, 3 water, 2 others and all feed on carcass.

11:13 **eagle** - griffon vulture found 28 times in Old Testament.
- being four feet long and having eight feet wing span.

11:14 **kite** - means to dart about, he feeds after the vulture.

11:15 **raven** - crows

11:20-23 The insects allowed and disallowed.

11:20 The general principle

11:21 The criteria to eat is jointed legs above the feet.

11:22 Four kinds of locust eatable.
John the Baptist ate locust Matt.3:4, Mk.1:6.

11:24-40 **The laws and rites for ceremonial uncleanness.**

11:24-28 defilement by dead carcass Hag.2:11-13.

11:28 The right of washing with water and unclean till evening

11:29-31 defilement by creeping animals

11:32-38 defilement by carcass of creeping animals

11:32 washed with water and unclean till evening

11:33-34 vessels in the kitchen

11:35 oven or stoves of clay

11:36 spring or cistern

11:37-38 seed of ground

11:39-40 If an animal dies of itself
Deut.14:21

11:41-45 The general principle and reason for it.

11:42 Snake, moggobs and centipedes.

11:44-45 They were to be identified with God and as a result, be holy!
- Ex.19:5, Num.15:40, Deut.23:15.
- Egypt a type of the world!

11:46-47 Summary statement
- The New Testament doesn't emphasize this Matt.15:18-20, Act.10:9-16,

Rom.14:14, 1 Cor.6:13, 8:8, 20:31, Col.2:20-23, 1 Tim.4:4-5.

12:1-8 **Cleansing after child birth.**

12:1 Lord spoke to Moses

12:2 15:19 her uncleanness from all things

12:3 8th day - new beginning
- covenant with Abraham
Gen.17:9-14.
- circumcision of heart
Rom.2:23-29, Phil.3:3, Col.2:11.
* blood coagulates best.

12:4 33 days from holy things.

12:5 female for 80 days
- No medical reason know only Scriptural.
- 1 Tim.2:14 She was deceived and took the leadership of her husband.
* Gal.3:27-29 no difference male and female.

12:6-7 Two offerings

- 1) burnt offering
 - 2) sin offering
- * as sinner Job 25:4, Ps.51:5,
Rom.5:19.

12:8 Alternative for poverty which
Mary and Joseph offered
Lk.2:22-24.