



Topic: "YHWH's Dietary Instructions" Pt 5  
 Scripture: Leviticus 11; Deuteronomy 14  
 Definition: "YHWH' Dietary Instructions"

# Scriptural Dietary Instructions



- Lesson 1: Setting the Stage. Looking logistically at YHWH's principles.
- Lesson 2: Examined the question Does YHWH care about what we eat? Our body is the temple.
- Lesson 3: Biblical understanding before Leviticus 11 concerning YHWH's instructions. What instructions do we see followed.
- Lesson 4: Clean and Unclean. The principle that YHWH uses to declare what is His. What He accepts and what He rejects.

Lev 20:7, 8 "And you shall sanctify yourselves, and you shall be holy, for I am YAHWEH your Elohim; and you shall keep My statutes and shall do them; I am YAHWEH who is sanctifying you."

Sanctify yourselves...be holy...Not the same thing

Holy is.....

Sanctify is.....



**6942.** קָדַשׁ **qadash**, *kaw-dash*; a primitive root; to be (causatively, make, pronounce or observe as) clean (ceremonially or morally):—appoint, bid, consecrate, dedicate, defile, hallow, (be, keep) holy(-er, place), keep, prepare, proclaim, purify, sanctify(-ied one, self), x wholly.

Is this a foreign concept in the Brit-Hadashah (NT)? No, Shaul says in Ephesians 6:11-18 "Put on"...you put on that that sanctifies you as being set apart, holy. (see previous teaching [[www.torahclass.com](http://www.torahclass.com)] on the "Priestly Garments" to better understand.)

Lev 20:22, 23 "And you shall keep all My statutes, and all My judgments, and shall do them, and the land where I am bringing you to live in it shall not vomit you out. And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out from before you, for all these they have done, and I am disgusted with them."

Lev 20:24b "...I am YAHWEH your Elohim, who has set you apart from the nations."



Lev 20:25, 26 "And you shall make a difference between the clean animals and the unclean, and between the unclean fowl and the clean. And you shall not defile yourself by beast or by fowl, or by anything which swarms the ground, which I have set apart to you as unclean; and you shall be holy to Me, for I, YAHWEH, am holy; and I have set you apart from the nations to become Mine."

What clean or unclean animals is YHWH talking about?

Let's read prior to Leviticus 20 the instructions concerning animals that He has established to be clean and unclean.

## ***Leviticus 11***

11:1 This is our Creator speaking, Yahweh, He said!

11:2 This is what He declares what animals you can eat

11:8-43 Listing of what you can and can not eat.

vs 8 Unclean

vs 10 Detestable

vs 11 Abomination

vs 24 By these you shall be made unclean...You!

vs 43 Pollute yourself

vs 43 Defiled by them

vs 44 Why? I am YHWH your Elohim

vs 46, 47 "This is the instructions (law) of the animals, and fowl, and of every living creature which moves in the waters, and every creature which swarms on the earth, to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, between the living thing that may be eaten and the living that may not be eaten."

YHWH did not reveal the specific reasons some animals may be eaten and others can not. We make generalized conclusions based on the animals as YHWH divided them into two categories, clean and unclean.



In the unclean category YHWH lists scavengers and carrion eaters. These devour other animals for their food. Among these are pigs, bears, vultures and raptors that often thrive on decaying flesh. Another is predatory animals such as wolves, lions, leopards and cheetahs. Most often preying on the weakest and sometimes diseased animal.

When it comes to sea creatures YHWH lists scavengers such as lobsters and crabs that often eat dead animals on the sea floor. Shellfish such as oysters, clams and mussels also consume decaying organic matter that sinks to the sea floor, including sewage.



A common denominator of many of the animals YHWH designates as unclean is that they routinely eat flesh that would sicken or kill human beings. When we eat such animals we partake of a food chain that includes things harmful to people.

As nutritionist David Meinz observes:

““Could it be that God, in His wisdom, created certain creatures whose sole purpose is to clean up after the others? Their entire ‘calling’ may be to act exclusively as the sanitation workers of our ecology. God may simply be telling us that it’s better for us believers not to consume the meat of these trash collectors”. Eating by the Book , 1999, p. 225 ”

Deuteronomy 5:29 “Would that this heart of theirs would be like this always, to fear Me, and to keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them, and with their sons forever.”

Next week we will explore more of YHWH’s thoughts on dietary instructions.

