

TORAH TEACHINGS



Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes

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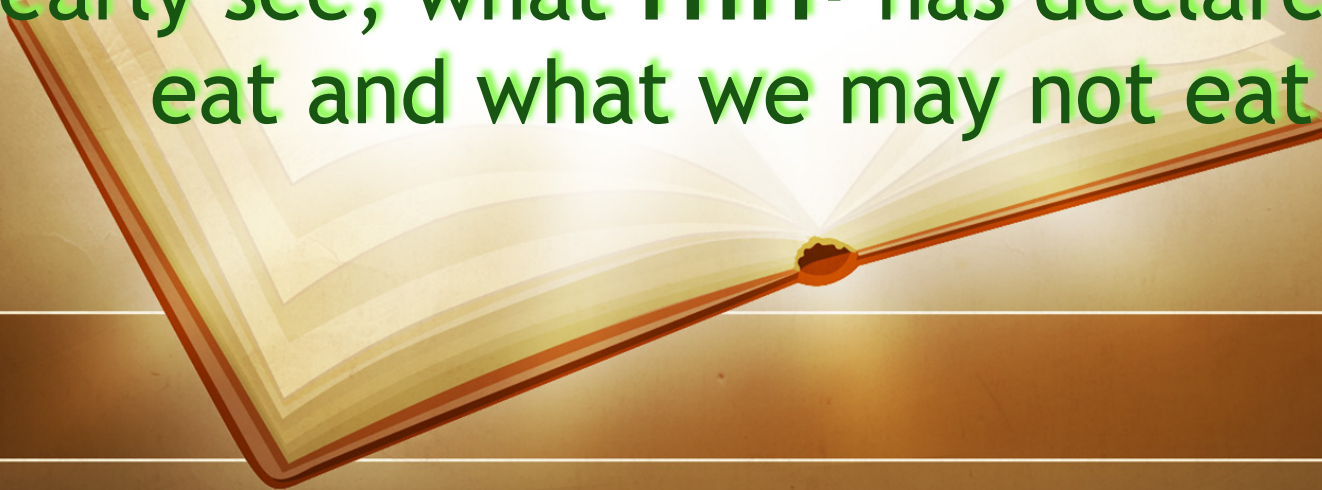
Torah: Leviticus 9:1-11:47

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38

II Samuel 6:1-19

CHAPTER 11 - WHAT IS FOOD?

This chapter, as well as Debarim/Deuteronomy 14, are very important chapters for us to understand, and clearly see, what יהוה has declared for us to eat and what we may not eat.



Clean and Unclean Animals

Lev 11:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying to them,

Lev 11:2 “Speak to the children of Yisra’ĕl, saying, ‘These are the living creatures which you do eat among all the beasts that are on the earth:

Lev 11:3 ‘Whatever has a split hoof completely divided, chewing the cud, among the beasts, that you do eat.

Lev 11:4 ‘Only, these you do not eat among those that chew the cud or those that have a split hoof: the camel, because it chews the cud but does not have a split hoof, it is unclean to you;

Lev 11:5 and the rabbit, because it chews the cud but does not have a split hoof, it is unclean to you;

Lev 11:6 and the hare, because it chews the cud but does not have a split hoof, it is unclean to you;

Lev 11:7 and the pig, though it has a split hoof, completely divided, yet does not chew the cud, it is unclean to you.

Lev 11:8 'Their flesh you do not eat, and their carcasses you do not touch. They are unclean to you.

Lev 11:9 'These you do eat of all that are in the waters: any one that has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas or in the rivers, that you do eat.

Lev 11:10 ‘But all that have not fins and scales in the seas and in the rivers, all that move in the waters or any living being which is in the waters, they are an abomination to you.

Lev 11:11 ‘They are an abomination to you - of their flesh you do not eat, and their carcasses you abominate.

Lev 11:12 ‘All that have not fins or scales in the waters are an abomination to you.

Lev 11:13 'And these you do abominate among the birds, they are not eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the vulture, and the black vulture, Lev 11:14 and the hawk, and the falcon after its kind,

Lev 11:15 every raven after its kind,

Lev 11:16 and the ostrich, and the nighthawk, and the seagull, and the hawk after its kind,

Lev 11:17 and the little owl, and the fisher owl,
and the great owl,

Lev 11:18 and the white owl, and the pelican, and
the carrion vulture,

Lev 11:19 and the stork, the heron after its kind,
and the hoopoe, and the bat.

Lev 11:20 'All flying insects that creep on all fours
is an abomination to you.

Lev 11:21 ‘Only, these you do eat of every flying insect that creeps on all fours: those which have jointed legs above their feet with which to leap on the earth.

Lev 11:22 ‘These of them you do eat: the arbeh-locust after its kind, and the solam-locust after its kind, and the ḥargol-locust after its kind, and the ḥagab-locust after its kind.

Lev 11:23 ‘But all other flying insects which have four feet are an abomination to you.

Lev 11:24 'And by these you are made unclean, anyone touching the carcass of any of them is unclean until evening,

Lev 11:25 and anyone picking up part of the carcass of any of them has to wash his garments, and shall be unclean until evening.

Lev 11:26 'Every beast that has a split hoof not completely divided, or does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. Anyone who touches their carcass is unclean.