

Shmini, Torah, April 26, 2025

Leviticus 11:1-47

(1) יהוה spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them: (2) Speak to the Israelite people thus: These are the creatures that you may eat from among all the land animals: (3) any animal that has true hoofs, with clefts through the hoofs, and that chews the cud—such you may eat. (4) The following, however, of those that either chew the cud or have true hoofs, you shall not eat: the camel—although it chews the cud, it has no true hoofs: it is impure for you; (5) the daman—although it chews the cud, it has no true hoofs: it is impure for you; (6) the hare—although it chews the cud, it has no true hoofs: it is impure for you; (7) and the swine—although it has true hoofs, with the hoofs cleft through, it does not chew the cud: it is

ויקרא י"א:א'-מ"ז

(א) וידבר יהוה אל־מֹשֶׁה
וְאֶל־אַהֲרֹן לֵאמֹר אֲלֵהֶם: (ב) דַּבְּרוּ
אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר זֹאת הַחַיָּה
אֲשֶׁר תֹּאכְלוּ מִכָּל־הַבְּהֵמָה אֲשֶׁר
עַל־הָאָרֶץ: (ג) כָּל | מִפְּרֹסֶת
פְּרוֹסָה וְשֹׁסַעַת שֹׁסַעַת פְּרוֹסֶת מֵעֵלֶת
גֵּרָה בְּבֵהֶמָה אֲתָה תֹאכְלוּ: (ד) אֵין
אֶת־זֶה לֹא תֹאכְלוּ מִמֵּעֵלֵי הַגֵּרָה
וּמִמְּפֹרְסֵי הַפְּרוֹסָה אֶת־הַגִּמְלָה
כִּי־מֵעֵלָה גֵּרָה הוּא וּפְרוֹסָה אֵינְנוּ
מִפְּרִיס טָמֵא הוּא לָכֶם: (ה)
וְאֶת־הַשָּׁפָן כִּי־מֵעֵלָה גֵּרָה הוּא
וּפְרוֹסָה לֹא יִפְרִיס טָמֵא הוּא לָכֶם:
(ו) וְאֶת־הָאַרְנָבֶת כִּי־מֵעֵלֶת גֵּרָה
הוּא וּפְרוֹסָה לֹא הִפְרִיסָה טָמֵאָה
הוּא לָכֶם: (ז) וְאֶת־הַחֲזִיר
כִּי־מִפְּרִיס פְּרוֹסָה הוּא וְשֹׁסַעַת שֹׁסַעַת

impure for you. (8) You shall not eat of their flesh or touch their carcasses; they are impure for you.

(9) These you may eat of all that live in water: anything in water,

whether in the seas or in the streams, that has fins and scales—

these you may eat. (10) But anything in the seas or in the streams that has no fins and scales, among all the swarming things of

the water and among all the other living creatures that are in the water—they are an abomination for you

(11) and an abomination for you they shall remain: you shall not eat of their flesh and you shall

abominate their carcasses. (12)

Everything in water that has no fins and scales shall be an abomination

for you. (13) The following you shall abominate among the birds—

they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, the vulture,

and the black vulture; (14) the kite, falcons of every variety; (15) all

פְּרוֹטָה וְהוּא גֵרָה לֹא־יִגַּר טָמֵא
הוּא לָכֶם: (ח) מִבְּשָׂרָם לֹא תֹאכְלוּ

וּבִנְבֻלָתָם לֹא תִגְעוּ טְמֵאִים הֵם

לָכֶם: (ט) אֶת־זֶה תֹאכְלוּ מִכָּל

אֲשֶׁר בַּמַּיִם כָּל אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ סִנְפִיר

וְקִשְׁקֶשֶׁת בַּמַּיִם בַּיַּמַּיִם וּבִנְחָלִים

אֲתֵם תֹאכְלוּ: (י) וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר אֵין־לוֹ

סִנְפִיר וְקִשְׁקֶשֶׁת בַּיַּמַּיִם וּבִנְחָלִים

מִכָּל עֶרְץ הַמַּיִם וּמִכָּל גִּפְשׁ

הַחַיָּה אֲשֶׁר בַּמַּיִם שֶׁקֵץ הֵם לָכֶם:

(יא) וְשֶׁקֵץ יִהְיֶה לָכֶם מִבְּשָׂרָם לֹא

תֹאכְלוּ וְאֶת־נְבֻלָתָם תִּשְׁקֹצוּ: (יב)

כָּל אֲשֶׁר אֵין־לוֹ סִנְפִיר וְקִשְׁקֶשֶׁת

בַּמַּיִם שֶׁקֵץ הוּא לָכֶם: (יג)

וְאֶת־אֵלֶּה תִּשְׁקֹצוּ מִן־הָעוֹף לֹא

יֹאכְלוּ שֶׁקֵץ הֵם אֶת־הַנֶּשֶׁךְ

וְאֶת־הַפֶּרֶס וְאֶת הָעִזְנִיָּה: (יד)

וְאֶת־הַדָּאָה וְאֶת־הָאֵיָּה לְמִינָהּ:

(טו) אֵת כָּל־עֹרֵב לְמִינֹו: (טז) וְאֵת

בֵּת הַיַּעֲנָה וְאֶת־הַתְּחֻמָּס

וְאֶת־הַשְּׁחָף וְאֶת־הַנֶּץ לְמִינֵהוּ: (יז)

varieties of raven; (16) the ostrich, the nighthawk, the sea gull; hawks of every variety; (17) the little owl, the cormorant, and the great owl; (18) the white owl, the pelican, and the bustard; (19) the stork; herons of every variety; the hoopoe, and the bat. (20) All winged swarming things that walk on fours shall be an abomination for you. (21) But these you may eat among all the winged swarming things that walk on fours: all that have, above their feet, jointed legs to leap with on the ground— (22) of these you may eat the following: locusts of every variety; all varieties of bald locust; crickets of every variety; and all varieties of grasshopper. (23) But all other winged swarming things that have four legs shall be an abomination for you. (24) And the following shall make you impure— whoever touches their carcasses shall be impure until evening, (25) and whoever carries the carcasses of

וְאֶת־הַכּוֹס וְאֶת־הַשִּׁלְף
 וְאֶת־הַיַּנְשׁוּף: (יח) וְאֶת־הַתְּנַשְׁמֶת
 וְאֶת־הַקָּאֵת וְאֶת־הַרְחָם: (יט) וְאֵת
 הַחֲסִידָה הָאֲנָפָה לְמִינָהּ
 וְאֶת־הַדּוֹכִיפֶת וְאֶת־הָעֵטְלֵף: (כ)
 כָּל־שָׂרֵץ הָעוֹף הַהֵלֶךְ עַל־אַרְבַּע
 שִׁקְץ הוּא לָכֶם: (כא) אֲךָ אֶת־זֶה
 תֹּאכְלוּ מִכָּל־שָׂרֵץ הָעוֹף הַהֵלֶךְ
 עַל־אַרְבַּע אֲשֶׁר־[לוֹ] (לא) כְּרַעֲמִים
 מִמַּעַל לְרַגְלָיו לְנִתֵּר בָּהֶן
 עַל־הָאָרֶץ: (כב) אֶת־אַלֶּה מֵהֶם
 תֹּאכְלוּ אֶת־הָאֲרֵבָה לְמִינּוֹ
 וְאֶת־הַסִּלְעָם לְמִינֵהוּ וְאֶת־הַחֲרָגָל
 לְמִינֵהוּ וְאֶת־הַחֲגָב לְמִינֵהוּ: (כג)
 וְכָל־שָׂרֵץ הָעוֹף אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ אַרְבַּע
 רַגְלִים שִׁקְץ הוּא לָכֶם: (כד)
 וְלֹא־לֶה תִטְמָאוּ כָּל־הַנִּגַּע בְּנֹבְלָתָם
 יִטְמָא עַד־הָעֶרֶב: (כה) וְכָל־הַנִּשְׂאָ
 מִנֹּבְלָתָם יִכָּבֵס בְּגִדּוֹ וְיִטְמָא
 עַד־הָעֶרֶב: (כו) לְכָל־הַבְּהֵמָה אֲשֶׁר
 הוּא מִפְּרֹטָת פְּרֹטָה וְשִׁסַּע |

any of them shall wash those clothes and be impure until evening — (26) every animal that has true hoofs but without clefts through the hoofs, or that does not chew the cud. They are impure for you; whoever touches them shall be impure. (27) Also all animals that walk on paws, among those that walk on fours, are impure for you; whoever touches their carcasses shall be impure until evening. (28) And anyone who carries their carcasses shall wash those clothes and remain impure until evening. They are impure for you. (29) The following shall be impure for you from among the things that swarm on the earth: the mole, the mouse, and great lizards of every variety; (30) the gecko, the land crocodile, the lizard, the sand lizard, and the chameleon. (31) Those are for you the impure among all the swarming things; whoever touches them when they are dead shall be impure until

אֵינָנָה שׁוֹסֵעַת וְגֵרָה אֵינָנָה מֵעֶלְהָ
טְמֵאִים הֵם לָכֶם כָּל־הַנִּגְעָ בָהֶם
יִטְמָא: (כו) וְכֹל | הוֹלֵךְ עַל־כַּפָּיו
בְּכֹל־הַחִיָּה הַהֹלֶכֶת עַל־אַרְבְּעַ
טְמֵאִים הֵם לָכֶם כָּל־הַנִּגְעָ
בְּנֹבְלָתָם יִטְמָא עַד־הָעֶרֶב: (כז)
וְהַנִּשְׂאָ אֶת־נֹבְלָתָם יִכָּבֵס בְּגָדָיו
וְטִמָּא עַד־הָעֶרֶב טְמֵאִים הֵמָּה
לָכֶם: {ס} (כט) וְזֶה לָכֶם הַטְּמֵא
בְּשָׂרָן הַשָּׂרִץ עַל־הָאָרֶץ הַחֲלָד
וְהַעֲכָבֵר וְהַצָּב לְמִינֵהוּ: (ל)
וְהָאֲנָקָה וְהַכֶּחֶךְ וְהַלְטָאָה וְהַחֲמָט
וְהַתְּנַשְׂמֹת: (לא) אֵלֶּה הַטְּמֵאִים
לָכֶם בְּכֹל־הַשָּׂרִץ כָּל־הַנִּגְעָ בָהֶם
בְּמֹתָם יִטְמָא עַד־הָעֶרֶב: (לב) וְכֹל
אֲשֶׁר־יִפְלֵעֲלוֹ מֵהֶם | בְּמֹתָם
יִטְמָא מִכָּל־כְּלִי־עֵץ אֹו בְּגָד
או־עוֹר אֹו שֶׁק כָּל־כְּלִי
אֲשֶׁר־יֵעָשֶׂה מִלְּאֲכָה בָהֶם בְּמִים
יִבָּא וְטִמָּא עַד־הָעֶרֶב וְטָהַר: (לג)
וְכֹל־כְּלִי־חֶרֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר־יִפֹּל מֵהֶם

evening. (32) And anything on which one of them falls when dead shall be impure: be it any article of wood, or a cloth, or a skin, or a sack—any such article that can be put to use shall be dipped in water, and it shall remain impure until evening; then it shall be pure. (33) And if any of those falls into an earthen vessel, everything inside it shall be impure and [the vessel] itself you shall break. (34) As to any food that may be eaten, it shall become impure if it came in contact with water; as to any liquid that may be drunk, it shall become impure if it was inside any vessel. (35) Everything on which the carcass of any of them falls shall be impure: an oven or stove shall be smashed. They are impure—and impure they shall remain for you. (36) However, a spring or cistern in which water is collected shall be pure, but whoever touches such a carcass in it shall be impure. (37) If

אֶל־תּוֹכוֹ כָּל־אֲשֶׁר בְּתוֹכוֹ יִטְמָא
וְאִתּוֹ תִּשְׁבְּרוּ: (לד) מִכָּל־הָאֲכָל
אֲשֶׁר יֵאָכֵל אֲשֶׁר יָבוֹא עָלָיו מִיָּם
יִטְמָא וְכָל־מִשְׁקָה אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁתֶּה
בְּכָל־כְּלֵי יִטְמָא: (לה) וְכָל־
אֲשֶׁר־יִפֹּל מִנְּבִלָתָם | עָלָיו יִטְמָא
תַּנּוּר וְכִירִים יִתֵּץ טַמְאִים הֵם
וְטַמְאִים יִהְיוּ לָכֶם: (לו) אֵף־מֵעֵין
וְבוֹר מִקְוֵה־מַיִם יִהְיֶה טָהוֹר וְנִגְעַ
בְּנִבְלָתָם יִטְמָא: (לז) וְכִי יִפֹּל
מִנְּבִלָתָם עַל־כָּל־זֶרַע זֵרֹעַ אֲשֶׁר
יִזְרַע טָהוֹר הוּא: (לח) וְכִי יִתּוֹן־מִיָּם
עַל־זֶרַע וְנִפֹּל מִנְּבִלָתָם עָלָיו טַמְא
הוּא לָכֶם: {ס} (לט) וְכִי יִמּוֹת
מִן־הַבְּהֵמָה אֲשֶׁר־הִיא לָכֶם
לֹא־אֲכָלָהּ הִנֵּגַע בְּנִבְלָתָהּ יִטְמָא
עַד־הָעָרֶב: (מ) וְהָאֲכָל מִנְּבִלָתָהּ
יִכָּבֵס בְּגִדָיו וְטַמְא עַד־הָעָרֶב
וְהַנִּשְׂא אֶת־נִבְלָתָהּ יִכָּבֵס בְּגִדָיו
וְטַמְא עַד־הָעָרֶב: (מא) וְכָל־הַשָּׂרִץ
הַשָּׂרִץ עַל־הָאָרֶץ שֶׁקֶץ הוּא לֹא

such a carcass falls upon seed grain that is to be sown, it is pure; (38) but if water is put on the seed and any part of a carcass falls upon it, it shall be impure for you. (39) If an animal that you may eat has died, anyone who touches its carcass shall be impure until evening; (40) anyone who eats of its carcass shall wash those clothes and remain impure until evening; and anyone who carries its carcass shall wash those clothes and remain impure until evening. (41) All the things that swarm upon the earth are an abomination; they shall not be eaten. (42) You shall not eat, among all things that swarm upon the earth, anything that crawls on its belly, or anything that walks on fours, or anything that has many legs; for they are an abomination. (43) You shall not draw abomination upon yourselves through anything that swarms; you shall not make yourselves impure

יֹאכַל: (מב) כֹּל הוֹלֵךְ עַל-גֶּחֳזֹן וְכֹל
 | הוֹלֵךְ עַל-אַרְבַּע עַד כָּל-מַרְבֵּה
 רַגְלִים לְכָל-הַשָּׂרֵץ הַשָּׂרֵץ
 עַל-הָאָרֶץ לֹא תֹאכְלוּם כִּי-יִשְׁקֹץ
 הֵם: (מג) אֶל-תִּשְׁקְצוּ
 אֶת-נִפְשֹׁתֵיכֶם בְּכָל-הַשָּׂרֵץ הַשָּׂרֵץ
 וְלֹא תִטְמְאוּ בָהֶם וְנִטְמַתֶּם בָּם:
 (מד) כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם
 וְהִתְקַדְּשֶׁתֶם וְהִיִּיתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים כִּי
 קְדוֹשׁ אֲנִי וְלֹא תִטְמְאוּ
 אֶת-נִפְשֹׁתֵיכֶם בְּכָל-הַשָּׂרֵץ הָרָמֵשׂ
 עַל-הָאָרֶץ: (מה) כִּי | אֲנִי יְהוָה
 הַמַּעֲלֶה אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם
 לְהִיֵּית לְכֶם לֵאלֹהִים וְהִיִּיתֶם
 קְדוֹשִׁים כִּי קְדוֹשׁ אֲנִי: (מו) זֹאת
 תֹּרַת הַבְּהֵמָה וְהָעוֹף וְכֹל גִּפְשׁ
 הַחַיָּה הָרֹמֶשֶׂת בַּמַּיִם וְלִכְלֵ-נֶפֶשׁ
 הַשָּׂרֵצַת עַל-הָאָרֶץ: (מז) לְהַבְדִּיל
 בֵּין הַטָּמֵא וּבֵין הַטָּהוֹר וּבֵין הַחַיָּה
 הַנְּיָאֲכָלֶת וּבֵין הַחַיָּה אֲשֶׁר לֹא
 תֹאכַל: {פ}

therewith and thus become impure.

(44) For I יהוה am your God: you shall sanctify yourselves and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not make yourselves impure through any swarming thing that moves upon the earth. (45) For I יהוה am the One who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God: you shall be holy, for I am holy. (46)

These are the instructions concerning animals, birds, all living creatures that move in water, and all creatures that swarm on earth, (47) for distinguishing between the impure and the pure, between the living things that may be eaten and the living things that may not be eaten.