

*Greetings, today our manna is from Lev. 11 & 12; Psalm 13 & 14; Prov. 26; 1Thes 5*

## *April 8 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Leviticus 11**

The distinction between clean and unclean animals existed under Covenant Torah in Genesis 7. YHWH is not an Elohim to mix clean and unclean. He is all about set-apartness. He said be holy for I am holy. So, let's be perfectly clear, when some of the new testament scriptures are misinterpreted by not considering the full context; do not be deceived. We are to eat clean foods and not the scavengers and filters of the sea. His people perish because of 'lack of knowledge.'

#### **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'el, 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.

Lev 11:27 'And whatever goes on its paws, among all the creatures that go on all fours, those are unclean to you. Anyone who touches their carcass is unclean until evening,

Lev 11:28 and he who picks up their carcass has to wash his garments, and shall be unclean until evening. They are unclean to you.

Lev 11:29 'And these are unclean to you among the creeping creatures that creep on the earth: the mole, and the mouse, and the tortoise after its kind,

Lev 11:30 and the gecko, and the land crocodile, and the sand reptile, and the sand lizard, and the chameleon.

Lev 11:31 'These are unclean to you among all that creep. Anyone who touches them when they are dead becomes unclean until evening.

Lev 11:32 'And whatever any of them in its dead state falls upon, becomes unclean, whether it is any wooden object or garment or skin or sack, any object in which work is done, it is put in water. And it shall be unclean until evening, then it shall be clean.

Lev 11:33 'Any earthen vessel into which any of them falls, whatever is in it becomes unclean, and you break it.

Lev 11:34 'Any of the food which might be eaten, on which water comes, becomes unclean, and any drink which might be drunk from it becomes unclean.

Lev 11:35 'And on whatever *any* of their carcass falls becomes unclean – an oven or cooking range – it is broken down. They are unclean, and are unclean to you.

**Lev 11:36** 'But a fountain or a well, a collection of water, is clean, but whatever touches their carcass is unclean.

**Lev 11:37** 'And when *any* of their carcass falls on any planting seed which is to be sown, it is clean.

**Lev 11:38** 'But when any water is put on the seed and any part of any such carcass falls on it, it is unclean to you.

**Lev 11:39** 'And when any of the beasts which are yours for food dies, he who touches its carcass becomes unclean until evening.

**Lev 11:40** 'And he who eats of its carcass has to wash his garments, and shall be unclean until evening. And he who picks up its carcass has to wash his garments, and shall be unclean until evening.

**Lev 11:41** 'And every swarming *creature* – the one that swarms on the earth is an abomination, it is not eaten.

**Lev 11:42** 'Whatever crawls on its stomach, and whatever goes on *all* fours, and whatever has many feet among all swarming *creatures* – the ones swarming on the earth, these you do not eat, for they are an abomination.

**Lev 11:43** 'Do not make yourselves abominable with any swarming *creature* – the one swarming, and do not make yourselves unclean with them, lest you be defiled by them.

The enemy has done quite a number on YHWH's people by twisting His Scriptures to conform to the appetites of the 'flesh pots of Egypt'. Like with Eve, he whispers in the ear, 'Did YHWH really say that?' Because of this, many are sick among us.

**Lev 11:44** 'For I am יהוה your Elohim, and you shall set yourselves apart. And you shall be set-apart, for I am set-apart. And do not defile yourselves with any swarming *creature* – the one creeping on the earth.

**Lev 11:45** 'For I am יהוה who is bringing you up out of the land of Mitsrayim, to be your Elohim. And you shall be set-apart, for I am set-apart.

**Lev 11:46** 'This is the Torah of the beasts and the birds and every living being – the creeping creature in the waters, and of every being that swarms on the earth,

**Lev 11:47** to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the living *creature* that is eaten and the living *creature* that is not eaten.' "

Let's look at a few excerpts "*What the Bible Says About Healthy Living*" by Rex MD Russell and author Jordan Rubin.

"One reason for God's rule forbidding pork is that the digestive system of a pig is completely different from that of a cow. It is similar to ours, in that the stomach is very acidic. Pigs are gluttonous, never knowing when to stop eating. Their stomach acids become diluted because of the volume of food, allowing all kinds of vermin to pass through this protective barrier. Parasites, bacteria, viruses and toxins can pass into the pig's flesh because of overeating. These toxins and infectious agents can be passed on to humans when they eat a pig's flesh."

"Swine are also good incubators of toxic parasites and viruses—although the animal doesn't usually appear to be ill while carrying these diseases. A scientist at the University of Giessen's Institute for Virology in Germany showed in a study of worldwide influenza epidemics that pigs are the one animal that can serve as a mixing vessel for new influenza viruses that may seriously threaten world health.

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 If a pig is exposed to a human's DNA virus and then a bird's virus, the pig mixes the two viruses—developing a new DNA virus that is often extremely lethal for humans. These viruses have already caused worldwide epidemics and destruction. Virologists have concluded that if we do not find a way to separate humans from pigs, the whole earth's population may be at risk. "

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 "It has long been recognized that the meat of shellfish—shrimp, crabs, lobsters, etc.—is especially dangerous. Many illnesses, including instant paralysis, devastate some people every day as a result of eating shellfish. 25 The largest cholera outbreak in the United States occurred in Louisiana from August through October 1986. (The symptoms of cholera are explosive diarrhea, leading to rapid dehydration, unconsciousness, hypotension and death.) What did the stricken people eat? The incriminating meals were found to include rice noodles with shrimp, pork, vegetables, mussel soup, pig blood coagulated with vinegar, and salty brine shrimp with mixed vegetables. Shellfish can be placed in a body of water that is contaminated with cholera bacteria, and they will purify the water. Shrimp, oysters, crab, scallops and mussels are particularly efficient at this. They filter large volumes of water every day. Sewage laden with chemicals, toxins and harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses become concentrated in those shellfish. The cause of cholera outbreaks in several areas has been traced to contaminated shrimp, crab, oysters and clams. A recent outbreak of cholera in Central America was related to shellfish ingestion. All this led one researcher to say, "By far the single greatest danger posed by seafood is from raw shellfish." 26 The flesh of shellfish is where the disease-causing organisms are found. Although crabs are the most important vehicle for one strand of cholera infection in the United States, shrimp and oysters from the Gulf Coast are also vehicles of transmission for these diseases."

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 "Why were scavengers created if not to eat? For one thing, they serve a useful role just cleaning up the place. Many unclean animals, however, notably pigs and shellfish, are unhealthy because their diet consists of society's disease-laden refuse. As is well known, pigs will eat anything and everything. They were designed to clean up decaying flesh and pollution. Pigs have eaten Philadelphia's garbage and sewage for more than 100 years, saving the city \$ 3 million a year in landfill costs. This is a wise use of hogs. They are designed to clean our environment."

Some may say, well if you cook it, it is okay. Absolutely not.

Job 14:4 Who brings the clean out of the unclean? No one!

"Among commonly eaten fish, catfish—**unclean because they do not have scales**—always show the highest levels of contamination in chemically polluted water. After chemical spills, local fishermen are warned not to eat catfish. A local peach farmer sprayed his crop; then an immediate rain followed. The rainwater containing the recently applied insecticide ran into his pond. The catfish did their job, cleaning the water by sucking up the pesticide; but because of their efficiency, most of them floated to the top of the pond dead. None of the fish that had fins and scales died."

The old cliché, 'you are what you eat', carries much truth.

1Cor. 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the Dwelling Place of the Set-apart Spirit who is in you, which you have from Elohim, and you are not your own?

## Leviticus 12

Leviticus 12 & 13 go on to explain the precautionary steps to take when people have normal and or abnormal bodily biological discharges. **Leviticus 12** focuses on **purification after childbirth**. Like with the laws followed in Genesis for clean and unclean animals; again, the laws about bodily discharges are also addressed in Covenant Torah. These laws were given to keep His people healthy and set apart.

Exo 19:10 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “**Go to the people and set them apart today and tomorrow.** And **they shall wash their garments,**

Exo 19:11 and shall be prepared by the third day. For on the third day יהוה shall come down upon Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.

Exo 19:12 “And you shall **make a border for the people all around,** saying, ‘Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch the border of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall certainly be put to death.

Exo 19:13 ‘Not a hand is to touch it, but he shall certainly be stoned or shot with an arrow, whether man or beast, he shall not live.’ When the Yobel<sup>a</sup> sounds long, let them come near the mountain.” Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Explanatory Notes: Yobel.

Exo 19:14 And Mosheh came down from the mountain to the people **and set the people apart, and they washed their garments.**

Exo 19:15 And he said to the people, “**Be prepared by the third day. Do not come near a wife.**”

A woman after childbirth needs time for her health and restoration. The uterus, cervix, and vagina (birth canal) are all stretched. Even the exterior tissues are stretched and at times tear. Not allowing the proper time after child birth for the mother to heal; can introduce germs and infections that could lead to her death or to long-term complications.

Though we are no longer ‘under the Book of the Law’, we still glean valuable insights and details of Covenant laws that dovetail into the Book of the Law. We also learn a great deal about the parable behind the Tabernacle/Temple system that all pointed to the greater Tent not made by human hands.

### Purification After Childbirth

**Lev 12:1** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Lev 12:2** “Speak to the children of Yisra’el, saying, ‘When a woman has conceived, and has given birth to a male child, then she shall be unclean seven days, as in the days of her monthly separation she is unclean.

**Lev 12:3** ‘And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin is circumcised.

**Lev 12:4** ‘And she remains in the blood of her cleansing thirty-three days. She does not touch whatever is set-apart, and she does not come into the set-apart place until the days of her cleansing are completed.

**Lev 12:5** 'But if she gives birth to a female child, then she shall be unclean for two weeks, as in her monthly separation, and she remains in the blood of her cleansing for sixty-six days.

**Lev 12:6** 'And when the days of her cleansing are completed, for a son or for a daughter, she brings to the priest a lamb a year old, as an ascending offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove as a sin offering, to the door of the Tent of Appointment.

**Lev 12:7** 'And he shall bring it before יהוה, and make atonement for her, and she shall be cleansed from the flow of her blood. This is the Torah for her who has given birth to a male or a female.

**Lev 12:8** 'And if she is not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons, one as an ascending offering and the other as a sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.' "

## Psalm 13

### How Long, YHWH?

**Psa 13:1** How long would You forget me, O יהוה? Forever? How long would You hide Your face from me?

**Psa 13:2** How long would I take counsel in my being, Grief in my heart day by day? How long would my enemy be exalted over me?

**Psa 13:3** Look! Answer me, O יהוה my Elohim; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep in death;

**Psa 13:4** Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him," Lest my adversaries rejoice when I am moved.

**Psa 13:5** But I have trusted in Your loving-commitment; My heart rejoices in Your deliverance.

**Psa 13:6** I sing to יהוה, Because He has been good to me.

We are to wait on Him. Sometimes that is the hardest thing to do. When we have done all to do to stand; we stand. Especially in the end of days, when there will be unbelief and scoffers.

**2Peter 3:3** knowing this first: [that mockers shall come in the last days with mocking, walking according to their own lusts](#),<sup>4</sup> and saying, "[Where is the promise of His coming?](#)" For since the fathers fell asleep, all continues as from the beginning of creation."

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## Psalm 14

### The Fool Says, There Is No YHWH

**Psa 14:1** The fool has said in his heart, "There is no יהוה." **They have done corruptly, They have done an abominable deed,** There is no one who does good.

**Psa 14:2** יהוה looked down from the heavens on the sons of mankind, To see if there is

a wise one, seeking יהוה.

**Psa 14:3** They have all turned aside, They have together become filthy; No one is doing good, not even one.

**Psa 14:4** Have all the workers of wickedness no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call on יהוה?

**Psa 14:5** There they are in great fear, **For יהוה is with the generation of the righteous.**

**Psa 14:6** You would put to shame the counsel of the poor, But יהוה is his refuge.

**Psa 14:7** O that the deliverance of Yisra'el Would be given out of Tsiyon! When יהוה turns back the captivity of His people, Let Ya'aqob rejoice, let Yisra'el be glad.

There is only one way out of the captivity of this fallen worldly system, and that is through Yahusha. For those that repent and believe in Him, He has taken our sins upon Himself and 'justified us'. Meaning, He made us 'just-as-if' we had never sinned. The door that John the Revelator saw as 'having been opened'; was opened by Yahusha. He entered first and by His atoning blood for our sins; now we too can enter.

No one can come to YHWH except through the Son, the Door!

**Rev 4:1** After this I looked and saw a door having been opened in the heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here and I shall show you

## Proverbs 26

Words of wisdoms concerning fools; slandering; hatred; lying; and flattering.

**Pro 26:1** Like snow in summer, and rain in harvest, So esteem is not fitting for a fool.

**Pro 26:2** As a bird wanders, as a swallow flies about, So a curse without cause does not come.

**Pro 26:3** A whip for a horse, a bridle for a donkey, And a rod for the fool's back.

**Pro 26:4** Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also become like him.

**Pro 26:5** Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he become wise in his own eyes.

**Pro 26:6** He who sends a message by the hand of a fool Cuts off feet, drinks damage.

**Pro 26:7** The legs of the lame hang limp So is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

**Pro 26:8** Like one binding a stone in a sling, So is he who gives esteem to a fool.

**Pro 26:9** A thorn goes into the hand of a drunkard So is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

**Pro 26:10** An archer who wounds anyone, Is he who hires a fool or any passer-by.

**Pro 26:11** As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly.

**Pro 26:12** Have you seen a man wise in his own eyes? There is more expectancy for a fool than for him.

**Pro 26:13** The lazy one says, “There is a lion in the way! A fierce lion is in the streets!”

**Pro 26:14** As a door turns on its hinges, So does the lazy one turn on his bed.

**Pro 26:15** The lazy one buries his hand in a dish; It tires him to bring it back to his mouth.

**Pro 26:16** The lazy one is wiser in his own eyes Than seven rendering advice.

**Pro 26:17** A passer-by meddling in a strife not his own *Is like* one who takes hold of a dog by the ears.

**Pro 26:18** Like a madman who throws sparks, arrows, and death,

**Pro 26:19** So is a man who deceived his neighbour, And says, “I was only joking!”

**Pro 26:20** For lack of wood, the fire goes out. And without a slanderer, strife ceases.

**Pro 26:21** As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife.

**Pro 26:22** The words of a slanderer are as dainty morsels, Which go down into the inner parts of the heart.

**Pro 26:23** Burning lips with an evil heart *Are like* earthenware covered with silver dross.

**Pro 26:24** He who hates, pretends with his lips, And lays up deceit within him;

**Pro 26:25** Though he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For there are seven abominations in his heart.

**Pro 26:26** Hatred is covered by deceit. His evil is disclosed in the assembly.

**Pro 26:27** Whoever digs a pit falls into it, And whoever rolls a stone, it turns back on him.

**Pro 26:28** A lying tongue hates its bruised ones, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

## **1Thes. 5**

Paul again speaks to the Thessalonians about the end times. He states the fact that they know very well that the day of YHWH will come as a thief in the night. It will be during a time when the world will be proclaiming ‘peace and safety’ then sudden destruction will come.

However, the children of light should not be caught off guard. The children of light know to keep His appointed times for these are the times that he follows. For this reason, we have an idea of the season in which He shall return. We should be vigilant and watch and pray. We should be ready. We should keep our temple, our house in order. We should



not grieve the Ruach HaKodesh. We should hold fast to what is good and live peaceably with one another. We should observe and be mindful of the days we live in.

Most importantly, we should take being **set-apart for Him**, seriously.

### The Day of YHWH

**1Th 5:1** Now, brothers, as to the times and the seasons, you do not need to be written to.

**1Th 5:2** For you yourselves know very well that the day of יהוה comes as a thief in the night.

**1Th 5:3** For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then suddenly destruction comes upon them, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman, and they shall not escape.

**1Th 5:4** But you, brothers, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

**1Th 5:5** For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

**1Th 5:6** So, then, we should not sleep, as others do, but we should watch and be sober.

**1Th 5:7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

**1Th 5:8** But we who are of the day should be sober, putting on the **breastplate** of belief and love, and as a **helmet the expectation of deliverance**. [Isa 59:17](#).

**1Th 5:9** Because Elohim did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain deliverance through our Master יהושע Messiah,

**1Th 5:10** who died for us, so that we, whether awake or asleep, should live together with Him.

**1Th 5:11** Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, as indeed you do.

### Final Instructions and Benediction

**1Th 5:12** But brothers, we beg you to know those who labour among you, and are over you in the Master and admonish you,

**1Th 5:13** and to hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

**1Th 5:14** And we appeal to you, brothers, warn those who are disorderly, encourage the faint-hearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

**1Th 5:15** See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

**1Th 5:16** Rejoice always,

**1Th 5:17** pray without ceasing,

1Th 5:18 in all *circumstances* give thanks, for this is the desire of Elohim in Messiah יהושע for you.

1Th 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit.

1Th 5:20 Do not despise prophecies,

1Th 5:21 prove them all. Hold fast what is good.

1Th 5:22 Keep back from every form of wickedness.

1Th 5:23 And the Elohim of peace Himself set you completely apart, and your entire spirit, and being, and body - be preserved blameless at the coming of our Master יהושע Messiah!

1Th 5:24 He who calls you is trustworthy, who also shall do it.

1Th 5:25 Brothers, pray for us.

1Th 5:26 Greet all the brothers with a set-apart kiss.

1Th 5:27 I charge you by the Master that this letter be read to all the set-apart brothers.

1Th 5:28 The favor of our Master יהושע Messiah be with you. Aměn.

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