

Leviticus Bible Study Assignment

March 31, 2022

Reading: Leviticus Chapters 11-15

Discussion Questions

1. What reason does God give for Israel not to defile itself by eating swarming creatures? How does this reason reflect the creation of humans in Genesis 1:26-28?
2. It has been suggested that “holiness is incompatible with predatory behavior.” How might this explain why certain animals weren’t meant to be eaten?
3. Leviticus 11:24-28 describes the purification ritual for those who inadvertently touch the carcass of an unclean animal. How was one to become pure after *eating* an unclean animal?
4. Give a biological or ecological reason why eating predators and scavengers is a bad idea.
5. Generally, if something comes in contact with a carcass of an unclean animal it becomes unclean. What are the two exceptions?
6. Why do you think women who gave birth to girls had to experience twice as many days of purification?
7. Name one thing an unclean person could do to become clean again.

8. In chapters 13 & 14 of Leviticus, people were one of the things that could become “leprous” (or diseased). What were two other things that could become “leprous” (or diseased)?

9. How was a “leprous” person supposed to behave while in this condition? What do you think was the reason for this?

10. Name one way the rituals to purify people who have recovered from skin diseases are similar to the ritual of ordination of priests.

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