



# **GOD'S DIETARY COMMANDS: CEREMONIAL OR PERPETUAL?**

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Many Catholics, Protestants, and mainstream Christians proclaim that God's dietary laws were temporary, as were God's offering and sacrificial laws. The doctrinal belief is that God's Dietary Commandments were ceremonial laws that were rescinded after Yeshua (Jesus) died on the cross. When God's dietary commands are rightly discerned, they have nothing to do with Temple ceremonies and they are not arbitrary commands; they deal strictly with cleanliness and health. God's dietary commands were not issued as temporary restrictions, but as perpetual commands.

Our bodies were created to attain optimal health and vitality by following the Master Designer's dietary laws outlined primarily in Genesis 1:29, Leviticus 11, and Deuteronomy 14.

The word 'ceremonial' and the phrase 'ceremonially clean and unclean animals' do not appear anywhere in Scripture, yet many Bibles have headnotes preceding Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14 that read, "Ceremonially Clean and Unclean Animals." These added headnotes are not Scriptural, but instead are an inserted false doctrinal theology of man. The NLT Bible inserted the word "ceremonial" into Leviticus 11:4,8,32 and Deuteronomy 14:8,9,11,20.

If God's dietary laws concerning clean and unclean animals were temporary in nature, as were God's animal sacrifice and offering measures, the Scriptures would clearly state so. God's dietary laws have always been in effect and have never been rescinded. The traditional dietary teachings of Catholicism and Protestantism have proclaimed that unclean animals were merely ceremonially unclean. There is nothing 'ceremonial' about clean and unclean creatures. These types of theologically false statements render the word of God of no effect through tradition and false teaching (Matthew 15:6).

Many Christians proclaim that the dietary laws were of the ‘old Mosaic law’ of restrictions and were not meant to be permanent. The truth is that God's Dietary Commandments are perpetual, they were in existence before they were formally issued to Moses, are still in effect, will always be in effect, and are no more ceremonial or restrictive than God’s Ten Commandments are.

The distinction between clean and unclean animals is first recorded in Genesis 7:2 and lastly in Revelation 18:2; from the first book to the last book of the Scriptures.

**LEVITICUS 3:17 (NKJV):**

**“This shall be a PERPETUAL STATUTE throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall eat neither fat nor blood.”**

**LEVITICUS 11:10-11 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:**

**“All in the seas or in the rivers that do not have fins and [OVERLAPPING, SHEDDING QASQESETH] scales, all that move in the water or any living thing which is in the water, they are an abomination to you. They shall be [REMAIN] an abomination to you; you shall not eat their flesh, but you shall regard their carcasses as an abomination.”**

Scripture does not support the false doctrinal belief that God’s Dietary Commandments are ceremonial or that they were temporary ‘Mosaic law’ restrictions. Leviticus 3:17 and 11:10-11, in conjunction with Genesis 7:2 and Revelation 18:2, confirm that God’s Dietary Commandments are not temporary, but *perpetual*, and they *remain* in effect.