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**Day 63 – March 4**

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## **The Laws of Moses (1450 – 1400 BCE)**

### ***Dietary Regulations***

#### ***Clean and Unclean Creatures***

#### ***Dead Animals***

#### ***Killed Animals***

#### ***Blood and Fat***

#### ***Meat and Milk***

**Readings: *Exodus 22:31; 23:19; 34:26; Leviticus 7:22-27; 11:1-40, 41-47; 20:25-26; 17:10-16; 19:26; Deuteronomy 12:16, 23-25; 14:3-21***

### ***Reflections:***

- The creatures or animals Israel had contact with are separated into the categories of clean and unclean. A creature was considered unclean if it had contact with something unsanitary, had bad living habits, was unhealthy for humans to eat or was associated with pagan worship. Again these laws helped teach principles about life and relationship with God.
- All bottom feeders from the sea and garbage eaters are listed as unclean. It makes sense as a good visual to the people. Don't be indiscriminate. Beware of what you consume.
- The command to not eat or drink blood is the law that Jesus specifically offends when he sets up the Lord's supper. It is interesting how the only two major acts of following Jesus went so directly against the law. Baptism as a one time act that meant you never needed to go to the temple again and the Lord's Supper that symbolically offended the law every time you took it. Imagine how offensive this would have been to the religiously obsessed people of Jesus' day.