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- **Birds are warm-blooded, feathered vertebrates and are oviparous, that is, egg laying. There are some 300 references to birds in the Bible, with about 30 different varieties being specifically named. Reference is made to their flight, often in escaping their enemies.**
- **In Yehowah I have taken refuge. How dare you men say to my soul; **Flee as a bird to your mountain!** (**Psalms 11:1**)**
- **Just as a **bird** has cause for fleeing and just as a swallow for flying, so a malediction itself does not come without real cause. (**Proverbs 26:2**)**
- **Just like a **bird** fleeing away from its nest, so is a man fleeing away from his place. (**Proverbs 27:8**)**
- **Like **birds** flying, Yehowah of armies will in the same way defend Jerusalem. Defending her, he will also certainly deliver her. Sparing her, he must also cause her to escape. (**Isaiah 31:5**)**
- **As regards Ephraim, like a **flying creature** their glory flies away, so that there is no giving birth, and no pregnant belly and no conception. (**Hosea 9:11**)**
- **Their roosting in trees,**
- **Above them roost the **flying creatures** of the heavens, from among the thick foliage they keep giving forth sound. (**Psalms 104:12**)**
- **Which is, in fact, the tiniest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the largest of the vegetables and becomes a tree, so that the **birds** of heaven come and find lodging among its branches. (**Matthew 13:32**)**
- **Their nesting;**
- **Even the **bird** itself has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she has put her young ones. Your grand altar, O Yehowah of armies, my King and my God! (**Psalms 84:3**)**

- On its boughs all the **flying creatures** of the heavens made their nests, and under its branches all the wild beasts of the field gave birth, and in its shade all the populous nations would dwell. (**Ezekiel 31:6**)
- Their uses, particularly young pigeons and turtledoves, in sacrifice.
- However, if his offering as a burnt offering to Yehowah is from the **fowls**, then he must present his offering from the **turtledoves** or the **young pigeons**. (**Leviticus 1:14**)
- The priest must then give command, and he must take for cleansing himself two live clean **birds** and cedar wood and coccus scarlet material and hyssop. (**Leviticus 14:4**)
- And the priest must give command, and the one **bird** must be killed in an earthenware vessel over running water. (**Leviticus 14:5**)
- As for the living **bird**, he should take it and the cedar wood and the coccus scarlet material and the hyssop, and he must dip them and the living **bird** in the blood of the **bird** that was killed over the running water. (**Leviticus 14:6**)
- Then he must spatter it seven times upon the one cleansing himself from the leprosy and he must pronounce him clean, and he must send away the living **bird** over the open field. (**Leviticus 14:7**)
- And to purify the house from sin he must take two **birds** and cedar wood and coccus scarlet material and hyssop. (**Leviticus 14:49**)
- And he must kill the one **bird** in an earthenware vessel over running water. (**Leviticus 14:50**)
- And he must take the cedar wood and the hyssop and the coccus scarlet material and the live **bird** and dip them in the blood of the **bird** that was killed and in the running water, and he must spatter it toward the house seven times. (**Leviticus 14:51**)
- And he must purify the house from sin with the blood of the bird and the running water and the live **bird** and the cedar wood and

the hyssop and the coccus scarlet material. ([Leviticus 14:52](#))

- And he must send the live **bird** away outside the city into the open field and must make atonement for the house, and it must be clean. ([Leviticus 14:53](#))
- And as food,
- As for that which happened to be made ready daily, one bull, six select sheep and **birds** were made ready for me, and once every ten days every sort of wine in abundance. And along with this the bread due the governor I did not demand, because the service upon this people was heavy. ([Nehemiah 5:18](#))
- Including their eggs,
- And just as if a nest, my hand will reach the resources of the peoples, and just as when one **gathers eggs** that have been left, I myself will gather up even all the earth, and there will certainly be no one **fluttering his wings** or opening his mouth or chirping. ([Isaiah 10:14](#))
- Indeed, which father is there among you who, if his son asks for a fish, will perhaps hand him a serpent instead of a fish? ([Luke 11:11](#))
- Or if he also asks for an **egg**, will hand him a scorpion? ([Luke 11:12](#))
- And God's provision and care for them;
- Observe intently the **birds** of heaven, because they do not sow seed or reap or gather into storehouses, still your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth more than they are? ([Matthew 6:26](#))
- Do not **two sparrows** sell for a coin of small value? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's knowledge. ([Matthew 10:29](#))
- In case a **birds** nest happens to be before you in the way, in any tree or on the earth with **young one's or eggs**, and the mother is sitting upon the young one's or the **eggs**, you must not take the mother along with the offspring. ([Deuteronomy 22:6](#))

- You should by all means send the mother away, but you may take the offspring for yourself, in order, that it may go well with you, and you may indeed lengthen your days. (**Deuteronomy 22:7**)
- **Birds** were among the earliest living souls on earth, coming into existence on **the fifth creative day** along with the marine creatures.
- And God went on to say; Let the waters swarm forth a swarm of living souls and let **flying creatures** fly over the earth upon the face of the expanse of the heavens. (**Genesis 1:20**)
- And God proceeded to create the great sea monsters and every living soul that moves about, which the waters swarmed forth according to their kinds, and every **winged flying creature** according to its kind. And God got to see that it was good. (**Genesis 1:21**)
- With that God blessed them, saying; Be fruitful and become many and fill the waters in the sea basins, and let the **flying creatures** become many in the earth. (**Genesis 1:22**)
- And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a fifth day. (**Genesis 1:23**)
- Of the general terms used in the Bible that apply to **birds**, the most frequent **Hebrew** word used is, *'ohph*, basically meaning, **flying creature**.
- And God went on to say; Let the waters swarm forth a swarm of living souls and let **flying creatures** fly over the earth upon the face of the expanse of the heavens. (**Genesis 1:20**)
- Which may include not only **birds** but also **winged insects**.
- And these are what you will loathe among the **flying creatures**. They should not be eaten. They are a loathsome thing: the **eagle** and the **osprey** and the **black vulture**. (**Leviticus 11:13**)
- Only this is what you may eat of all the **winged swarming creatures** that go upon all fours, those that have leaper legs above their feet with which to leap upon the earth. (**Leviticus 11:21**)

- These are the one's of them you may eat of. The **migratory locust** according to its kind, and the **edible locust** after its kind, and the **cricket** according to its kind, and the **grasshopper** according to its kind. (**Leviticus 11:22**)
- And every other **winged swarming creature** that does have four legs is a loathsome thing to you. (**Leviticus 11:23**)
- The **Hebrew** *tsip-pohr'* also occurs in a large number of texts and is a generic term applying to **birds** in general.
- They and every wild beast according to its kind, and every domestic animal according to its kind, and every moving animal that moves on the earth according to its kind, and **every flying creature** according to its kind, **every bird**, every **winged creature**. (**Genesis 7:14**)
- A third **Hebrew** term, *'a'yit*, is applied solely to the **birds** of prey.
- The following terms are found in the **Greek** Scriptures, *or'ne-on*, meaning simply **bird**.
- And he cried out with a strong voice, saying, She has fallen! Babylon the Great has fallen, and she has become a dwelling place of demons and a lurking place of every unclean exhalation and a lurking place of every unclean and hated **bird**! (**Revelation 18:2**)
- **Greek** *pe-tei-non'* and *pte-nos'*, both literally meaning **flier**. **Int**
- And turned the glory of the incorruptible God into something like the image of corruptible man and of **birds** and four-footed creatures and creeping things. (**Romans 1:23**)
- Not all flesh is the same flesh, but there is one of mankind, and there is another flesh of cattle, and another flesh of **birds**, and another of fish. (**1 Corinthians 15:39**)
- Athenian philosophers referred to the apostle Paul as a **chatterer**. The word here **Greek** *sper-mo-lo'gos* was applied to **a bird that picks up seeds**, while figuratively it was used of a person who picks up scraps by begging or stealing, or, as in the case cited, one who **repeats scraps of knowledge, an idle babbler**.

- A thoughtful study of **birds** gives convincing proof of the Biblical teaching that they are of divine creation. While **birds** and reptiles are both oviparous, **reptiles are cold-blooded, often sluggish**, whereas **birds are warm-blooded and among the most active of all earth's creatures**, they also have an **unusually rapid heartbeat**.
- The evolutionary view that reptilian scales and fins eventually developed into **feathered wings** is both fanciful and baseless. The fossils of **birds** called by scientists *Archaeopteryx*, or, ancient wing, and *Archaeornis*, or, ancient **bird**, though showing teeth and a long vertebrated tail, also show that they were completely feathered, had feet equipped for perching, and had fully developed wings.
- No intermediate specimens, exhibiting scales developing into feathers or front legs into wings, exist to give any semblance of support to the evolution theory. As expressed by the apostle Paul, **birds** are of a distinct flesh from others of earth's creatures.
- Not all flesh is the same flesh, but there is one of mankind, and there is another flesh of cattle, and another flesh of **birds**, and another of fish. (**1 Corinthians 15:39**)
- The psalmist called upon the **winged birds** to praise Yehowah.
- Praise Yah, you people! Praise Yehowah from the heavens, praise him in the heights. (**Psalms 148:1**)
- You wild animals and all you domestic animals, you creeping things and winged **birds**. (**Psalms 148:10**)
- And **birds** do this by their very structure and their complex design. A single **bird** may have from 1,000 to over 20,000 feathers. Yet each feather is composed of a shaft from which branch out hundreds of barbs forming an inner web, each barb containing several hundred smaller barbules and each barbule having hundreds of barbicels and hooklets.
- A single six-inch wing feather of a pigeon is thus estimated to contain some hundreds of thousands of barbules and literally millions of barbicels. The aerodynamic principles built into **birds** wings and body design surpass in complexity and efficiency that of modern-day aircraft.

- A **birds** hollow bones contribute to its lightness, and thus the skeleton of a frigate bird with a 2-meters (7 feet) wingspan may weigh only about 110 grams (4 ounces). Certain wing bones of large soaring **birds** even have **truss-like supports, like the struts inside airplane wings, within the hollow portions.**
- At the time of the Flood, Noah introduced into the ark for preservation pairs of **birds** according to their kinds.
- So Yehowah said; I am going to wipe men whom I have created off the surface of the ground, from man to domestic animal, to moving animal and to **flying creature** of the heavens, because I do regret that I have made them. (**Genesis 6:7**)
- Of the **flying creatures** according to their kinds and of the domestic animals according to their kinds, of all moving animals of the ground according to their kinds, two of each will go in there to you to preserve them alive. (**Genesis 6:20**)
- Also of the **flying creatures** of the heavens by sevens, male and female, to preserve offspring alive on the surface of the entire earth. (**Genesis 7:3**)
- Thus he wiped out every existing thing that was on the surface of the ground, from man to beast, to moving animal and to **flying creature** of the heavens, and they were wiped off the earth, and only Noah and those who were with him in the ark kept on surviving. (**Genesis 7:23**)
- There is no certain way of knowing how many different kinds of **birds** then existed, some types of **birds** having become extinct even in recent times. However, it is of interest to note that the listing of **birds** according to present-day scientific classification presented in **The New Encyclopaedia Britannica [1985, Vol. 15, pp. 14-106]** gives a total of only **221 bird families**, including some that are now extinct or known only in fossil form. There are, of course, thousands of varieties included within these families.

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- Following the global Flood, Noah offered up **clean flying creatures** along with animals as a sacrifice.
- At that Noah went out, and also his sons and his wife and his

- sons wives with him. (**Genesis 8:18**)
- Every living creature, every moving animal and every **flying creature**, everything that moves on the earth, according to their families they went out of the ark. (**Genesis 8:19**)
 - And Noah began to build an altar to Yehowah and to take some of all the clean beasts and of all the **clean flying creatures** and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar. (**Genesis 8:20**)
 - **Birds** were thereafter made allowable by God for inclusion in man's diet, as long as the blood was not eaten.
 - And God went on to bless Noah and his sons and to say to them: Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth. (**Genesis 9:1**)
 - And a fear of you and a terror of you will continue upon every living creature of the earth and upon every **flying creature** of the heavens, upon everything that goes moving on the ground, and upon all the fishes of the sea. **Into your hand they are now given.** (**Genesis 9:2**)
 - Every moving animal that is alive may serve as food for you. As in the case of green vegetation, I do give it all to you. (**Genesis 9:3**)
 - Only flesh with its soul, its blood, you must not eat. (**Genesis 9:4**)
 - And you must not eat any blood in any places where you dwell, whether that of fowl or that of beast. (**Leviticus 7:26**)
 - As for any man of the sons of Israel or some alien resident who is residing as an alien in your midst who in hunting catches a wild beast or a fowl that may be eaten, he must in that case pour its blood out and cover it with dust. (**Leviticus 17:13**)
 - The cleanness of certain **birds** at that time therefore evidently relates to some divine indication of acceptableness for sacrifice, the Biblical record shows that, as regards their being used as food, none of the **birds** were designated as unclean until the introduction of the Mosaic Law.
 - And these are what you will loathe among the **flying creatures**. They should not be eaten. They are a loathsome thing, the **eagle**

- and the **osprey** and the **black vulture**. (**Leviticus 11:13**)
- And the **red kite** and the **black kite** according to its kind. (**Leviticus 11:14**)
- And every **raven** according to its kind. (**Leviticus 11:15**)
- And the **ostrich** and the **owl** and the **gull** and the **falcon** according to its kind. (**Leviticus 11:16**)
- And the little owl and the cormorant and the long-eared owl. (**Leviticus 11:17**)
- And the **swan** and the **pelican** and the **vulture**. (**Leviticus 11:18**)
- And the **stork**, the **heron** according to its kind, and the **hoopoe** and the **bat**. (**Leviticus 11:19**)
- This is the Law about the beast and the **flying creature** and every living soul that moves about in the waters and concerning every soul that swarms upon the earth. (**Leviticus 11:46**)
- In order to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean and between the living creature that is eatable and the living creature that may not be eaten. (**Leviticus 11:47**)
- And you must make a distinction between the clean beast and the unclean and between the **unclean fowl** and the **clean**, and you must not make your souls loathsome with the beast and the fowl and anything that moves on the ground that I have divided off for you in declaring them unclean. (**Leviticus 20:25**)
- Any **clean bird** you may eat. (**Deuteronomy 14:11**)
- But these are the one's of which you must not eat, the eagle and the osprey and the black vulture. (**Deuteronomy 14:12**)
- And the red kite and the black kite and the glade according to its kind. (**Deuteronomy 14:13**)
- And every raven according to its kind. (**Deuteronomy 14:14**)
- And the ostrich and the owl and the gull and the falcon according to its kind. (**Deuteronomy 14:15**)

- The little owl and the long-eared owl and the swan. (Deuteronomy 14:16)
- And the pelican and the vulture and the cormorant. (Deuteronomy 14:17)
- And the stork and the heron according to its kind, and the hoopoe and the bat. (Deuteronomy 14:18)
- And every winged swarming creature is unclean for you. They should not be eaten. (Deuteronomy 14:19)
- Any clean **flying creature** you may eat. (Deuteronomy 14:20)
- The factors determining which **birds** were designated ceremonially unclean are not expressly stated in the Bible. Thus, while most of those so designated were **birds of prey** or **scavengers**, not all of them were. This prohibition was lifted following the establishment of the New Covenant, as God made evident to Peter by a vision.
- The next day as they were pursuing their journey and were approaching the city, Peter went up to the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. (Acts of Apostles 10:9)
- But he became very hungry and wanted to eat. While they were preparing, he fell into a trance (Acts of Apostles 10:10)
- And beheld heaven opened and some sort of vessel descending like a great linen sheet being let down by its four extremities upon the earth. (Acts of Apostles 10:11)
- And in it there were all sorts of four-footed creatures and creeping things of the earth and **birds of heaven**. (Acts of Apostles 10:12)
- And a voice came to him; **Rise, Peter, slaughter and eat!** (Acts of Apostles 10:13)
- But Peter said; Not at all, Lord, because never have I eaten anything defiled and unclean. (Acts of Apostles 10:14)
- And the voice spoke again to him, the second time; **You stop calling defiled the things God has cleansed.** (Acts of Apostles

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- The identification of the **birds** specifically named in the Bible presents a difficult problem in some cases. Lexicographers generally are guided by the root meaning of the name, since this is usually descriptive, by indications in the context as to the **birds** habits and habitat, and by observation of the **birds** known to be found in the Bible lands. In many cases the names are believed to be onomatopoeic, that is, imitating the sound produced by the **bird**.
- The diverse topography of Palestine, ranging from cool mountain peaks to deep sweltering valleys and from arid deserts to maritime plains, all together near the Southeast corner of the Mediterranean Sea, makes it a focal point for a great variety of **bird** types.
- Mount Hermon, in the North, is snowcapped for much of the year, while the region about 200 kilometers (125 miles) to the South along the lower Jordan Valley and near the Dead Sea is hot and tropical. Each of these zones contains **birds** peculiar to its own environment, either alpine or tropical, as do also the temperate zones and the desert regions.
- I do resemble the pelican of the wilderness. I have become like a little owl of desolated places. (**Psalms 102:6**)
- The trees of Yehowah are satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. (**Psalms 104:16**)
- Where the **birds** themselves make nests. As for the stork, the juniper trees are its house. (**Psalms 104:17**)
- Additionally, Palestine is on one of the major migrational routes followed annually by **birds**, storks, turtledoves, quail, swifts, swallows, bulbuls, cuckoos, and others, traveling North from Africa in the spring or South from Europe and Asia in the fall.
- For, look! The rainy season itself has passed, the downpour itself is over, it has gone its way. (**Song of Solomon 2:11**)
- Blossoms themselves have appeared in the land, the very time of vine trimming has arrived, and the voice of the **turtledove** itself has been heard in our land. (**Song of Solomon 2:12**)

- Even the stork in the heavens, it well knows its appointed times, and the **turtledove** and the **swift** and the **bulbul**, they observe well the time of each one's coming in. But as for my people, they have not come to know the judgment of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 8:7**)
- Thus it is estimated that about 470 varieties of **birds** may be found in Palestine at some time during the course of a year. In view of the deterioration of Palestinian forests and vegetation over the centuries, it is likely that in Biblical times the **bird** population was even greater.
- Particularly notable are the great numbers of **birds** of prey **Hebrew, `a'yit** found in Palestine, including eagles, hawks, falcons, kites, and vultures. Back in Abraham's time, **birds** of prey tried to descend upon Abraham's sacrifice of certain animals and birds, obliging him to drive them off until the sun began to set.
- In turn he said to him; Take for me a three year old heifer and a three year old shegoat and a three year old ram and a turtledove and a young pigeon. (**Genesis 15:9**)
- So he took all these to himself and cut them in two and put each part of them so as to match the other, but the **birds** he did not cut in pieces. (**Genesis 15:10**)
- And the **birds of prey** began to descend upon the carcasses, but Abram kept driving them away. (**Genesis 15:11**)
- After a while the sun was about to set, and a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and, look! A frightfully great darkness was falling upon him. (**Genesis 15:12**)
- However, Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself upon the rock from the start of harvest until water poured down upon them from the heavens, and she did not allow the **fowls of the heavens** to rest upon them by day nor the wild beasts of the field by night. (**2 Samuel 21:10**)
- In their search for food these **birds** rely on their powerful telescopic sight, rather than on their relatively weak sense of smell.

- The well-known sight of a cluster of scavenger **birds** gathered around a carcass often served as the basis for an ominous warning to an enemy
- And the Philistine went on to say to David; Just come to me, and I will give your flesh to the **fowls of the heavens** and to the beasts of the field. (**1 Samuel 17:44**)
- This day Yehowah will surrender you into my hand, and I shall certainly strike you down and remove your head off you, and I shall certainly give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines this day to the **fowls of the heavens** and to the wild beasts of the earth, and people of all the earth will know that there exists a God belonging to Israel. (**1 Samuel 17:46**)
- And repeatedly formed part of divinely inspired prophetic warnings to the nation of Israel and its rulers
- And your dead body must become food for **every flying creature of the heavens** and to the beast of the field, with no one to make them tremble. (**Deuteronomy 28:26**)
- The one dying of Jeroboam's in the city, the dogs will eat, and the one dying in the field, **the fowls of the heavens will eat**, because Yehowah himself has spoken it. (**1 Kings 14:11**)
- Anyone of Ahab's that is dying in the city the dogs will eat up, and anyone dying in the field the **fowls of the heavens** will eat up. (**1 Kings 21:24**)
- And the dead bodies of this people must become food for the flying creatures of the heavens and for the beasts of the earth, with nobody to make them tremble. (**Jeremiah 7:33**)
- And I will commission over them four families, is the utterance of Yehowah, the sword to kill, and the dogs to drag away, and the **flying creatures of the heavens** and the beasts of the earth to eat and to bring to ruin. (**Jeremiah 15:3**)
- As well as to foreign nations.
- Ha for the land of the **whirring insects with wings**, which is in the region of the rivers of Ethiopia! (**Isaiah 18:1**)

- They will be left all together for the **bird of prey** of the mountains and for the beast of the earth. And upon it the **bird** of prey will certainly pass the summer, and upon it even every beast of the earth will pass the harvesttime. (**Isaiah 18:6**)
- And I will abandon you to the wilderness, you and all the fish of your Nile canals. Upon the surface of the field you will fall. You will not be gathered up nor be collected together. To the wild beasts of the earth and to the **flying creatures** of the heavens I will give you for food. (**Ezekiel 29:5**)
- And I must abandon you on the land. Upon the surface of the field I shall hurl you. And on you I will cause all the **flying creatures** of the heavens to reside, and off you I will satisfy the wild beasts of the whole earth. (**Ezekiel 32:4**)
- Thus, the one used by Yehowah to execute judgment was figuratively represented by **a bird of prey**.
- The One calling from the sunrising **a bird of prey**, from a distant land the man to execute my counsel. I have even spoken it. I shall also bring it in. I have formed it, I shall also do it. (**Isaiah 46:11**)
- Desolation of a city or land was depicted by its becoming the habitat of certain **birds** of solitary nature.
- And Babylon, the decoration of kingdoms, the beauty of the pride of the Chaldeans, must become as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. (**Isaiah 13:19**)
- She will never be inhabited, nor will she reside for generation after generation. And there the Arab will not pitch his tent, and no shepherds will let their flocks lie down there. (**Isaiah 13:20**)
- And there the haunters of waterless regions will certainly lie down, and their houses must be filled with **eagle owls**. And there the **ostriches** must reside, and goat-shaped demons themselves will go skipping about there. (**Isaiah 13:21**)
- And he cried out with a strong voice, saying; She has fallen! Babylon the Great has fallen, and she has become a dwelling place of demons and a lurking place of every unclean exhalation and a **lurking place of every unclean and hated bird**! (**Revelation**

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- Or by the disappearance of all **bird** life.
- I saw, and, look! There was not an earthling man, and the **flying creatures of the heavens had all fled**. (**Jeremiah 4:25**)
- I saw, and, look! The orchard itself was a wilderness, and the very cities of it had all been torn down. It was because of Yehowah, because of his burning anger. (**Jeremiah 4:26**)
- For this is what Yehowah has said; A desolate waste is what the whole land will become, and shall I not carry out a sheer extermination? (**Jeremiah 4:27**)
- Over the mountains I shall raise a weeping and lamentation, and over the pasture grounds of the wilderness a dirge, for they will have been burned so that there is no man passing through and people actually will not hear the sound of livestock. Both the **flying creature of the heavens** and the beast will have fled, they will have gone. (**Jeremiah 9:10**)
- How long should the land keep withering away, and the very vegetation of all the field dry up? Because of the badness of those dwelling in it the beasts and the **flying creatures** have been swept away. For they have said; He does not see our future. (**Jeremiah 12:4**)
- That is why the land will mourn and every inhabitant in it will have to fade away with the wild beast of the field and with the **flying creature of the heavens**, and even the fishes of the sea themselves will be gathered in death. (**Hosea 4:3**)
- I shall finish off earthling man and beast. I shall finish off the **flying creature of the heavens** and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked ones, and I will cut off mankind from the surface of the ground, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Zephaniah 1:3**)
- The proclamation calling all the **birds** to gather to feast upon the dead bodies of Gog of Magog and his crowd.
- And as regards you, O son of man, prophesy against Gog, and you must say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said,

Here I am against you, O Gog, you head chieftain of Meshech and Tubal. (**Ezekiel 39:1**)

- And I will turn you around and lead you on and cause you to come up from the remotest parts of the north and bring you in upon the mountains of Israel. (**Ezekiel 39:2**)
- And I will strike your bow out of your left hand, and your arrows I shall cause to fall out of your own right hand. (**Ezekiel 39:3**)
- On the mountains of Israel you will fall, you and all your bands and the peoples that will be with you. To **birds of prey, birds of every sort of wing**, and the wild beasts of the field I will give you for food. (**Ezekiel 39:4**)
- And as regards you, O son of man, this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Say to the **birds of every sort of wing** and to all the wild beasts of the field; Collect yourselves together and come. Gather yourselves together all around to my sacrifice, which I am sacrificing for you, a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel. And you will certainly eat flesh and drink blood. (**Ezekiel 39:17**)
- The flesh of mighty one's you will eat, and the blood of the chieftains of the earth you will drink, rams, young male sheep, and he-goats, young bulls, the fatlings of Bashan all of them. (**Ezekiel 39:18**)
- And you will be certain to eat fat to satisfaction and to drink blood to drunkenness, from my sacrifice that I will sacrifice for you. (**Ezekiel 39:19**)
- And you must get satisfied at my table on horses and charioteers, mighty persons and all sorts of warriors, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 39:20**)
- And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations will have to see my judgment that I have executed and my hand that I have placed among them. (**Ezekiel 39:21**)
- Is paralleled by that recorded in Revelation in which the bodies of national rulers and their armies become food for **all the birds that fly in midheaven** as a result of the executorial work of Christ Jesus as King.

- **And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (Revelation 19:11)**
- **His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. (Revelation 19:12)**
- **And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is, The Word of God. (Revelation 19:13)**
- **Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. (Revelation 19:14)**
- **And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. (Revelation 19:15)**
- **And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)**
- **I saw also an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice and said to all the **birds that fly in midheaven**; Come here, be gathered together to the great evening meal of God. (Revelation 19:17)**
- **That you may **eat the fleshy parts of kings** and the fleshy parts of military commanders and the fleshy parts of strong men and the fleshy parts of horses and of those seated upon them, and the fleshy parts of all, of freemen as well as of slaves and of small ones and great. (Revelation 19:18)**
- **And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage the war with the one seated on the horse and with his army. (Revelation 19:19)**
- **And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur.**

(Revelation 19:20)

- But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. **And all the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them.** (Revelation 19:21)
- Contrast this with God's comforting words to his people, at;
- And for them I shall certainly conclude a covenant in that day in connection with the wild beast of the field and with the **flying creature of the heavens** and the creeping thing of the ground, and the bow and the sword and war I shall break out of the land, and I will make them lie down in security. (Hosea 2:18)
- And I will engage you to me for time indefinite, and I will engage you to me in righteousness and in justice and in loving-kindness and in mercies. (Hosea 2:19)
- And I will engage you to me in faithfulness, and you will certainly know Yehowah. (Hosea 2:20)
- Worship of **birds** as representing the true God was prohibited to the nation of Israel.
- And you must take good care of your souls, because you did not see any form on the day of Yehowah's speaking to you in Horeb out of the middle of the fire. (Deuteronomy 4:15)
- That you may not act ruinously and may not really make for yourselves a carved image, **the form of any symbol**, the representation of male or female. (Deuteronomy 4:16)
- The representation of any beast that is in the earth, the **representation of any winged bird that flies in the heavens.** (Deuteronomy 4:17)
- But was prominent among the pagan nations, particularly in Egypt.
- And turned the glory of the incorruptible God into something like the image of corruptible man and of **birds** and four-footed creatures and creeping things. (Romans 1:23)

- Hundreds of **bird** mummies have been found in Egyptian tombs, principally of **birds** such as the **falcon**, the **vulture**, and the **ibis**, all of which were sacred among the Egyptians. Egyptian hieroglyphics contain some 22 different **bird** signs.