

~FOWL (103)

[Hebrew, *'ohph*]

- Although the **English** word fowl is mainly used today to refer to a large or edible bird, the **Hebrew** term, *'ohph*, derived from the verb fly, applied to **all winged or flying 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**)
- **G. R. Driver** said that *'ohph* seems to represent the rhythmical beating of wings on the air and its displacement thereby. [**Palestine Exploration Quarterly**, London, 1955, p. 5]
- The term not only **embraced all the birds**.
- And with every living soul that is with you, among **fowls**, among beasts and among all living creatures of the earth with you, from all those going out of the ark to every living creature of the earth. (**Genesis 9:10**)
- 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**)
- And you must not eat any blood in any places where you dwell, whether that of **fowl** or that of beast. (**Leviticus 7:26**)
- **Quail**
- And he proceeded to make sustenance rain upon them just like

dust, even winged flying creatures just like the sand grains of the seas. (**Psalms 78:27**)

- Accordingly it occurred that in the evening the **quails** began to come up and cover the camp, and in the morning there had developed a layer of dew round about the camp. (**Exodus 16:13**)
- Carrion-eating birds
- 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**)
- 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**)
- But could be applied as well to the winged insects, which are included among the swarming **Hebrew, she'rets** winged creatures.
- Every **winged swarming creature** that goes on all fours is a loathsome thing to you. (**Leviticus 11:20**)
- 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 ones 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**)

- And every **winged swarming creature** is unclean for you. They should not be eaten. (**Deuteronomy 14:19**)

See Also SWARMING THING

- The expression fatted **fowl** at;
- Ten fat cattle and twenty pastured cattle and a hundred sheep, besides some stags and gazelles and roebucks and **fattened cuckoos**. (**1 Kings 4:23**)

See Also CUCKOO