

~GECKO (46)

[Hebrew, 'ana-qah', sema-mith']

- A small, usually thick-bodied lizard with tiny scales covering its body. The eyes are relatively large, catlike, and the **geckos** toes are comparatively broad.
- Found in warm climates, the **geckos** live in the woods, among rocks, in trees, and sometimes in human dwellings. Six kinds of these nocturnal lizards are found in Palestine.
- The **gecko** fanfoot , *Hemidactylus turcicus* of;
- And this is what is unclean to you among the swarming creatures that swarm upon the earth, the mole rat and the jerboa and the **lizard** according to its kind. (Leviticus 11:29)
- And the **gecko fanfoot** and the large lizard and the newt and the sand lizard and the chameleon. (Leviticus 11:30)
- Is listed as unclean for the Israelites. At;
- The **gecko** lizard takes hold with its own hands and it is in the grand palace of a king. (Proverbs 30:28)
- The **gecko** lizard Hebrew, *sema-mith'* is spoken of as taking hold with its own hands and making its way into the king's palace. Regarding the geckos toes;
- The International Wildlife Encyclopedia says; They have numerous microscopic hooks that catch in the slightest irregularities, even those in the surface of glass, and so a gecko can cling to all, but the most highly polished surfaces.
- The hooks are directed backwards and downwards and to disengage them the toe must be lifted upwards from the tip. As a result, a **gecko** running up a tree or a wall or along a ceiling must curl and uncurl its toes at each step with a speed faster than the eye can follow.
- Some of the hooks are so small the high power of a microscope is needed to see them, yet a single toe armed with numbers of these

**incredibly small hooks can support several times the weight of a
geckos body.**[Edited by M. and R. Burton, 1969, Vol. 7, pp. 856,857]