

~INSECTS (88)

- In the adult stage, these invertebrates are distinguished by a body consisting of three segments, **head, thorax, and abdomen**, with **six legs, a pair of feelers, and generally two or four wings**.
- The picturesque language of the Bible refers to insects as going on all fours. Obviously Moses was familiar with the fact that insects have six legs.
- So the reference is undoubtedly to their horizontal mode of travel rather than to the number of their legs. There are winged insects, including the bees, flies, and wasps, that walk with their six legs **in the manner of** four-legged animals.
- Other insects, such as the locusts, are equipped with two leaper legs and thus literally use the other four legs for crawling.
- 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**)
- The more than 800,000 known varieties of **insects** present a panorama of contrast. While some are somberly colored, others are arrayed in bright hues and with beautiful designs.
- All the shades of the rainbow are represented. In size, **insects** vary from beetles that are small enough to get through the eye of a needle to curious walking sticks that measure more than 30 centimeters (1 foot) in length. Among the **insects** can be found

organized communities, builders, agriculturists, manufacturers, long-distance fliers, expert jumpers, swimmers, and burrowers.

- Through study and observation, man can learn much from the **insects**, most importantly that they are God's creations, endowed with instinctive wisdom, not by chance, but by the Source of all wisdom, Yehowah.
- However, ask, please, the domestic animals, and they will instruct you, also the winged creatures of the heavens, and they will tell you. (**Job 12:7**)
- Or show your concern to the earth, and it will instruct you, and the fishes of the sea will declare it to you. (**Job 12:8**)
- Who among all these does not well know that the hand of Yehowah itself has done this. (**Job 12:9**)
- Although many are inclined to view **insects** as pests that damage crops and man's possessions as well as spread disease, actually only a very small percentage of **insects** can be designated as harmful under present circumstances. The majority can be classified either as neutral or as directly or indirectly beneficial to man.
- **Insects** stand in an important relationship to plants. It has been estimated that 85 percent of flowering plants are either completely or partly dependent on **insect pollination**. **Insects** also play a beneficial role as soil builders and scavengers.
- Dyes and shellac are produced from scale **insects**. In the Middle East, **insects**, such as locusts, have for centuries been used as an item of the diet. Were it not for the existence of **insects**, honey and silk would be unknown.
- **Insects** indeed occupy an important place in relation to the rest of the earthly creation.
- Observed **Carl D. Duncan**, professor of entomology and botany: **It is not too much to say that insects determine the character of man's world to a far greater extent than he does himself, and that if they were suddenly to disappear completely the world would be changed so extensively that it is extremely doubtful that man would be able to maintain any sort of organized society whatever.** [**Annual Report of the Smithsonian Institution, 1947, p. 346**]

