



BATS
in the
WOODS

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WARNING

Hebrew:
atalleph- *at-al-lafé*
a bat

BATS

Bat populations around the world are decreasing rapidly. Most of this is due to the loss of habitat. Another factor, believe it or not, is the human consumption of these wonderful creatures. Bats are rare delicacies in remote areas of Africa, in some islands of the South Pacific and the Asian Islands. Yet, in the BIBLE, God forbids the eating of bats along with many other creatures. The bats are classified with the "fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven" Genesis 1:20. Under the Law of Moses the Israelites were put on a strict diet. The law states that bats are unclean and off limits to the Israelites.

Although the bats are considered to be unclean, in the Bible, they are not unclean in and of themselves. In the book of Leviticus and Deuteronomy the bats are included with the birds of prey. Bats and the birds of prey play a vital role in the delicate balance of nature. Not only was God concerned about the diet of His people, but also for the environment in which they lived. It is very clear that God cares about all of His Creation. Man was given dominion over the Earth and must act responsibly. The law protects both man and animal.

The Bible also teaches us that we live in a fallen world because of sin. "For we know that the whole creation groans and labors in pain together until now" Romans 8:22. Because of man's sin and rebellion against God, all of creation suffers. But God has a plan to restore

Leviticus 11:19

Deuteronomy 14:18

Isaiah 2:20

His creation and it will once again "become like the Garden of Eden" Ezekiel 36:35. God's plan of redemption started at the Cross of Calvary. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

But this Man (Jesus), after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.

Hebrews 10: 12

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ . . . through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

Romans 5:17-18

Have you accepted God's free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ? Jesus offered his sinless body as a sacrifice once for all. He died so that you may live. He rose from the dead and is seated at the right hand of God. God

cares about all of His Creation. It makes no difference who you are, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon His name. For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 10:12-13

in the BIBLE

**the heavens
declare the glory
of god;
and the firmament
shows his
handiwork.**

psalm 19:1

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