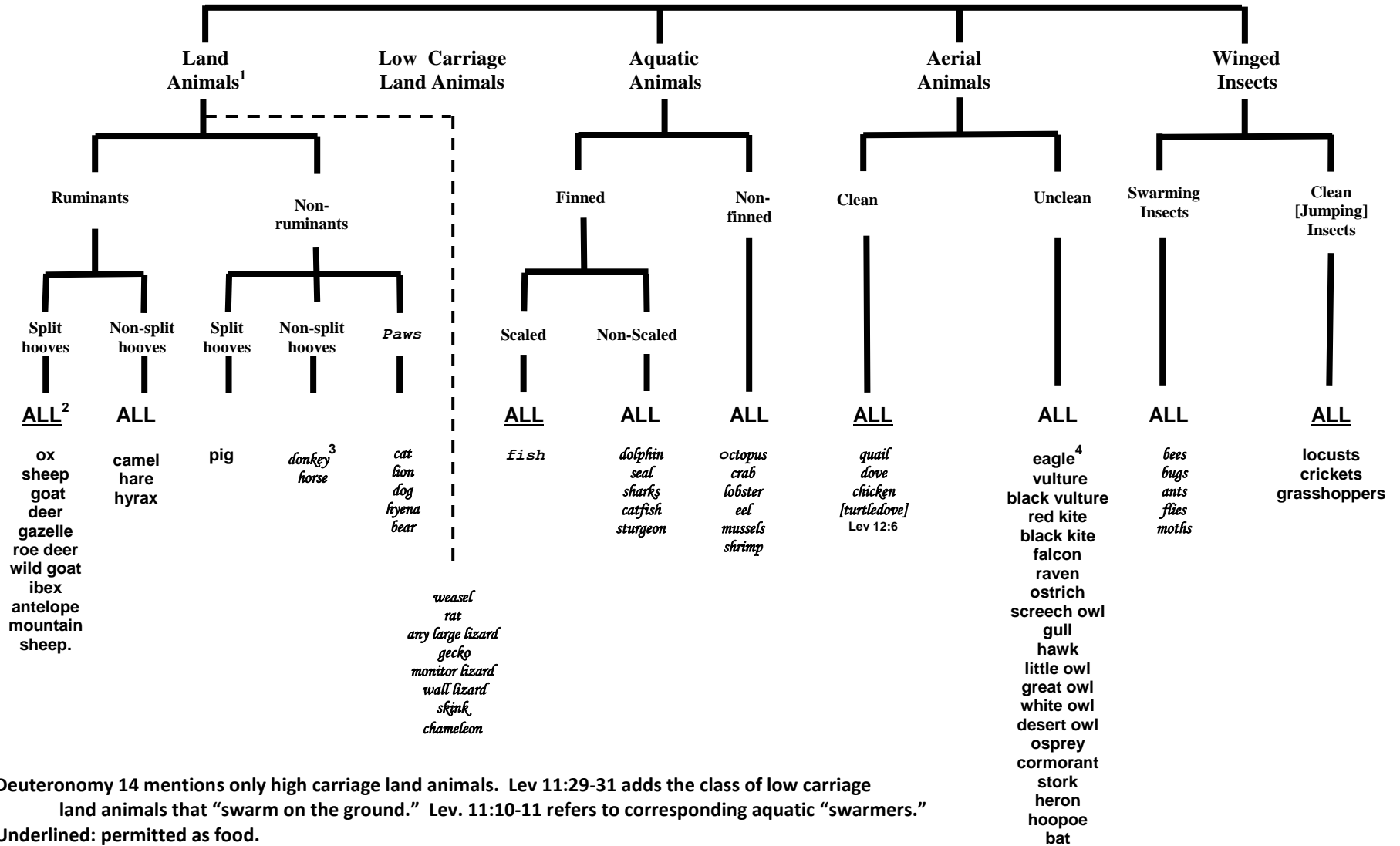


## Clean and Unclean Animals According to Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14



<sup>1</sup> Deuteronomy 14 mentions only high carriage land animals. Lev 11:29-31 adds the class of low carriage land animals that “swarm on the ground.” Lev. 11:10-11 refers to corresponding aquatic “swarmers.”

<sup>2</sup> Underlined: permitted as food.

<sup>3</sup> Italic font: examples, not named in Leviticus 11 or Deuteronomy 14.

<sup>4</sup> The identity of some of these birds is uncertain.

**Banqueting in the Presence of God**  
**Deuteronomy 14:1-21**

**Veritas Class**  
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- A. How should we interpret this text?
1. Read it in the light of ancient Near Eastern perceptions.
  2. Recognize the center of gravity in the passage.
  3. Read it in the light of all the other references to eating in the book of Deuteronomy.
  4. Read vv. 3-21 in the light vv. 1-3: Who is invited to this banquet?
    - a. They are all hand-picked by God.
    - b. They are all adopted children of God.
    - c. They are all sanctified.
    - d. They are all God's special treasure.
- C. Distinguishing between Clean and Unclean Food
1. Moses' Zoological Taxonomy (see over)
  2. What makes certain foods "abominable"?
    - a. It does not chew the cud.
    - b. It does not have a split hoof.

But why not catfish? Or crow? Or Grubs?

Possibilities

      - (1) The Hygienic Explanation
      - (2) The Symbolic Explanation
      - (3) The Principle of "Wholeness" (Holiness?)
      - (4) The Arbitrary Explanation
      - (5) The Link with Filth and Death
    - c. It is not properly butchered.
    - d. It is not properly cooked (boiling a kid in its mother's milk)