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## THE HOLY SCRIPTURES & ANIMAL RIGHTS

(Credit to Darryl G. Treat, friend and brother in Christ, for his excellent tract, Animal Rights and the Bible.)

- God Gave Man Dominion Over Animals** (Gen 1:26) *“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have \_\_\_\_\_ over the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sea, and over the \_\_\_\_\_ of the air, and over the \_\_\_\_\_, and over \_\_\_\_\_, and over every \_\_\_\_\_ thing that creepeth upon the earth.”* Dominion means power, control, or sovereignty.
- The Bible Authorizes Using Animals For Sacrifices** Animals were used for sacrifices to Jehovah in the OT from Abel’s altar (Gen 4:4) to what is commonly called the Last Supper (Mt 26:19-30). The latter was the final Passover meal that Jesus partook with the Apostles. God initially gave the instructions to the Israelites, in Egypt, that the lamb (Ex 12) was to be (V6) \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_. Years later (2 Chron 35), “\_\_\_\_\_ kept a passover unto the LORD in \_\_\_\_\_” and “they \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ on the fourteenth day of the \_\_\_\_\_ month.”
- Abraham Offered Animal Sacrifices (Gen 22:1-13)** Abraham originally intended to offer \_\_\_\_\_ but that changed when the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ told him: “Lay not thine \_\_\_\_\_ upon the lad.” God had tested Abraham’s faith. When Abraham looked up he saw “a \_\_\_\_\_ caught in a \_\_\_\_\_ by his \_\_\_\_\_”. He “took the ram, and \_\_\_\_\_ him up for a burnt offering in the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_.” How do we know this pleased God (V16-18)? \_\_\_\_\_
- The Bible Authorizes Eating Animals For Food** After killing the Passover lamb the Israelites were commanded (Ex 12:8-10) to “\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in that night, \_\_\_\_\_ with fire, and unleavened \_\_\_\_\_; and with bitter \_\_\_\_\_.” Additional instructions: “Eat \_\_\_\_\_ of it \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_ at all with water.” About 1,500 years later Jesus ate of the Passover in keeping with the Law (Lk 22). Our Savior (Lk 5:1-11) helped Peter catch \_\_\_\_\_ and miraculously fed the multitude with five \_\_\_\_\_ and two \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt 14). (Gen 25:28) “\_\_\_\_\_ loved \_\_\_\_\_, because he did eat of his \_\_\_\_\_.” Animals were killed and eaten throughout every age in the Bible.
- The Bible Authorizes Using Animals For Beasts of Burden** (a) Jesus fulfilled the OT prophecy (Zech 9:9) in (Mt 21) by riding a ass into \_\_\_\_\_. (b) In (1 Cor 9:9) The Apostle wrote: “It is written in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_ the mouth of \_\_\_\_\_ that treadeth out the corn.” (c) Jacob (Gen 31:17) “rose up, and \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ upon \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Animals Are Inferior To Man** Regardless the shrill rhetoric of animal activist groups (eg: PETA, HSUS, etc.) who wage expensive campaigns for “animal rights,” Jesus stated (Mt 6:26): “Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ of the air--- Are ye not \_\_\_\_\_ than they?” Teaching an object lesson (Mt 12:11-12), Jesus asked, “What man shall there be among you, that shall have one \_\_\_\_\_, and if it fall into a pit on the \_\_\_\_\_, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?” He concludes by asking an obvious question: “How much then is a man \_\_\_\_\_ than a sheep?”
- Subdue It!** In (Gen 1:28) God told Adam and Eve, “Replenish the earth, and \_\_\_\_\_: and have \_\_\_\_\_ --- over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”