

ML304 Flying Creeping Things

Lesson ML303 discusses eight creeping things that cannot escape the earth's gravity. This lesson examines some creepers that can escape the earth's gravity, even if only for a few seconds.

Consider that the actions of beasts, fowls and fish remind us of things we see people do. Nature rules over these wild creatures. The carnal mind of flesh rules over people.

In Ge 1:16, the light of the sun and moon rule over the darkness of the world. You can rule the world or allow the world to rule you. The definition works both ways. In ML303, the world rules those who won't, don't, or can't resist the downward pull of gravity.

Were we to interpret those earth creepers by the names we know today, the tortoise would need to come out of his shell, the snail would need to dry up his body, and the mole would need to come out of the ground. The power of gravity is great; those creepers cling to the earth because they have no wings with which to escape.

However, the creepers in this lesson are different. They don't hide in shells; they don't cling to the earth, and they don't live underground. As we shall see, they have springs that push against the earth. And they have wings that get them airborne, although not for extended flights. Here's our text:

Le 11:20-22: *All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you. Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth. Even these of them ye may eat; the **locust** after his kind, and the **bald locust** after his kind, and the **beetle** after his kind, and the **grasshopper** after his kind.*

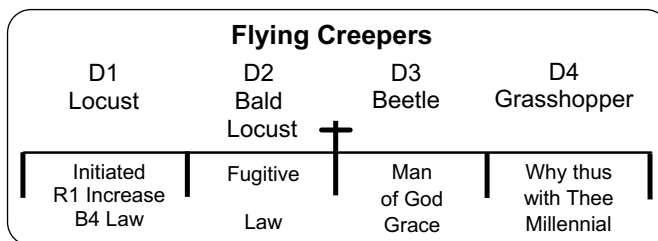
Now let's examine these "flying creeping things" that have legs above their feet. There are four of them; four relates to the world. This number shows the world controlling these creepers or these creatures controlling the world. Being eatable indicates the latter — although there's a limit to their control.

Legs represent works. The earth creepers in ML303 have legs, but they can only use them to move on and under the ground. The legs of these creepers enable them to escape the earth's downward pull. They ascend into heaven,

if only for brief distances. Yet they have a measure of power over the earth's gravity.

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| 1 Locust | rapid increase |
| 2 Bald Locust | crushing as a rock |
| 3 Beetle | leap suddenly |
| 4 Grasshopper | uncertain derivation |

The Dispensation Tool [ML109] works to help with these flying creepers. If you haven't studied this lesson, go there now and return to this point afterward. Here are the positions of these flying creepers on the Dispensation Chart:



In D1, "Locust" means increase, the same as River-1 in Eden. And there's a similarity between the Bald Locust and certain OT prophets. Both have bald heads — 2Ki 2:23]. Also, the name "Beetle" means to leap suddenly. This is reminiscent of the man who leaped and walked at the gate of the temple Beautiful [Ac 3:8].

The average person is not familiar with three of these creepers, but everyone knows the grasshopper. His legs propel him into the air, if only for a short distance. He escapes the earth and leaps into heaven. He falls back, but doesn't quit. That's his message to us.

And here's the gist of his message: Cast away all excuses for clinging to the earth and advance from the Unclean Creeper in ML303 to the Flying Creeper in ML304. Each leap represents hope. Hope is the step between your need and God's provision [Heb 11:1]. Said even plainer, even as faith without works is dead; hope without works is dead.

Mr 11:24: *Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

To add works to hope, act as though you have the answer to your petition before you see it: "... *hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?*" [Ro 8:24].