



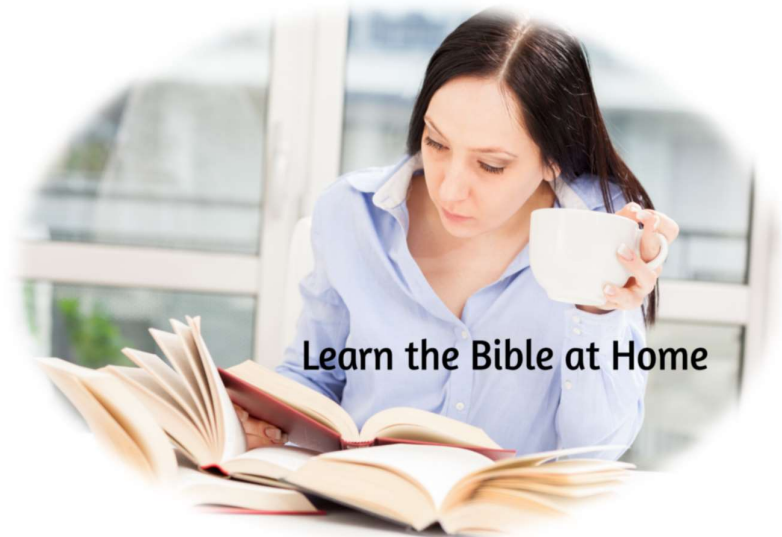
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# The Fat Tail

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## The Fat Tail. (The Whole Rump in KJV).

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### Topics.

- The fat of the tail is the LORD'S.
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- Scriptures that speak of the fat tail (rump tail in KJV).

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### THE FAT OF THE TAIL IS THE LORD'S

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- **Leviticus 3:9:** Then from the sacrifice of the peace offering he shall offer as a food offering to the LORD its fat; he shall remove the whole fat tail (the whole rump in KJV), cut off close to the backbone, and the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails

The English Standard Bible says, 'the whole fat tail,' while the King James Bible says, 'the whole rump.' The whole fat tail, is the better translation, because the fat-tailed sheep is a general type of domestic sheep known for their distinctive large tails and hindquarters. Fat-tailed sheep breeds comprise approximately 25% of the world's population of sheep, and are commonly found in northern parts of Africa, the Middle East, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, North India, Western China, Somalia, and Central Asia. They are hardy, adaptable, and able to withstand the tough challenges of desert life, and probably formed a large portion in the flocks of the Israelites. Two general varieties of fat-tails exist, the broad fat-tails and the long fat-tails, the tail of the long-tailed sheep grows so large that it drags on the ground and hinders copulation.

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Their very large and fat tails weighed (around 6kg) (15 lbs.) and even as much as 22kg (50 lbs.), when the sheep was increased by artificial fattening. It is often so large (around four feet in length) that it trails on the ground, to save the animal from the pain of having its tail drag on the ground, a small wheeled wagon is attached to its tail. Today women make rugs and blankets from its wool and use the fat of its tail in candles and soaps and other cottage-type industries, and the fat and marrow of the tail of young animals is considered a delicacy and used for cooking, though there has been a decline, since other types of fats and oils have increased in popularity.

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### ALL THE FAT IS THE LORD'S

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- **Leviticus 3:16:** And the priest shall burn them on the altar as a food offering with a pleasing aroma. All fat is the LORD's.

The statement, "all fat is the LORD's," refers to the fat pieces of the ox the ram, the fat tail and that which covers the entrails and the kidneys and the long lobe of the liver (Lev. 9:19), which have previously been mentioned (Lev. 3:3). It embraces the fat of the inwards, the suet (i.e., the hard-white fat on the kidneys and loins of cattle and sheep). The fat in focus here is limited to the fat on the entrails, the two kidneys and the long lobe of the liver (Lev. 3:14-15), that was required to be offered to the LORD. This fat was easily separated from the flesh, in contrast to the fat that is mixed within the meat, for the fat mixed in the meat they could eat.

In the following verse the LORD gave Israel the fat of lambs, rams, and goats to eat:

- **Deuteronomy 32:14:** Curds from the herd, and milk from the flock, with fat of lambs, rams of Bashan and goats, with the very finest of the wheat—and you (Jacob and by extension Israel) drank foaming wine made from the blood of the grape.

After hearing all the words of the LORD Israel wept, Nehemiah, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people the Law, seeing their sorrow said to all the people:

- **Nehemiah 8:9-10:** This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep. <sup>10</sup>Then said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord.”

The memorial part of the food offering that was consumed by fire on the brazen altar of burnt offering, signified the LORD sharing the meal with the priests and accepting the offering of the people. This memorial portion of the food offering was a pleasing fragrance before the LORD, signifying Christ the sweet-smelling sacrifice with which his heavenly Father is well pleased.

- **Ephesians 5:2:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering (a sweet smelling savour in KJV) and sacrifice to God.

The people of Israel were never to eat the fat, for all fat of the inward parts was to be the LORD'S forever.

- **Leviticus 3:16-17:** The priest shall burn them (the fat covering the entrails, the two kidneys, the loins, and the long lobe of the liver) on the altar as a food offering with a pleasing aroma. All fat is the LORD's. <sup>17</sup>It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, in all your dwelling places, that you eat neither fat nor blood.

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## SCRIPTURES THAT SPEAK OF THE FAT TAIL (RUMP TAIL IN KJV)

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- **Leviticus 3:9:** Then from the sacrifice of the peace offering (a lamb male or female) he shall offer as a food offering to the LORD its fat; he shall remove the whole fat tail (the whole rump in KJV), cut off close to the backbone, and the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails.
- **Exodus 29:22:** You shall also take the fat from the ram and the fat tail (the rump in KJV) and the fat that covers the entrails, and the long lobe of the liver and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, and the right thigh (for it is a ram of ordination).
- **Leviticus. 7:3:** And all its (the guilt offering) fat shall be offered, the fat tail (the rump in KJV), the fat that covers the entrails.
- **Leviticus. 8:25:** Then he took the fat (of a ram) and the fat tail (the rump in KJV) and all the fat that was on the entrails and the long lobe of the liver and the two kidneys with their fat and the right thigh.
- **Leviticus. 9:19:** But the fat pieces of the ox and of the ram, the fat tail (the rump in KJV) and that which covers the entrails and the kidneys and the long lobe of the liver.

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