

Appendix J: Various Statistical Data

This data reflects the number of verses containing animal names; it does not reflect the number of occurrences of those names since some names occur more than once in a given verse. When an animal name appears more than once in a given verse, it is only counted once. The only calculation made using the actual number of occurrences for each animal name is marked with an asterisk (*).

The OTH category is included in all calculations. Therefore, the obtained numbers may not always include actual animals. Although the OTH names are not always actual animals, they do refer to an animal. For example, *fishhook* refers to fish. And the presence of *horsemen* immediately alerts the reader to the reality of horses, even if the word *horse* is never used. Likewise, the golden calves in Exodus are not actual calves, but the idols immediately reveal that real calves were known to the Israelites. Also, consider that sometimes several OTH names refer to the same animal. For example, the actual animal *fish* is referenced by a total of 5 different animal names in this study: *fish*, *fisher*, *fisherman*, *fishhook*, and *fishing*. These considerations should be considered when evaluating this data.

Distribution of Bible Verses

OT	23,145
NT	7,957
Total	31,102

Percentage of Books Containing Animal Names

OT	97.3%
NT	66.6%
OT & NT	84.85%

Distribution of Animal Names

Only listed in OT	83	58%
Only listed in NT	10	7%
Listed in Both	49	35%
Total Number Listed	142	

Books with No Verses Containing Animal Names

Ruth
Galatians
Ephesians
Colossians
1 & 2 Thessalonians
Philemon
1, 2, and 3 John

Distribution of Verses Containing Animal Names

OT	1,843	84.77%
NT	331	15.23%
Total	2,174	

Books with Most Verses Containing Animal Names

OT	Numbers	188
NT	Revelation	103

Average Number of Animal Names per Verse*

OT	.13
NT	.06

Books with the Highest Number of Unique Animals

OT	Deuteronomy	58
NT	Luke	33

Average Number of Verses with Animal Names per Bible Book

OT	47.26
NT	12.41

Animal Names Occurring in More than 100 Verses

ass	140
beast	296
bullock	138
cattle	133
flock	172
goat	127
horse	144
lamb	175
lion	119
ox	145
ram	157
sheep	179

Percentage of Verses Containing Animal Names

OT	7.96%
NT	4.16%
OT & NT	6.99%