

## **BIRDS OF THE HOLY LAND**

Birds of 360-400 different kinds occur in Palestine, and of these, 26 are found only there. The Bible mentions about 50, using Hebrew or Greek names which can sometimes be identified with particular species of the present. Birds are mentioned in all but 21 books of the Bible. (*Zondervans Pictorial Bible Dictionary*)

*Matthew 6:26-27 "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"*

### **Six birds that we have chosen to illustrate:**

Dove	Genesis 8:8-12, Matthew 3:16
Eagle	Psalms 103:5, Isaiah 40:31
Owl	Psalms 102:6, Isaiah 4=34:15
Quail	Exodus 16:13, Numbers 11:21
Raven	I Kings 17:4, Job 38:41
Sparrow	Psalms 84:3, Matthew 10:31

*William Barclay in "Gospel of Matthew" says:*

The point Jesus is making here is not that the birds do not work (it has been said that no one works harder than the average sparrow to make a living). The point that He is making is that they do not worry. There is not to be found in them a straining to see the future.

*Continue this study with "Lessons from the Sparrows"...*