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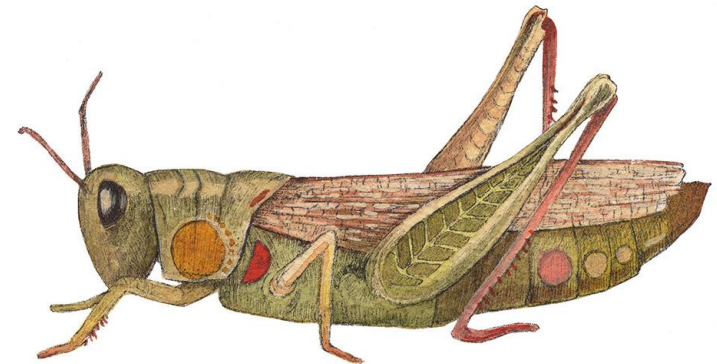


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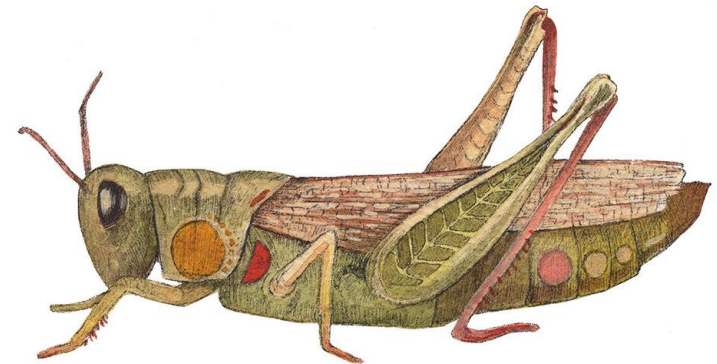
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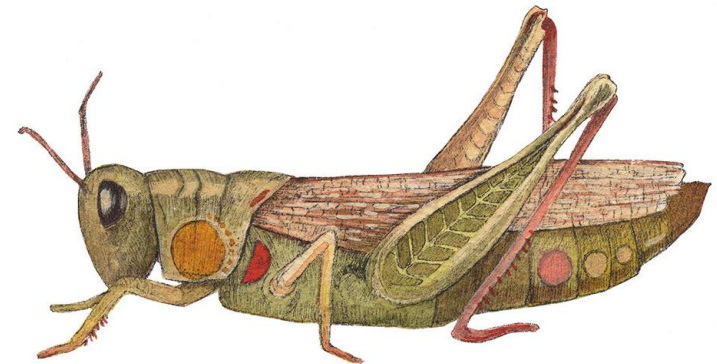
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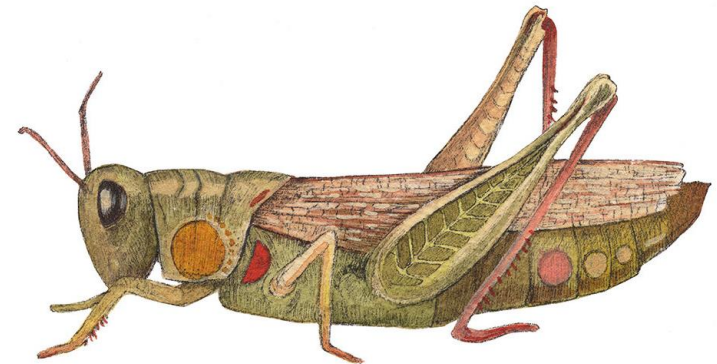


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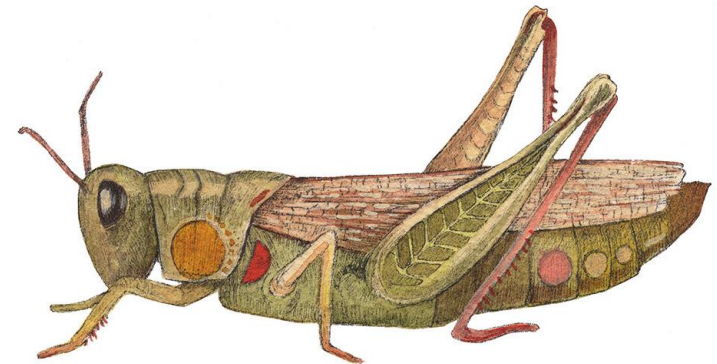


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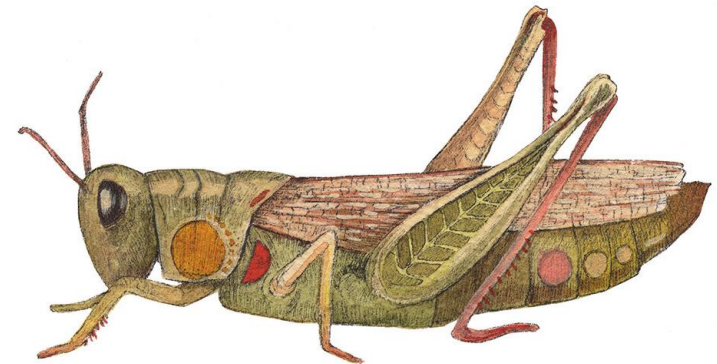


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⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.”



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⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”



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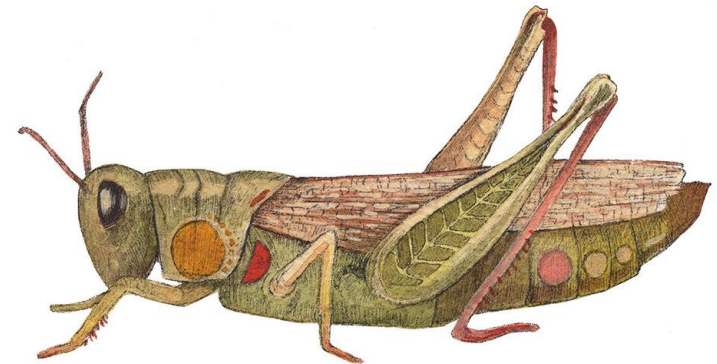
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¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.”



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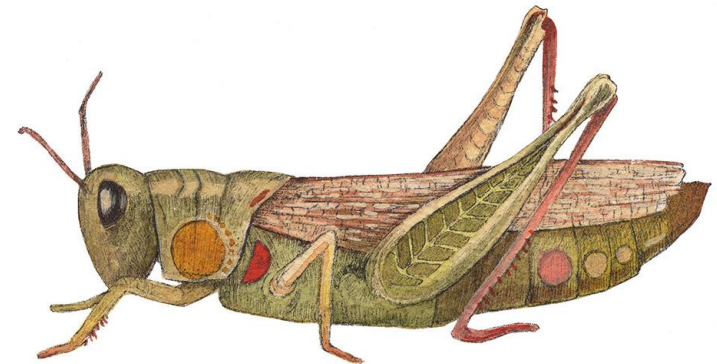
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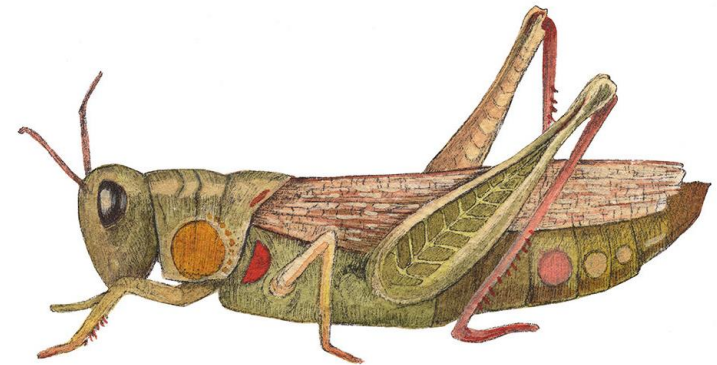


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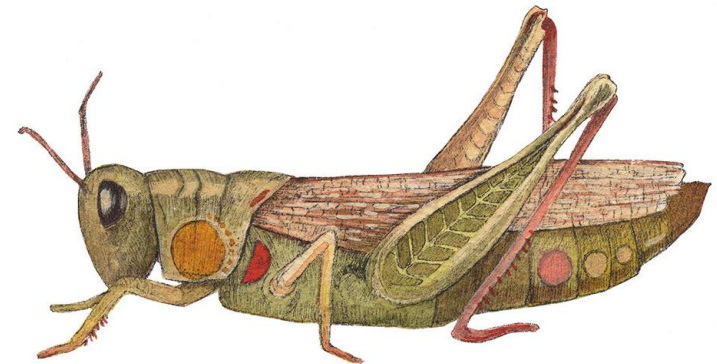
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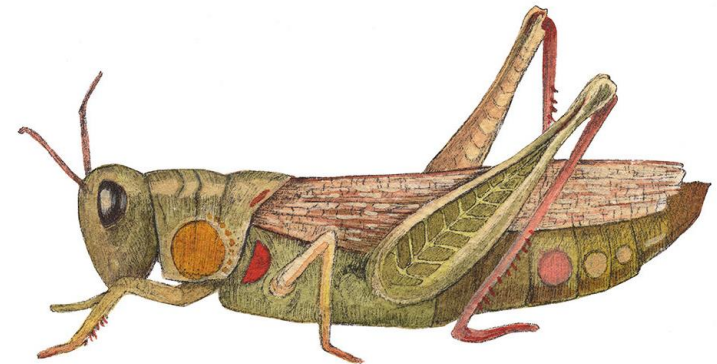
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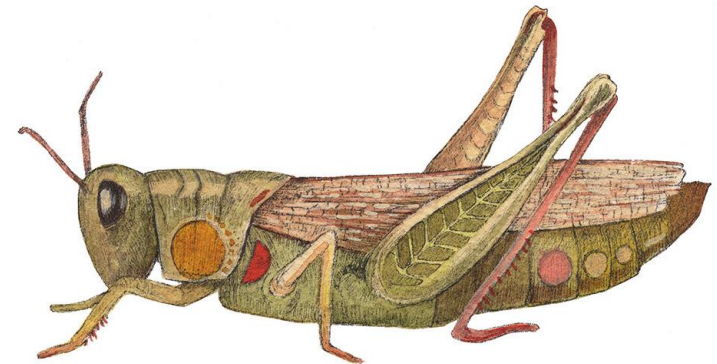
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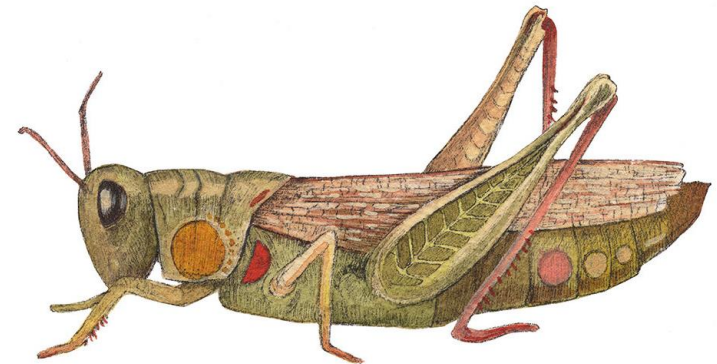
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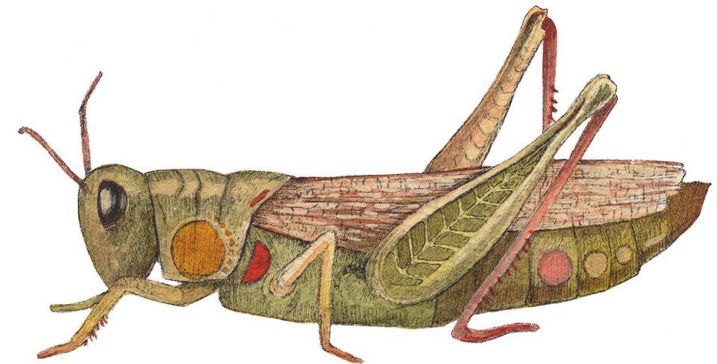
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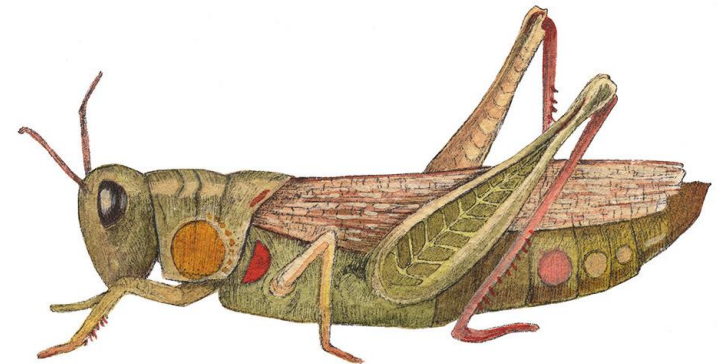
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⁷ “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

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⁸ ““I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.””

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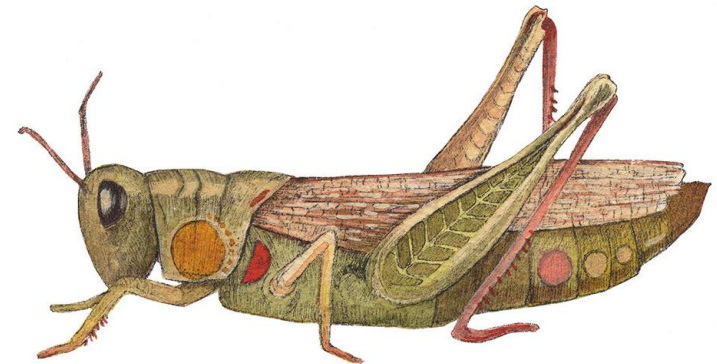


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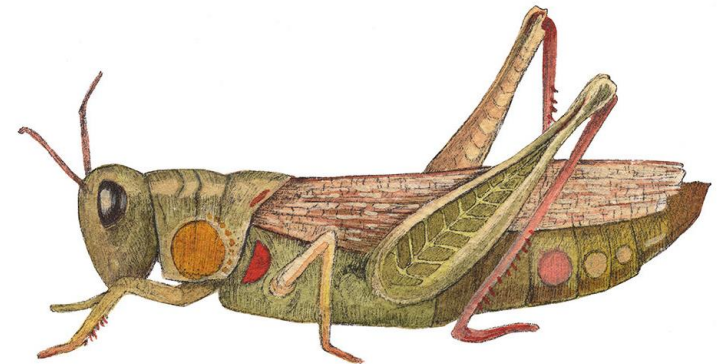
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1 Samuel 15:22

²² And Samuel said,

“Has the LORD as great **delight** in burnt offerings and sacrifices,
as in **obeying** the voice of the LORD?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
and to **listen** than the fat of rams.”



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Psalm 51:6

⁶ Behold, you **delight** in **truth** in the inward being,
and you teach me **wisdom** in the secret heart.



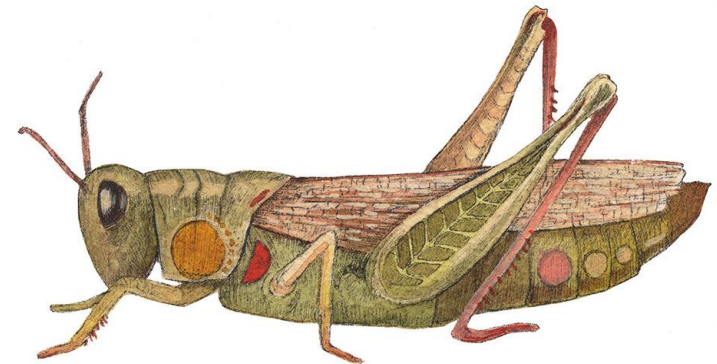
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Psalm 147:10-11

¹⁰ His **delight** is not in the strength of the horse,
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¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who **fear** him,
in those who **hope** in his steadfast love.

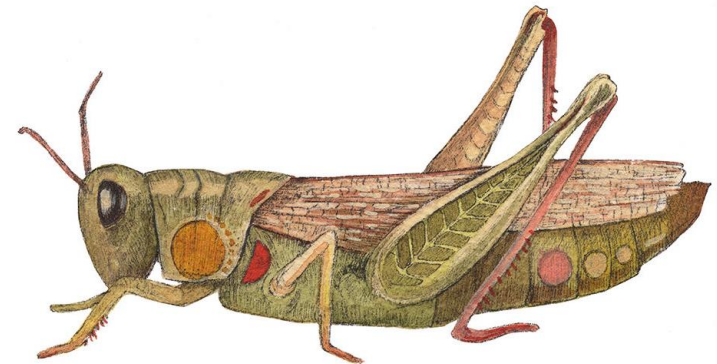


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²³ Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast in this,

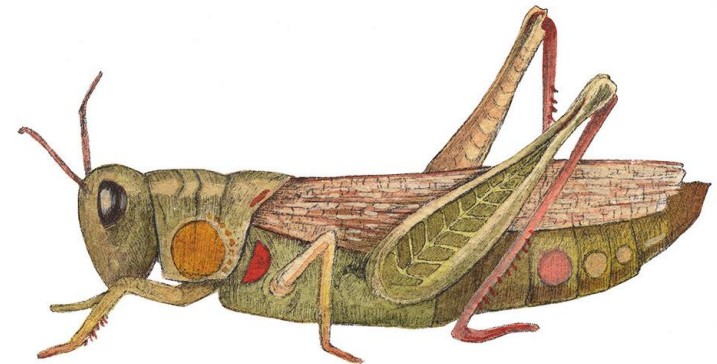


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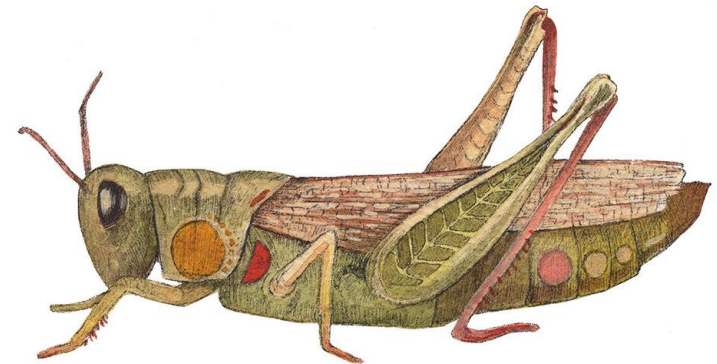
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²⁴ “that he **understands** and **knows** me, that I am the LORD who practices **steadfast love, justice, and righteousness** in the earth. For in these things I **delight**, declares the LORD.”



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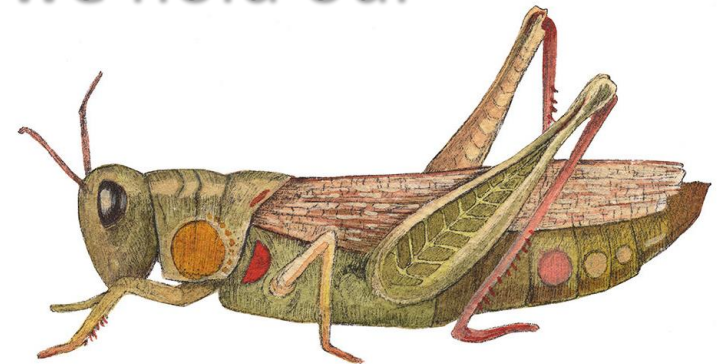
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Hebrews 3:12-14; 4:2

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.



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² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.



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Numbers 15:1-2

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land you are to inhabit, which I am giving you...”



