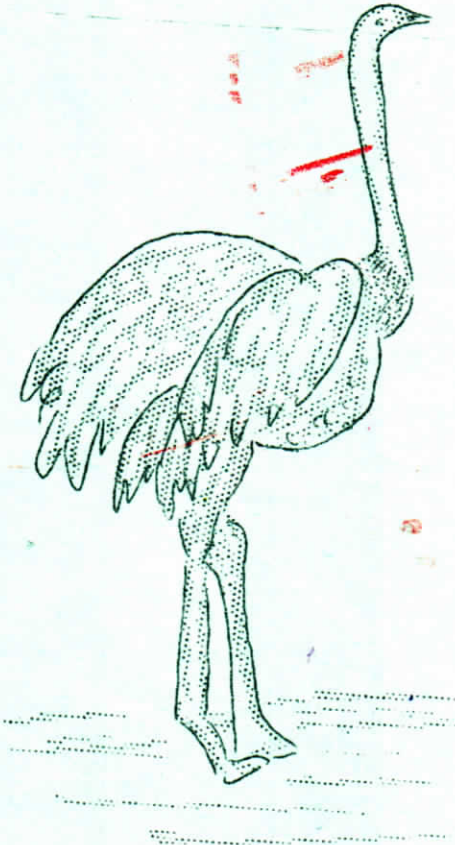


The ostrich is the largest bird mentioned in the Bible. In fact the ostrich is the largest bird living on our earth. The ostrich is 3 feet tall - which is taller than a man.



The ostrich has black feathers on its body. It has white feathers on the ends of its wings and also for tail feathers.

The ostrich has long legs that seem to be pink. These long legs help the ostrich run very fast. Job had seen this. He said when the ostrich begins to run, he leaves behind "the horse and the rider."

(Job 39:13)

The ostrich lays its eggs in a very shallow nest in the sand. This does not seem like a nest at all. Job had noticed this too. He says the ostrich -

Leaves her eggs on the earth  
and warms them in the dust.  
She forgets that a foot may crush them  
or a wild beast trample them.

(Job 39:14-15)

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The ostrich eats plants. She also eats lizards and turtles.

The ostrich likes to live in deserted places. In the Bible when God is saying a city is going to be destroyed, He often says -

The ostrich will live there.

(See Isaiah 13:21 and 34:13)

If ostriches lived in a city - the houses would be empty. The walls would be broken down. God does sometimes punish cities like this. The city is left empty. The ostrich comes to live there.