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Abimelech didn't want the Philistines to be guilty of **adultery**.

- **Genesis 26:11:** "And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

Under the Mosaic Law, an **adulteress** was defined as a married woman who had sex with a man she wasn't married to.

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- **Leviticus 20:10:** "And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death."
- **John 8:5:** "Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?"

Adultery defiles those who engage in it.

- **Leviticus 18:20:** "Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her."
- **Numbers 5:13:** "And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, neither she be taken with the manner;"
- **Numbers 5:14:** "And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:"
- **Numbers 5:27:** "And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people."
- **Numbers 5:28:** "And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed."
- **Numbers 5:29:** "This is the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside to another instead of her husband, and is defiled;"

- **Ezekiel 18:6:** "And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman,"
- **Ezekiel 33:26:** "Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?"
- **Matthew 15:19-20:** "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a man was jealous of his wife and suspected that she had committed **adultery** (but had no proof), he was to bring his wife to a priest so a test could be performed to see if she was innocent or guilty. (This test required a functioning temple and the woman to be in the presence of God, and was part of the Mosaic Law. This isn't something that can still be done today.)

- **Numbers 5:13-15b, 16, 24, 27-28:** "And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, neither she be taken with the manner; And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled: Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, ... And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the Lord: ... And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her,

and become bitter. ... And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people. And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed."

Under the Mosaic Law, part of the punishment for **adultery** was being made a curse and an oath among the people. (Adultery was something shameful.)

- **Numbers 5:21:** "Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell;"
- **Numbers 5:27:** "And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people."

When a woman commits **adultery**, she's sinning against her husband.

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become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people."

Under the Mosaic Law, **adultery** was to be shamed by the community. Those who engaged in it were to be shamed and cursed.

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- **Numbers 5:28:** "And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed."

Under the Mosaic Law, God gave wives a way to prove that they hadn't committed **adultery**. He also gave husbands a way to tell whether their wives had committed adultery or not.

- **Numbers 5:29-31:** "This is the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside to another instead of her husband, and is defiled; Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon

him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the Lord, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity."

Under the Mosaic Law, the Israelites were forbidden from committing **adultery**.

- **Exodus 20:14:** "Thou shalt not commit adultery."
- **Deuteronomy 5:18:** "Neither shalt thou commit adultery."
- **Matthew 19:18:** "He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,"
- **Mark 10:19:** "Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother."
- **Luke 18:20:** "Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother."
- **James 2:11:** "For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law."

Under the Mosaic Law, **adultery** was punished by death (for both the man and the woman).

- **Deuteronomy 22:22:** "If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the

woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel."

The Levite's concubine wasn't faithful to him. She was immoral and committed **adultery**.

- **Judges 19:2:** "And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Bethlehemjudah, and was there four whole months."

Phalti was guilty of **adultery**. (He should never have taken David's wife away from him.)

- **1 Samuel 25:44:** "But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim."

It seems the reason David was tempted to commit **adultery** with Bathsheba was because he failed to go to battle against the Ammonites with the rest of Israel, and instead remained behind at Jerusalem. (In other words, David wasn't where he should have been.)

- **2 Samuel 11:1-2:** "And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon."

David committed **adultery**.

- **2 Samuel 11:4:** "And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house."

It seems Bathsheba went along with David's plans to cover up their **adultery**. (She could have exposed it but didn't.)

- **2 Samuel 11:5:** "And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child."

Uriah was in Jerusalem for three days. This means David had three days in which he could have repented and confessed his sins, or stopped his plan to cover up his **adultery**. However, he didn't.

- **2 Samuel 11:12:** "And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow."

David shouldn't have committed **adultery** with Bathsheba.

- **2 Samuel 11:27:** "And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD."

Even though God was displeased when David committed **adultery** with Bathsheba and murdered Uriah, He didn't do anything right away. Instead He waited until after David married her and their child was born.

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After David committed **adultery** with Bathsheba and murdered Uriah, God sent Nathan to David.

- **2 Samuel 12:1:** "And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor."

Those who commit **adultery** are despising the commandment of God.

- **2 Samuel 12:9:** "Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon."

Since David hid his sin of **adultery**, God was going to raise up someone to have sex with David's wives in public, where it wouldn't be hidden.

- **2 Samuel 12:11:** "Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun."

God said that as punishment for David's **adultery** with

Bathsheba He was going to have someone have sex with David's wives in public, and that's exactly what happened. God did exactly what He said He would do.

- **2 Samuel 16:22:** "So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel."

David didn't turn aside from anything that God commanded him all the days of his life, with the exception of committing **adultery** with Bathsheba and murdering Uriah. (It seems the sin of the census isn't included, so this may be referring to times where David intentionally and deliberately sinned.)

- **1 Kings 15:5:** "Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite."

When David committed **adultery** with Bathsheba and murdered Uriah, he was turning aside from God's commandments.

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It seems that in ancient times, those who committed **adultery** tried to hide it (and attempted to disguise themselves).

- **Job 24:15:** "The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth his face."

Job believed that adultery was wrong.

- **Job 31:9:** "If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;"

In ancient times, **adultery** was a crime that was punished by judges.

- **Job 31:9, 11:** "If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door; ... For this is an heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges."

Job said that **adultery** was a fire that consumed to destruction, and which would destroy everything he had.

- **Job 31:9, 12:** "If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door; ... For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase."

It's wicked to support **adultery**.

- **Psalm 50:18:** "When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers."

Psalm 51 was written after David committed **adultery** with Bathsheba, and Nathan confronted him about it.

- **Psalm 51:0:** "To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had

gone in to Bathsheba."

Although David confessed that he had sinned, he didn't go into any detail about what his sin actually was. He didn't even mention the fact that he was guilty of both **adultery** and murder.

- **Psalm 51:3:** "For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me."

David said that he had only sinned against God. (This is because acts of **adultery** and murder break God's commandments, which mean all sins are committed against God.)

- **Psalm 51:4:** "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest."

Both the act of **adultery** and the desire to commit it are sinful.

- **Proverbs 6:25:** "Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids."

Adultery puts a person's life in danger. It leads to poverty and death.

- **Proverbs 6:26:** "For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life."

God doesn't condone **adultery** or take it lightly.

- **Proverbs 6:29:** "So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent."

Adultery is worse than theft.

- **Proverbs 6:30-32:** "Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house. But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul."

Adultery destroys the soul.

- **Proverbs 6:32:** "But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul."

The reproach of those who commit **adultery** won't be wiped away.

- **Proverbs 6:32-33:** "But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away."

The Bible says that when a wife commits **adultery**, her husband's desire for vengeance is justified.

- **Proverbs 6:34:** "For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance."

The immoral woman was at every street corner, looking for someone to commit **adultery** with.

- **Proverbs 7:12:** "Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.")"

The immoral woman talked about keeping her vows, but she was really breaking her vow by committing **adultery**.

- **Proverbs 7:14, 18:** "I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. ... Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves."

When the immoral woman's husband was gone, she took that as an opportunity to commit **adultery**.

- **Proverbs 7:19:** "For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:"

The immoral woman told the young man that her husband wouldn't come home until a specific day, which meant he wouldn't get caught if he committed **adultery** with her.

- **Proverbs 7:20:** "He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed."

The immoral woman was the one who sought out the young man, and tempted him. It was the **adulterous** wife who did this, and not the young man.

- **Proverbs 7:21:** "With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him."

The young man was a fool to commit **adultery** with the married woman.

- **Proverbs 7:22:** "He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;"

The young man was risking his life by committing **adultery** with the immoral woman.

- **Proverbs 7:22:** "He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;"

When the young man committed **adultery** with the woman, he contracted a fatal disease that killed him.

- **Proverbs 7:23:** "Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life."

If a married woman performs oral sex on someone who's not her husband, she's committing **adultery**. It's a sin and an act of wickedness.

- **Proverbs 30:20:** "Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness."

There are **adulterous** women who claim that they're not sinning. They claim they've done nothing wrong (which is a

lie).

- **Proverbs 30:20:** "Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness."

God said that He divorced Israel for her idolatry (which He referred to as **adultery**).

- **Jeremiah 3:8:** "And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also."

God said that Judah committed **adultery** with stones and with stocks (idols). Since Judah and Israel were married to God through the covenant they made with Him, when they worshiped idols they were guilty of a form of adultery.

- **Jeremiah 3:9:** "And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks."

God compared the idolatry of Israel to a wife who committed **adultery**.

- **Jeremiah 3:20:** "Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD."

Adultery is an act of treachery.

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During the days of Jeremiah, **adultery** was widespread.

- **Jeremiah 5:7:** "How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses."

God said that all of the Jews were guilty of **adultery**.

- **Jeremiah 5:8:** "They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife."

The Jews who were going into the temple to worship God were guilty of adultery (which they then tried to justify by saying they had a license to sin).

- **Jeremiah 7:2, 9-10:** "Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord. ... Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?"

God said that when the Jews committed **adultery** they were

provoking themselves.

- **Jeremiah 7:19:** "Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?"

Jeremiah said that all of the Jews were **adulterers**.

- **Jeremiah 9:2:** "Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men."

God said that He had seen the **adulteries** of the Jews. (In this context it seems to be referring to idolatry.)

- **Jeremiah 13:27:** "I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?"

In the days of Jeremiah the land of Judah was full of **adulterers**.

- **Jeremiah 23:10:** "For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right."

It's a horrible thing for prophets to commit **adultery**.

- **Jeremiah 23:14:** "I have seen also in the prophets of

Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness; they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah."

One of the reasons God was going to kill Zedekiah and Ahab with fire was because they were guilty of **adultery**.

- **Jeremiah 29:22-23:** "And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah which are in Babylon, saying, The Lord make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire; Because they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and am a witness, saith the LORD."

Jeremiah said that Judah's lovers (who she had committed **adultery** with) are now gone. The nations she depended on for strength (instead of relying on God) had abandoned her.

- **Lamentations 1:2:** "She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies."

God compared Israel to a woman that He saved, washed, clothed, and gave great riches and beauty to, who then turned around and used all of His blessings to commit **adultery** with everyone who passed by.

- **Ezekiel 16:15:** "But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was."

When Israel worshiped idols she was guilty of spiritual **adultery**, because she was worshiping gods other than the One that she had a covenant with.

- **Ezekiel 16:30-32:** "How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord God, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman; In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire; But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!"

God was going to punish the Jews for their idolatry (which He compared to **adultery**) the same way Mosaic Law said a woman guilty of adultery was to be judged. (Under the Law, such a person was to be executed.)

- **Ezekiel 16:38:** "And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy."

If a man is just and doesn't commit **adultery**, he won't die. (In other words, sin leads to death.)

- **Ezekiel 18:6:** "And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman,"

- **Ezekiel 18:15:** "That hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbour's wife,"

A wife who commits **adultery** defiles herself.

- **Ezekiel 18:11:** "And that doeth not any of those duties, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife,"

It's an abomination in the sight of God to commit **adultery**.

- **Ezekiel 22:11:** "And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter."

God said that Jerusalem and Samaria had committed **adultery**. (This was a reference to their idolatry.)

- **Ezekiel 23:37:** "That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them."
- **Ezekiel 23:45:** "And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands."

God compared the Jews to a whore who had been committing **adultery** since the days of her youth. The Jews had worshiped

idols back in Egypt, and were still worshipping idols in the days of Ezekiel.

- **Ezekiel 23:43:** "Then said I unto her that was old in adulteries, Will they now commit whoredoms with her, and she with them?"

Righteous men were going to judge both Jerusalem and Samaria the way that an **adulteress** was judged. (Under the Mosaic Law, people who committed adultery were to be put to death.)

- **Ezekiel 23:45:** "And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands."

Since the Jews committed **adultery**, He wasn't going to allow them to continue to live in the promised land.

- **Ezekiel 33:26:** "Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?"

Since Israel was the wife of God, idolatry was a form of **adultery** (because Israel was seeking after other gods and serving them). The reason God divorced Israel, and was no longer her husband, was because of her idolatry.

- **Hosea 2:2:** "Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;"

God commanded Hosea to love a woman who was an **adulteress**. (This was an illustration of God's love for Israel, and His ultimate plan to redeem her.)

- **Hosea 3:1:** "Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine."

Hosea bought his **adulterous** wife back. He paid 15 pieces of silver, and 1.5 homers of barley in order to get her back. (This looked forward to God's redemption of Israel.)

- **Hosea 3:1-2:** "Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine. So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley:"

God punishes nations for committing **adultery**.

- **Hosea 4:2-3:** "By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away."

The children of Israel were **adulterous** and faithless. (This seems to be a reference to their idolatry.)

- **Hosea 4:12:** "My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God."

The king and princes of Israel were **adulterers**. (This is most likely a reference to idolatry, which is referred to as adultery because the people were seeking after false gods instead of the God they made a covenant with.)

- **Hosea 7:3-4:** "They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies. They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened."

One day God is going to punish **adulterers**.

- **Malachi 3:5:** "And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts."

One of the ancestors of Jesus was Solomon, who was the product of the union between David and Bathsheba. This is in spite of the fact David committed **adultery** with her and then murdered her husband to obtain her as his wife. (God really did forgive David, just as He promised.)

- **Matthew 1:6:** "And Jesse begat David the king; and David

the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias;"

Jesus taught that the law of God regarding **adultery** was much broader than what people understood.

- **Matthew 5:27-28:** "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

Those who lust after a woman have committed **adultery** with her in their heart. (In other words, the desire to commit adultery is a sin, even if that desire is never acted upon.)

- **Matthew 5:28:** "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

Men who marry a woman who was divorced for a reason other than sexual immorality are guilty of **adultery**. (This is because God considers her to still be married to her original spouse, which means the new marriage is actually an act of adultery.)

- **Matthew 5:32:** "But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."
- **Matthew 19:9:** "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her

which is put away doth commit adultery."

- **Luke 16:18:** "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery."

Those who divorce their wives for a reason other than sexual immorality cause them to commit **adultery**. (This is because God doesn't recognize the divorce. When she remarries, God considers her new relationship to be immoral because in His sight she's still married to her original spouse.)

- **Matthew 5:32:** "But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

The generation of the time of Jesus was **adulterous**.

- **Matthew 12:39:** "But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:"
- **Matthew 16:4:** "A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed."
- **Mark 8:38:** "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Rulers don't have the right to commit adultery. (Herod had no right to commit adultery with his brother's wife.)

- **Matthew 14:3-4:** "For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her."
- **Luke 3:19-20:** "But Herod the tetrarch, being reprov'd by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison."

It seems that Herod was attracted to the daughter of a woman he was committing **adultery** with.

- **Matthew 14:6:** "But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod."

When John the Baptist condemned Herod and Herodias for committing **adultery**, they didn't repent. Instead they put him to death.

- **Matthew 14:10:** "And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison."

If we want to overcome **adultery** then we must cleanse our heart. (This is because adultery comes from the heart.)

- **Matthew 15:19:** "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:"

- **Mark 7:21:** "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,"

Any man who divorces his wife for a reason other than sexual immorality, and then marries another woman is committing **adultery** against his original spouse. (This is because God doesn't recognize his divorce, and considers his new relationship to be an act of adultery.)

- **Matthew 19:9:** "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."
- **Mark 10:11:** "And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her."
- **Luke 16:18:** "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery."

Any woman who divorces her husband for a reason other than sexual immorality, and marries someone else is committing **adultery**. (This is because God doesn't recognize his divorce, and considers his new relationship to be an act of adultery.)

- **Mark 10:12:** "And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery."

In the parable of the Pharisee and the publican, the Pharisee believed that he wasn't an adulterer.

- **Luke 18:11:** "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican."

We must not commit **adultery**.

- **2 Samuel 12:9:** "Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon."
- **Psalms 50:18:** "When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers."
- **Jeremiah 7:9:** "Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;"
- **Jeremiah 23:14:** "I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness; they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah."
- **Jeremiah 29:23:** "Because they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and am a witness, saith the LORD."
- **Ezekiel 22:11:** "And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly

defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter."

- **Ezekiel 33:26:** "Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?"
- **Hosea 4:2:** "By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood."
- **Matthew 5:27:** "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:"
- **Matthew 14:3-4:** "For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her."
- **Matthew 15:19:** "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:"
- **Matthew 19:18:** "He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,"
- **Mark 7:21:** "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,"
- **Mark 10:19:** "Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother."
- **Luke 18:20:** "Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother."
- **John 8:4, 11:** "They say unto him, Master, this woman

was taken in adultery, in the very act. ... She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

- **Romans 13:9:** "For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."
- **1 Corinthians 6:9:** "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,"

Although the scribes and Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who was guilty of **adultery**, they didn't bring the person she was committing adultery with. It seems that they wanted to punish the woman but not the man (even though the Mosaic Law required both of them to be put to death).

- **John 8:3-4:** "And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act."

The reason the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who was caught committing **adultery** to Jesus was to tempt Him. They were hoping to use His answer to destroy Him.

- **John 8:4-6:** "They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they

might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not."

When the scribes and Pharisees asked Jesus what should be done with the woman who was caught committing **adultery**, He didn't say she shouldn't be stoned. Instead He said she should be punished by someone who was innocent, not someone who was also guilty.

- **John 8:7:** "So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

Those who preach that it's wrong to commit **adultery** must not be guilty of adultery themselves.

- **Romans 2:22:** "Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?"

God doesn't permit divorce for reasons other than sexual immorality. A woman who leaves her husband to marry someone is committing **adultery** because in God's sight she's still married to her original husband. That means her new relationship is an act of adultery.

- **Romans 7:3:** "So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."

Adultery is the opposite of love.

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Adulterers won't inherit the kingdom of God.

- **1 Corinthians 6:9:** "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,"

Those who are saved must repent of their sins and stop committing them. Being a Christian is completely incompatible with being an **adulterer**. If you're an unrepentant adulterer then you're not a Christian.

- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11:** "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

One of the sinful works of the flesh is **adultery**.

- **Galatians 5:19:** "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,"

Paul commanded older women to teach young women to avoid **adultery**.

- **Titus 2:5:** "To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

God will judge **adulterers**.

- **Hebrews 13:4:** "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

If a person doesn't commit adultery but is guilty of murder then he's a transgressor of the law (even though he only broke one of God's commandments).

- **James 2:11:** "For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law."

James called the Christians he was writing to **adulterers** and adulteresses. This is because they had made friends with the world, which was a form of spiritual adultery.

- **James 4:4:** "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

The wicked have eyes that are full of **adultery**. They're full of lusts for sexual sin.

- **2 Peter 2:14:** "Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:"

Those who commit **adultery** must repent.

- **Revelation 2:22:** "Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds."

BESTIALITY

Under the Mosaic Law, **bestiality** (having sex with animals) was forbidden. Those who committed that wicked act were to be put to death.

- **Exodus 22:19:** "Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death."

FORNICATION, FORNICATE, FORNICATING, FORNICATIONS, FORNICATOR, FORNICATORS

Note: Fornication refers to sexual sin in general. Adultery is the sin of having sex with someone who's married, but isn't married to you. (In other words, adultery is a specific type of fornication.) If two people who aren't married to anyone have sex, they're guilty of fornication but *not* adultery. Those who commit adultery are also guilty of fornication.

After God didn't allow Balaam to curse Israel, the Israelites began **fornicating** with Moabite women (which was a serious sin). This caused God to curse Israel (which was Balaam's plan).

- **Numbers 25:1:** "And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab."

The Israelites were also committing **fornication** with Midianite women.

- **Numbers 25:6:** "And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation."

When Phinehas executed the Israelite man and the Moabite woman he was **fornicating** with, the plague that God sent upon Israel was stopped. (Under the Mosaic Law, sexual

immorality was punished by death.)

- **Numbers 25:8:** "And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel."

When Phinehas executed the Israelite man and the Moabite woman who he was **fornicating** with, he stopped God from consuming the Israelites in His jealousy. (This is because he did what God commanded. Under the Mosaic Law, sexual immorality was punished by death.)

- **Numbers 25:11:** "Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy."

When Phinehas executed the Israelite who publicly brought a Midianite woman into camp to **fornicate** with her, the person he killed was a prince of the tribe of Simeon. (This means the man who was publicly flaunting his sin in front of the entire nation was one of the tribal leaders.)

- **Numbers 25:14:** "Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, even that was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites."

When the Midianites tempted Israel to worship their gods and **fornicate** with their women, God commanded Moses to smite them.

- **Numbers 25:17-18:** "Vex the Midianites, and smite them: For they vex you with their wives, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake."

God required Eli to restrain his sons from abusing His sacrifices and **fornicating** with the women who came to worship Him. However, Eli did nothing.

- **1 Samuel 2:22:** "Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation."
- **1 Samuel 3:13:** "For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not."

Jehoram caused the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem to commit **fornication**. (It seems this was connected to pagan worship.)

- **2 Chronicles 21:11:** "Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah thereto."

God compared idolatry to **fornication**.

- **2 Chronicles 21:13:** "But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of

the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which were better than thyself:"

Both the act of **fornication**, and the desire to commit it, is a sin.

- **Proverbs 6:25:** "Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids."

It's wrong for women to leave their home and prowl the city, looking for someone to **fornicate** with.

- **Proverbs 7:12:** "Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner."

There are people who have died from diseases that were contracted by committing **fornication**.

- **Proverbs 7:23:** "Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life."

We must not desire **fornication**.

- **Proverbs 7:25:** "Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths."

The Jews went to the top of a lofty and high mountain to commit **fornication**. (This seems to refer to idolatry.)

- **Isaiah 57:7:** "Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer

sacrifice."

Israel used the beauty that God gave her to **fornicate** with the nations. Instead of being faithful to God she was faithless, and pursued relationships with others.

- **Ezekiel 16:15:** "But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was."

God compared Israel's relationship with the Egyptians to **fornication**. Israel trusted in the Egyptians instead of in God, and hired the Egyptians instead of seeking God.

- **Ezekiel 16:26:** "Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger."

God compared Israel's relationship with the Assyrians to **fornication**. Israel sought after the Assyrians instead of seeking after God.

- **Ezekiel 16:28:** "Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied."

God condemned Israel's actions as **fornication**. (This seems to be a reference to her idolatry.)

- **Ezekiel 16:29:** "Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet

thou wast not satisfied therewith."

God said that people paid prostitutes for what they did. However, the nation of Israel paid her lovers. Israel was so wicked that the nation paid others to **fornicate** with her. (This seems to be a reference to Israel hiring other nations to defend her in battle.)

- **Ezekiel 16:33:** "They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom."

The Jews worshiped many idols, which God compared to **fornication**.

- **Ezekiel 16:36:** "Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them;"
- **Ezekiel 20:30:** "Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations?"

God compares idolatry to lewdness. Idolatry is a form of **fornication**, because those who engage in it are worshiping another god instead of the Lord.

- **Ezekiel 23:21:** "Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in bruising thy teats by the Egyptians for the paps of thy youth."

- **Ezekiel 23:35:** "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms."

It's a sin to lust after women, even if we never **fornicate** with them.

- **Matthew 5:28:** "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

If we want to overcome **fornication** then we must cleanse our heart. (This is because sexual sin comes from a wicked heart.)

- **Matthew 15:19:** "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:"
- **Mark 7:21:** "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,"

Fornication defiles people.

- **Matthew 15:19-20:** "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man."

The reason John the Baptist was executed was because he rebuked the king for his sexual immorality. The person the king was **fornicating** with became angry and had John the

Baptist put to death.

- **Mark 6:27:** "And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,"

The Jews accused Jesus of being the product of **fornication**. (This was a vicious slander. Jesus was born of a virgin, which fulfilled a Messianic prophecy.)

- **John 8:41:** "Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God."

The elders at the church at Jerusalem taught that the Gentiles must abstain from **fornication**.

- **Acts 21:25:** "As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written and concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication."

Fornication is a sin.

- **Romans 1:28-29, 32:** "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ... Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the

same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

Having sex with your stepmother is an example of **fornication**.

- **1 Corinthians 5:1:** "It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife."

The sin of fornication deserved immediate judgment. (Specifically, the person in the church who was guilty of that sin was to be cast out. Paul did *not* teach that the church had the right to put sinners to death.)

- **1 Corinthians 5:3:** "For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,"
- **1 Corinthians 5:13:** "But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person."

The letter of 1 Corinthians wasn't first letter Paul wrote to the Corinthian church. He wrote a letter before this one in which he told the Corinthians to not hang around **fornicators**, but to distance themselves from those who engaged in sexual sin.

- **1 Corinthians 5:9:** "I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:"

Fornicators won't inherit the kingdom of God. (A person can't be a Christian and sexually immoral at the same time. Those

who go to Christ for forgiveness must repent of their sins *and turn from them.*)

- **1 Corinthians 6:9:** "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,"

Christians must never engage in **fornication**.

- **1 Corinthians 10:8:** "Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand."
- **Ephesians 5:3:** "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;"
- **Colossians 3:5:** "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:"
- **Hebrews 12:15-16:** "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright."
- **Revelation 2:14:** "But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication."
- **Revelation 2:20:** "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel,

which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols."

There are times when God kills people for engaging in **fornication**.

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One of the sinful works of the flesh is **fornication**.

- **Galatians 5:19:** "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,"

It's God's will for people to abstain from **fornication**. (This is an important part of our sanctification.)

- **1 Thessalonians 4:3:** "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:"

Paul commanded older women to teach young women to avoid **fornication**.

- **Titus 2:5:** "To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

The inhabitants of Sodom gave themselves over to

fornication.

- **Jude 1:7:** "Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Balaam told Balak to tempt the Israelites into committing **fornication**.

- **Revelation 2:14:** "But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication."

It's wrong to teach people to commit **fornication**.

- **Revelation 2:20:** "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols."

Jesus said that because Jezebel was guilty of **fornication** and wouldn't repent, He was going to cast her into great tribulation.

- **Revelation 2:21-22:** "And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds."

In order to be saved you must repent of **fornication**.

- **Revelation 9:21:** "Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."

The woman in Revelation 17 is called a "great whore". When the Bible speaks of **fornication** in a symbolic context it's talking about false religion. That means the woman represents some sort of idolatry.

- **Revelation 17:1:** "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:"

When talking about Babylon, the angel spoke of the "wine of the wrath of her **fornication**". Babylon's idolatry (which is referred to as an act of fornication) was accompanied by great wrath (which can be seen by the way the antichrist persecuted the saints and overcame them.)

- **Revelation 18:3:** "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."

No unrepentant **fornicator** will be saved. Instead they'll be cast into the lake of fire.

- **Revelation 21:8:** "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and **whoremongers**, and

sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

In order to be saved, **fornicators** must repent of their sin and turn away from it.

- **Revelation 22:14-15:** "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

HARLOT, HARLOTS, HARLOTRY

Note: Harlot is another word for prostitute (although it may also refer to a woman who was sexually immoral).

Under the Mosaic Law, priests were forbidden from marrying **harlots**.

- **Leviticus 21:14:** "A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a priest married a **harlot** then his children would be unclean. God didn't allow a priest to have unclean children.

- **Leviticus 21:14-15:** "A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife. Neither shall he profane his seed among his people: for I the LORD do sanctify him."

Joshua referred to Rahab as a **harlot**.

- **Joshua 6:22:** "But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye swear unto her."

The foolish young person didn't try to avoid the **harlot** (which was a terrible mistake). Instead he went down the way to her house.

- **Proverbs 7:7-8:** "And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,"

The foolish young person went by the house of the **harlot** at night (which was a very bad idea).

- **Proverbs 7:9:** "In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:"

The immoral woman wore the attire of a **harlot**. (The clothing that people wear communicates a message.)

- **Proverbs 7:10:** "And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart."

It seems that in ancient times **harlots** sang in order to attract clients.

- **Isaiah 23:15:** "And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot."

God compared the idolatry of the Jews to **harlotry**.

- **Jeremiah 2:20:** "For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot."
- **Jeremiah 3:1:** "They say, If a man put away his wife, and

she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD."

- **Jeremiah 3:6:** "The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot."

God said that both Israel and Judah were guilty of **harlotry** (which in this case is a reference to their idolatry).

- **Jeremiah 3:8:** "And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also."

God said that when He fed the Jews and they were full, they went in large groups to the houses of **harlots**.

- **Jeremiah 5:7:** "How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses."

God said that the nation of Israel was worse than a prostitute, because prostitutes got paid for what they did. Israel was acting like a **harlot** but wasn't getting paid.

- **Ezekiel 16:31-32:** "In that thou buildest thine eminent

place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire; But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!"

God called the nation of Israel a **harlot**.

- **Ezekiel 16:35:** "Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD:"

Aholibah was a **harlot** when she was in Egypt. (This seems to be a reference to Israel's worship of idols while they were still in Egypt.)

- **Ezekiel 23:19:** "Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt."

Hosea told his wife that she must no longer be a **harlot**. She had to remain faithful to Hosea. (This is a picture of God commanding Israel to be faithful to Him.)

- **Hosea 3:3:** "And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee."

In the end times (the tribulation era), people will sell the Jews into slavery and spend the money on **harlots**.

- **Joel 3:3:** "And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink."

God compared witchcraft to **harlotry**.

- **Nahum 3:4:** "Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts."

In the time of Jesus, the publicans and **harlots** were more righteous than Israel's religious leadership. (This is because the harlots repented, while the religious leaders didn't.)

- **Matthew 21:31-32:** "Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him."

The woman in Revelation 17 is called the mother of **harlots**. (This seems to refer to idolatry.)

- **Revelation 17:5:** "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

INCEST

Note: there are a *lot* more passages in the Bible that discuss this topic. However, since my notes on those passages don't contain the word "incest", they don't appear in this section. That means those notes are in other topical documents instead. (If I ever have the time to produce a third edition of this document, I'll track them down and add them here. I have too much other material to go through at this time.)

Tamar believed that David would allow Ammon to marry her, even though he was *her brother*. (In other words, she believed that David wouldn't object to **incest**. This is shocking because the Mosaic Law forbade it.)

- **2 Samuel 13:1, 13:** "And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. ... And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee."

In God's sight, both **incest** and having sex with a menstruating women were *equally serious violations* of the Mosaic Law. They were both abominations in His sight that were worthy of His judgment. (This is because there are no sins that aren't worthy of God's everlasting damnation. That being said, we're no longer under the Mosaic Law. Although incest is still forbidden under the new covenant, menstrual separation is no longer required.)

- **Ezekiel 22:10:** "In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was set

apart for pollution."

It's an abomination to God to engage in **incest**.

- **Ezekiel 22:10:** "In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was set apart for pollution."
- **Ezekiel 22:11:** "And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter."

LEWD, LEWDNESS, LEWDLY, LASCIVIOUSNESS

Sexual sins are acts of **lewdness**.

- **Ezekiel 22:11:** "And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter."

The Levite told the Israelites at Mizpeh that the reason he cut up his concubine's corpse and sent its pieces throughout the country was because the Benjamites of Gibeah were guilty of **lewdness** in Israel.

- **Judges 20:6:** "And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel."

God said the generation of Jews who were alive during Jeremiah's day had wrought **lewdness** with many. (This seems to be referring to the fact that they worshiped many different false gods.)

- **Jeremiah 11:15:** "What hath my beloved to do in mine house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest."

God said He had seen the **lewdness** of the Jews. (In this

context it seems to be referring to idolatry.)

- **Jeremiah 13:27:** "I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?"

The Jews were guilty of **lewdness**. (This seems to be a reference to their idolatry.)

- **Ezekiel 16:58:** "Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the LORD."
- **Ezekiel 22:9:** "In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness."

It's an abomination to God to commit **lewdness**.

- **Ezekiel 22:9:** "In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness."

God compares idolatry to **lewdness**. This is because the Israelites were worshiping another god instead of the Lord.

- **Ezekiel 23:21:** "Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in bruising thy teats by the Egyptians for the paps of thy youth."
- **Ezekiel 23:35:** "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms."

God was going to put an end to the lewdness (idolatry) of the Jews.

- **Ezekiel 23:27:** "Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom brought from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more."

God called Aholah (Samaria) and Aholibah (Jerusalem) **lewd** women. (This is a reference to the idolatry of those nations.)

- **Ezekiel 23:44:** "Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot: so went they in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd women."

Jerusalem had been made unclean by **lewdness**. (This seems to be a reference to idolatry.)

- **Ezekiel 24:13:** "In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee."

Our heart produces **lasciviousness** (sexual immorality).

- **Mark 7:22:** "Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:"

The Jews of Thessalonica used a mob of **lewd** and base people to assault the house of Jason.

- **Acts 17:5:** "But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people."

Gallio told the Jews of Corinth that he would have listened to them if Paul had been guilty of wicked **lewdness**.

- **Acts 18:14:** "And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you:"

One of the sinful works of the flesh is **lasciviousness** (sexual immorality).

- **Galatians 5:19:** "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,"

Lasciviousness (sexual immorality) is a sin.

- **1 Peter 4:3, 5:** "For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: ... Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead."

PROSTITUTE, PROSTITUTES, PROSTITUTION

Simeon and Levi claimed that Shechem had treated Dinah like a **prostitute**. (That was actually a lie. Shechem tried to marry her and promised to pay whatever price was necessary to do that. That's not how people treat prostitutes.)

- **Genesis 34:31:** "And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?"

The sons of Jacob claimed that their hatred of sexual immorality justified slaughtering every male in an entire town (which was an act of mass murder). Yet later in life Judah casually had sex with a woman who he thought was **prostitute** (but who was actually his daughter-in-law Tamar). (This means at best they were being deeply hypocritical. At worst they were lying about why they murdered a *huge* number of innocent people.)

- **Genesis 34:31:** "And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?"

The reason Judah thought that Tamar was a **prostitute** was because she was wearing a veil. (It seems that in ancient times, prostitutes wore veils.)

- **Genesis 38:13-15:** "And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep. And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto

him to wife. When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face."

When Judah saw Tamar and thought she was a **prostitute**, he immediately went to her and asked to have sex with her. (It's quite possible that Judah regularly had sex with prostitutes.)

- **Genesis 38:15-16:** "When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face. And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?"

There were times when Judah used his friend Hirah (the Adullamite) to pay the **prostitutes** he had sex with.

- **Genesis 38:20:** "And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not."

Judah wasn't concerned about the sin of having sex with a **prostitute**. However, he was worried about people finding out about it.

- **Genesis 38:23:** "And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her."

Under the Mosaic Law, **prostitution** was forbidden.

- **Leviticus 19:29:** "Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and

the land become full of wickedness."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a male or female **prostitute** was paid for having sex, that money couldn't be used to pay a vow that had made to God. (Since that money was earned through wickedness, it was an abomination in God's sight.)

- **Deuteronomy 23:18:** "Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God."

When the two spies that Joshua sent into Canaan reached Jericho, they stayed at the house of a **prostitute**.

- **Joshua 2:1:** "And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there."

Rahab was a **prostitute**.

- **Joshua 2:1:** "And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there."
- **Joshua 6:17:** "And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent."
- **Joshua 6:22:** "But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and

bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her."

- **Joshua 6:25:** "And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho."
- **Hebrews 11:31:** "By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace."
- **James 2:25:** "Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?"

Jephthah was the son of a **prostitute**.

- **Judges 11:1:** "Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah."

The reason the sons of Gilead cast Jephthah out was because he was the son of a **prostitute**.

- **Judges 11:1-2:** "Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah. And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of a strange woman."

Samson had sex with a **prostitute** in Gaza (even though this was a violation of the Mosaic Law).

- **Judges 16:1:** "Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her."

Samson remained with the **prostitute** in Gaza until midnight.

- **Judges 16:1-3:** "Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her. And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron."

It seems **prostitution** was openly practiced during the reign of Solomon (even though it was forbidden under the Mosaic Law under penalty of death).

- **1 Kings 3:16:** "Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him."

The **prostitute** whose child died actually *wanted* to have a child. When her child died, she took someone else's child.

- **1 Kings 3:20:** "And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom."

There's a specific style of clothing that's associated with **prostitution**. (The clothing that people wear sends a message.)

- **Proverbs 7:10:** "And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart."

Using **prostitutes** leads to poverty. It doesn't end well.

- **Proverbs 29:3:** "Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance."

The city of Jerusalem had become a **prostitute** in the sight of God. (This seems to be a reference to idolatry.)

- **Isaiah 1:21:** "How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers."

It seems that in ancient times **prostitutes** played a harp in cities to attract clients.

- **Isaiah 23:16:** "Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered."

God compared the way the Jews pursued idolatry to a **prostitute** who rushed out to gratify her desires. He commanded them to stop doing that. (However, they refused.)

- **Jeremiah 2:25:** "Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go."

God compared Israel to a **prostitute**. (This seems to be a reference to their idolatry.)

- **Ezekiel 16:16:** "And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so. Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them,"

God compared Israel's worship of idols to a **prostitute** who had sex with everyone who passed by.

- **Ezekiel 16:25:** "Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms."

God said that the nation of Israel was worse than a **prostitute**, because prostitutes got paid for their actions. Israel was acting like a harlot, but instead of getting paid she was paying her lovers.

- **Ezekiel 16:31-33:** "In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire; But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband! They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom."

God said that the Sabeans went in the Jews, as a man goes to a **prostitute**. (The Jews worshiped the idols of the pagan nations they lured to Jerusalem.)

- **Ezekiel 23:44:** "Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot: so went they in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd women."

In the end times (the tribulation era), the nations of the world will be immoral. They'll sell people into slavery in order to hire **prostitutes**.

- **Joel 3:3:** "And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink."

It's a terrible thing to be a **prostitute**.

- **Amos 7:16-17:** "Now therefore hear thou the word of the Lord: Thou sayest, Prophecy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac. Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land."

God compares the money that's given to idols to the money that's given to **prostitutes**.

- **Micah 1:7:** "And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered it of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot."

The people who John the Baptist called a generation of vipers weren't publicans and **prostitutes**, but the religious leaders of Israel.

- **Matthew 3:7:** "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

In the parable of the prodigal son, the oldest son believed that the younger son had wasted his inheritance on **prostitutes**.

- **Luke 15:30:** "But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf."

Christians must never engage in **prostitution**. It's wrong to take our body (which is part of the body of Christ) and join it with a prostitute. That is vile and wicked.

- **1 Corinthians 6:15:** "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid."

When Christians have sex with someone, they're joining that person to the body of Christ. That means **prostitution** joins something unclean to the holy body of Christ, which is a terrible sin.

- **1 Corinthians 6:16:** "What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh."

If a Christian is married to an unbeliever, the reason they can have sex is because the Christian sanctifies the unbeliever (as far as their physical relationship goes). That's why they can have sex without bringing something unclean into the body of Christ (which is what happens when a Christian has sex with a **prostitute**).

- **1 Corinthians 7:14:** "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy."

RAPED, RAPE, RAPING, RAVISHED, RAPES, RAPIST, RAVISH, RAPISTS

Even though Lot knew the men of Sodom were **rapists**, he continued to live in that city anyway (even though he could have left that wicked city and went elsewhere).

- **Genesis 19:5:** "And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them."

Lot was willing to hand over both of his daughters to a gang of **rapists**, so they could do whatever they wanted to them. (In other words, Lot tried to protect the two men who were staying with him from rapists, but he didn't try to protect his own daughters.)

- **Genesis 19:8:** "Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof."

The men of Sodom told Lot that since he had told them that **raping** people was wicked, they were going to do worse things to him than they had planned on doing to his guests.

- **Genesis 19:9:** "And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door."

Angels rescued Lot from an angry mob of **rapists**.

- **Genesis 19:10:** "But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door."

The men of Sodom who had surrounded Lot's house, and who wanted to **rape** his guests, included the leaders of the city.

- **Genesis 19:11:** "And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door."

Even though the men of Sodom just tried to **rape** Lot's guests, and even though the two angels had just told him that God was going to destroy that city for its wickedness, he *still* didn't want to leave.

- **Genesis 19:16:** "And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city."

When Potiphar's wife saw that Joseph wouldn't have sex with her, she decided to falsely accuse him of trying to **rape** her in order to destroy him.

- **Genesis 39:13-15:** "And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie

with me, and I cried with a loud voice: And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out."

Even though God was with Joseph, He didn't prevent him from being falsely accused of **rape**.

- **Genesis 39:2, 17:** "And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. ... And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:"

When Joseph was cast into prison, God was with him. (However, the Lord didn't stop Joseph from being falsely accused of **rape** and cast into prison.)

- **Genesis 39:21:** "But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison."

Under the Mosaic Law, **rape** victims were required to cry out. If they didn't then the law assumed she consented to the sex and was therefore guilty of adultery.

- **Deuteronomy 22:24:** "Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a man **raped** a woman, the rapist was to be put to death. (However, only the man was executed. The woman wasn't punished, since she was wholly innocent of any wrongdoing.)

- **Deuteronomy 22:25:** "But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die."
- **Deuteronomy 22:26b:** "But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death: ..."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a man had sex with a woman who was engaged to someone else, and they had sex within a field, then only the man was to be put to death. In that case the law assumed the man **raped** her, because it couldn't be proven that the woman didn't cry out (since no one was around to hear her scream).

- **Deuteronomy 22:25:** "But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die."

The Mosaic Law compared the victim of **rape** to the victim of murder. Just as a murder victim didn't do anything wrong, but was the innocent victim of someone who rose up against him and killed him, so the rape victim did nothing wrong as well and therefore must not be punished.

- **Deuteronomy 22:26:** "But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so is this matter:"

In the days of Joshua, the Benjamites were **rapists**.

- **Judges 19:22:** "Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him."

The Levite took his concubine and gave her to the Benjamites so they could spend the night **raping** her. (He did nothing to protect her. As a Levite he could have cried out to God for help, but he didn't.)

- **Judges 19:25:** "But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go."

The Levite didn't care that his concubine had been **raped** all night by a group of Benjamites. He treated her incredibly callously.

- **Judges 19:28:** "And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered. Then the man took her up upon an ass, and the man rose up, and gat him unto his place."

Shortly after the Benjamites spent the night **raping** the Levite's concubine, she died. (In other words, the vicious and violent actions of the Benjamites killed her.)

- **Judges 19:28:** "And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered. Then the man took her up upon an ass, and the man rose up, and gat him unto his place."

The Levite told the Israelites at Mizpeh that the men of Gibeah **raped** his concubine to death.

- **Judges 20:5:** "And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, and thought to have slain me: and my concubine have they forced, that she is dead."

The Benjamites actually *defended* the **rapists** and murderers of Gibeah (and thereby became accessories to what they had done). They refused to allow them to be prosecuted for raping a woman to death.

- **Judges 20:13:** "Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel."

The Israelites only wanted to punish the people who **raped** the Levite's concubine. They had no desire to punish the entire tribe of Benjamin.

- **Judges 20:13:** "Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel."

The Benjamites decided to *go to war* against all of the other tribes of Israel in order to defend a gang of **rapists** who raped a woman to death.

- **Judges 20:14:** "But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel."

The Israelites were so angry with the Benjamites over the **rape** and murder of the Levite's concubine that they swore an oath to not let their daughters marry any Benjamite (which was the wrong thing to do).

- **Judges 21:1:** "Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife."

The Israelites had sworn that whoever didn't go to Mizpeh with the rest of Israel, to punish the Benjamites for the **rape** and murder of the Levite's concubine, would be put to death.

- **Judges 21:5:** "And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death."

When the Israelites punished the Benjamites of Gibeah for the **rape** and murder of the Levite's concubine, they killed far more innocent people than the Benjamites had. Their reaction to the crime was worse than the crime they were punishing. (The women and children who the Israelites slaughtered had

nothing to do with what happened.)

- **Judges 21:10:** "And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children."

The reason the Israelites carried out a campaign of genocide against the Benjamites was because of the **rape** and murder of a single woman. Yet in order to provide wives to the surviving Benjamites, they told them to kidnap *hundreds* of women from Shiloh (who had gone there to worship the Lord). That seems to be a much greater crime than the rape and murder of a single woman. (Under the Mosaic Law, kidnapping and rape were both to be punished by death.)

- **Judges 21:19-21:** "Then they said, Behold, there is a feast of the Lord in Shiloh yearly in a place which is on the north side of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah. Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards; And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin."

God said He was going to raise up evil for David out of his own house, and He did. Jonadab (David's nephew) was the one who told Amnon how to get his sister Tamar alone so he could **rape** her. That started a sequence of events that led to Absalom's revolt against David.

- **2 Samuel 13:5:** "And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand."

David was the one who sent Tamar to her brother Amnon (who **raped** her).

- **2 Samuel 13:7:** "Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat."

Tamar told her brother Amnon not to **rape** her.

- **2 Samuel 13:12:** "And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly."

Tamar told Amnon that if he **raped** her, it would bring great shame to her.

- **2 Samuel 13:12-13:** "And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly. And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee."

Amnon **raped** his sister Tamar.

- **2 Samuel 13:14:** "Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her."

After Amnon **raped** Tamar, he hated her.

- **2 Samuel 13:14-15:** "Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her. Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone."

After Amnon **raped** Tamar, he called his servant and told him to throw Tamar out and lock the door after her.

- **2 Samuel 13:17:** "Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her."

After Amnon **raped** Tamar, she put ashes on her head, tore her clothing, and wept.

- **2 Samuel 13:19:** "And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying."

Absalom knew that Amnon had **raped** Tamar.

- **2 Samuel 13:20:** "And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother

Absalom's house."

After Amnon **raped** Tamar, she remained desolate in Absalom's house.

- **2 Samuel 13:20:** "And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house."

After Amnon **raped** Tamar, Absalom told her that she should ignore it. (That was wrong. Under the Mosaic Law, Amnon should have been put to death.)

- **2 Samuel 13:20:** "And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house."

David was unwilling to punish his daughter's **rapist**. Although he was angry, he chose not to prosecute it. (That was a violation of the Mosaic Law, which required rapists to be put to death.) David put to death the person who claimed to have killed Saul, but he did absolutely nothing to the person who raped his daughter.

- **2 Samuel 13:21:** "But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth."

The reason Absalom hated Amnon was because Amnon had

raped Tamar.

- **2 Samuel 13:22:** "And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar."

David was given *two years* to do something about the fact that Amnon had **raped** Tamar, but he chose to do nothing at all. David allowed the rape of his daughter to go unpunished.

- **2 Samuel 13:23:** "And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baalhazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons."

Absalom had been plotting to kill Amnon from the day that Amnon **raped** Tamar. (This is because David did nothing about it.)

- **2 Samuel 13:32:** "And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar."

If David had put Amnon to death for **raping** Tamar (which was what the Mosaic Law required), Absalom wouldn't have killed Amnon and the civil war against David wouldn't have happened.

- **2 Samuel 13:32:** "And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of

Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar."

David and his servants expressed far more grief over the death of Tamar's **rapist** than over the fact that Tamar was raped. (David was angry when his daughter Tamar was raped, but he did nothing about it. It seems the only person who shed any tears over that horrific act of evil was Tamar herself.)

- **2 Samuel 13:36:** "And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore."

The argument the woman from Tekoah made wasn't that Absalom was carrying out his duty as the avenger of blood and had a right to kill Amnon for the **rape** of Tamar. Instead her argument was that since everyone dies eventually, Absalom shouldn't be punished for killing his brother (which was a *terrible* argument).

- **2 Samuel 14:14:** "For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him."

When someone went to the gate of Jerusalem to bring their problem to David, Absalom said he wished they could go to him so that he could carry out justice. (However, this was a lie. In reality he overthrew David and then immediately began **raping** women. Absalom brought justice to no one.)

- **2 Samuel 15:4:** "Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!"

The whole reason David fled from Jerusalem was because he was afraid of Absalom. Yet he still left ten concubines behind when he fled (which allowed Absalom to **rape** them). David should have protected them from Absalom, but he didn't.

- **2 Samuel 15:16:** "And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house."

David refused to prosecute the person who **raped** his daughter Tamar. However, he *did* take away everything Mephibosheth owned on the basis of a single (false) accusation, without putting any effort into making sure that the accusation was true. (The Mosaic Law required two or three witnesses, and also required the judge to diligently investigate before rendering a judgment, but David ignored that.) In fact, David didn't even allow Mephibosheth to speak in his defense.

- **2 Samuel 16:4:** "Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine are all that pertained unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, I humbly beseech thee that I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king."
- **2 Samuel 19:29:** "And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land."

Ahithophel believed that if Absalom **raped** his father David's concubines then the Israelites would support him even more. He believed that the public rape of ten women (which was a sin worthy of death under the Mosaic Law) would be viewed *favorably* by the Israelites (and he was right).

- **2 Samuel 16:21:** "And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong."

Absalom was a **rapist**.

- **2 Samuel 16:22:** "So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel."

David had a lifelong pattern of not wanting to punish people who were both incredibly vile and completely unrepentant. He didn't punish Amnon for **raping** his sister Tamar, and he didn't want Absalom to be harmed even though he had just publicly raped ten women.

- **2 Samuel 18:5:** "And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom."
- **2 Samuel 18:29:** "And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was."

David was greatly upset when Absalom was killed in battle (even though Absalom was guilty of murder, **rape**, and *starting a civil war*, and never repented of any of it). Even though the Mosaic Law required Absalom to be put to death for all the evil things he had done, David didn't want him to die.

- **2 Samuel 18:33:** "And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

David valued the life of Absalom (a wicked and unrepentant murder and **rapist**) more than he valued the life of his daughters, wives, and concubines.

- **2 Samuel 19:5-6:** "And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well."

When David returned to his house, he took the ten concubines who Absalom **raped** and put them in a ward. He fed them but forced them to live as widows. (Under the Mosaic Law, a man and his son weren't allowed to have sex with the same

woman. However, there's no evidence that forbade a man from having sex with his wife if his son raped her. That seems to have been a *terrible* application of the Mosaic Law.)

- **2 Samuel 20:3:** "And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood."

In the the tribulation era, people's wives will be **raped**.

- **Isaiah 13:16:** "Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished."
- **Zechariah 14:2:** "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city."

When the Babylonians conquered Jerusalem, Jewish women were **raped** throughout the cities of Judah.

- **Lamentations 5:11:** "They ravished the women in Zion, and the maids in the cities of Judah."

Hosea said that the children of Israel corrupted themselves, as had happened in the days of Gibeah. (That's the city where a Levite's concubine was **raped** to death, and the tribe of Benjamin then went to war to defend their right to rape women to death.)

- **Hosea 9:9:** "They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah: therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins."

WHORE, WHOREMONGER, WHOREMONGERS, WHORES, WHOREDOM, WHOREDOMS, WHORISH

Under the Mosaic Law, it was forbidden for a man to turn his daughter into a **whore**.

- **Leviticus 19:29:** "Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness."

God considers idolatry to be a form of **whoredom**.

- **Leviticus 20:5:** "Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people."

Because priests were holy, God didn't allow them to marry a woman who was a **whore**.

- **Leviticus 21:7:** "They shall not take a wife that is a whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a daughter of a priest was a **whore** then that profaned her father (who was required to be holy in the sight of God).

- **Leviticus 21:9:** "And the daughter of any priest, if she

profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire."

Under the Mosaic Law, if the daughter of a priest was a **whore** then she was to be put to death (by being burned alive). This is because her actions defiled her father, who was required to be holy so he could make atonement for the sins of Israel.

- **Leviticus 21:9**: "And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire."

Under the Mosaic Law, women who had sex before marriage were called **whores**.

- **Deuteronomy 22:20-21**: "But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel: Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you."

Under the Mosaic Law, being a **whore** was forbidden.

- **Deuteronomy 23:17**: "There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel."

God referred to the (future) idolatry of the Israelites as a form of **whoredom**.

- **Deuteronomy 31:16**: "And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people

will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them."

When the Israelites forsook God and worshiped other gods, the Lord compared them to **whores**.

- **Judges 2:17:** "And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so."

When Joram asked Jehu if he came in peace, Jehu told him that peace wasn't possible as long as the **whoredoms** (idolatry) of his mother Jezebel were so many.

- **2 Kings 9:22:** "And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?"

God said that the **whoredoms** of the Israelites had polluted the land. (It seems this is a reference to their idolatry.)

- **Jeremiah 3:2:** "Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness."

God said that the Jews had the forehead of a **whore**. (In other words, they were stubborn and refused to turn from their wickedness.)

- **Jeremiah 3:3:** "Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed."

God said that Judah was guilty of **whoredom**. (This is a reference to idolatry.)

- **Jeremiah 3:9:** "And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks."

God said that He had seen the **whoredom** of the Jews. (In this context it seems to be referring to idolatry.)

- **Jeremiah 13:27:** "I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?"

God said the Jews had the heart of a **whore**. (In other words, their heart didn't seek after God but instead sought after idols.)

- **Ezekiel 6:9:** "And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall lothe

themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations."

God compared Israel to a woman who He saved and washed, clothed, and gave riches and beauty to, who then turned around and used those blessings to be a **whore**.

- **Ezekiel 16:15:** "But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was."

God compared the Jews to a **whore**. Their worship of idols was compared to the actions of a prostitute.

- **Ezekiel 16:20:** "Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter,"
- **Ezekiel 16:22:** "And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood."
- **Ezekiel 16:30:** "How weak is thine heart, saith the LORD GOD, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman;"
- **Ezekiel 16:36:** "Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them;"

The Jews tried to make themselves attractive to wicked and idolatrous nations. God compared their behavior to a **whore** who was trying to attract people's attention.

- **Ezekiel 23:40:** "And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments,"

God compared the Jews to a **whore** who sat on a bed, prepared a table, set out incense, and set out oil. These things were done for wicked and idolatrous nations, because the Jews desired pagans and not God.

- **Ezekiel 23:41-43:** "And satest upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oil. And a voice of a multitude being at ease was with her: and with the men of the common sort were brought Sabeans from the wilderness, which put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads. Then said I unto her that was old in adulteries, Will they now commit whoredoms with her, and she with them?"

The Jews defiled God's holy name with their **whoredom** (idolatry).

- **Ezekiel 43:7:** "And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places."

God commanded the Jews to put away their **whoredom** (idolatry).

- **Ezekiel 43:9:** "Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever."

Since the nation of Israel worshiped false gods, the Lord wasn't going to punish people's wives and daughters when they were **whores**. Instead He was going to give them over to immorality. (Giving a nation over to sin is a terrible judgment against it.)

- **Hosea 4:13-14:** "They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery. I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall."

Ephraim was guilty of idolatry (which God called **whoredom** because they had sought after other gods).

- **Hosea 5:3:** "I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled."

The children of Israel had a spirit of **whoredoms**. (This is because they were deeply idolatrous and loved their sin.)

- **Hosea 5:4:** "They will not frame their doings to turn unto

their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD."

The Law of God was made for **whoremongers** (those who are sexually immoral).

- **1 Timothy 1:9-10:** "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;"

God will judge **whoremongers** (those who have sex outside of marriage).

- **Hebrews 13:4:** "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

The woman in Revelation 17 is called a "great **whore**". (When the Bible speaks of fornication in a symbolic context it's talking about false religion. That means the woman represents some form of idolatry.)

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- **Revelation 17:15:** "And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."

The ten demonic kings will eat the flesh of the **whore** and burn her with fire. (This seems to be saying that the ten kings of the end times will attack those who are involved with the false end-times religion.)

- **Revelation 17:16:** "And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and

burn her with fire."

The woman (the great **whore**) is a great city. (This seems to be a reference to Babylon.)

- **Revelation 17:18:** "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

At the end of the tribulation the Lord will avenge the blood of His servants that was shed by the great **whore**.

- **Revelation 19:2:** "For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand."

In the end times the great **whore** will corrupt the entire world.

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The people in Heaven will glorify God for the wrath He will pour out upon the great **whore** (the false religion of the end times).

- **Revelation 19:1-2:** "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments:

for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand."

After the great **whore** is judged and Babylon is destroyed (in the tribulation era), it will be time for the marriage of the Lamb.

- **Revelation 19:7:** "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

Whoremongers who don't repent will be cast into the lake of fire.

- **Revelation 21:8:** "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."