

SEXUAL IMMORALITY

(GOD'S VIEW)

From the beginning, man has attempted to cast aside God's sovereign decrees to pursue and assert his own desires and to indulge his own pleasures, daring to draw his own distinctions between right and wrong. Perhaps with no issue has this always been, and continued to be more blatant and harmful than that of sexually immoral behavior. In these modern times it has become ever more shamelessly paraded and overtly practiced. Yet, scripture is unambiguous in its treatment of this issue. Those who refuse to accept the truth of God's Word, or attempt to twist it with worldly philosophy and opinion to justify their rebellion and hedonistic indulgence do so at the peril of another scriptural non-ambiguity - eternal punishment in hell for all who refuse to repent. And if what appears below does leave any questions or doubts, consider this: we already know what is right and wrong; what is pleasing and displeasing to God. Rom 1:18 tells us that wicked and godless men suppress the truth by their wickedness. We must decide whether to reverence God and his Word, or indulge our sinful lusts and cravings. If we choose the latter, verse 27 warns that we shall receive in ourselves the due penalty for our perversion.

It is quite telling that when God rebukes his people for all the various ways in which they have forsaken him and his commands, He conveys and emphasizes his complaint with a picture of the universally understood and agreed-upon repulsive, wicked, and disgusting nature of sexual immorality and infidelity. God is not concerned with ever-changing popular consensus, cultural influence, political correctness, or the laws of men. God is truth, and his intolerance of these behaviors is founded in nothing less. His view is quite clearly recorded.

Immorality; impurity; lewdness; perversion; debauchery; lust; forbidden sexual relations (fornication; lasciviousness)

These scripture verses indicate the sinfulness (God's view) of various types and examples of sexual immorality, impurity, lewdness, perversion, debauchery, lust, and forbidden sexual relations (fornication; lasciviousness).

- Heb 12:16a See that no one is SEXUALLY IMMORAL,
1Co 6:13b The body is not meant for SEXUAL IMMORALITY, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.
- 1Th 4:3-5 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid SEXUAL IMMORALITY; ⁴that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵not in passionate LUST like the heathen, who do not know God;
- 1Th 4:7 For God did not call us to be IMPURE, but to live a holy life.
- Rom 13:13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in SEXUAL IMMORALITY and DEBAUCHERY, not in dissension and jealousy.
- Col 3:5-8 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, LUST, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.
- 1Pe 4:3-4 For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do - living in DEBAUCHERY, LUST, drunkenness, ORGIES, carousing and

- detestable idolatry. ⁴They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you.
- 1Co 5:9-11 I have written you in my letter not to associate with SEXUALLY IMMORAL people- ¹⁰not at all meaning the people of this world who are IMMORAL, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. ¹¹But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is SEXUALLY IMMORAL or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.
- Eph 5:3-7 But among you there must not be even a hint of SEXUAL IMMORALITY, or of any kind of IMPURITY, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵For of this you can be sure: No IMMORAL, IMPURE or greedy person-such a man is an idolater-has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷Therefore do not be partners with them.
- Jude 4 For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for IMMORALITY and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.
- 2Pe 2:17-19a These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them. ¹⁸For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the LUSTFUL desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. ¹⁹They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity
- Eph 4:19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of IMPURITY, with a continual LUST for more.
- Jude 7 In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to SEXUAL IMMORALITY and PERVERSION. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.
- Rom 1:24-32 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to SEXUAL IMPURITY for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-who is forever praised. Amen. ²⁶Because of this, God gave them over to shameful LUSTS. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. ²⁷In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with LUST for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their PERVERSION. ²⁸Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³²Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.
- 1Ti 1:9-10 We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill

their fathers or mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰for adulterers and PERVERTS, for slave traders and liars and perjurers-and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine

- Rev 21:8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the SEXUALLY IMMORAL, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars-their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."
- Rev 22:15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the SEXUALLY IMMORAL, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.
- Gal 5:19-21 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY and DEBAUCHERY; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, ORGIES, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 1Co 6:9-10 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the SEXUALLY IMMORAL nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
- 1Co 6:18-20 Flee from SEXUAL IMMORALITY. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.
- 1Co 7:2 But since there is so much IMMORALITY, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband.
- 1Co 10:8 We should not commit SEXUAL IMMORALITY, as some of them did-and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.
- Num 25:1 While Israel was staying in Shittim, the men began to indulge in SEXUAL IMMORALITY with Moabite women,
- 1Sa 2:22-25 Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they SLEPT WITH THE WOMEN who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. ²³So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these wicked deeds of yours. ²⁴No, my sons; it is not a good report that I hear spreading among the LORD's people.
- Rev 9:21 Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their SEXUAL IMMORALITY or their thefts.
- 1Co 5:1 It is actually reported that there is SEXUAL IMMORALITY among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father's wife.
- Lev 18:23 "'Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a PERVERSION.
- Lev 20:12 "'If a man sleeps with his daughter-in-law, both of them must be put to death. What they have done is a PERVERSION; their blood will be on their own heads.
- Lev 18:15-16 "'Do not have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH YOUR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW. She is your son's wife; do not have relations with her. ¹⁶''Do not have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH YOUR BROTHER'S WIFE; that would dishonor your brother.
- Lev 20:21 "'If a man marries his brother's wife, it is an act of IMPURITY; he has dishonored his brother. They will be childless.

- Eze 24:13 "Now your IMPURITY is LEWDNESS. Because I tried to cleanse you but you would not be cleansed from your IMPURITY, you will not be clean again until my wrath against you has subsided.
- 2Co 12:21 I am afraid that when I come again my God will humble me before you, and I will be grieved over many who have sinned earlier and have not repented of the IMPURITY, SEXUAL SIN and DEBAUCHERY in which they have indulged.
- Rom 6:19 I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to IMPURITY and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.
- Rev 14:4-5 These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves PURE. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb.
⁵No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.
- Rev 2:14 Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing SEXUAL IMMORALITY.
- Rev 2:20-22 Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into SEXUAL IMMORALITY and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. ²¹I have given her time to repent of her IMMORALITY, but she is unwilling. ²²So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways.
- Job 31:1 "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look LUSTFULLY at a girl.
- 1Jn 2:16 For everything in the world-the cravings of sinful man, the LUST of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does-comes not from the Father but from the world.
- Pr 6:24-29 keeping you from the IMMORAL woman, from the smooth tongue of the wayward wife. ²⁵Do not LUST in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, ²⁶for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life. ²⁷Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? ²⁸Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? ²⁹So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished.
- Mt 5:27-28 "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman LUSTFULLY has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
- Heb 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept PURE, for God will judge the adulterer and all the SEXUALLY IMMORAL.
- Num 5:12-13 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'If a man's wife goes astray and is unfaithful to him ¹³by sleeping with another man, and this is hidden from her husband and her IMPURITY is undetected (since there is no witness against her and she has not been caught in the act),
- Num 5:19b-20 "If no other man has slept with you and you have not gone astray and become IMPURE while married to your husband, ²⁰But if you have gone astray while married to your husband and you have defiled yourself by sleeping with a man other than your husband"--
- Num 5:27a, 28a If she has defiled herself and been unfaithful to her husband, ^{28a}If, however, the woman has not defiled herself and is free from IMPURITY,

Adultery; unfaithfulness

These scripture verses indicate the sinfulness (God's view) of adultery and marital unfaithfulness.

- Ex 20:14 "You shall not commit ADULTERY. (Dt 5:18 also)
- Mt 5:27-28 "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit ADULTERY.'²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed ADULTERY with her in his heart.
- Heb 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the ADULTERER and all the sexually immoral.
- 1Ti 5:9 No widow may be put on the list of widows unless she is over sixty, has been FAITHFUL to her husband,
- Lk 16:18 "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits ADULTERY, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits ADULTERY. (Mk 10:11-12)
- Rom 7:3a So then, if she marries another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an ADULTERESS.
- Num 5:12-13 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'If a man's wife goes astray and is unfaithful to him¹³ by SLEEPING WITH ANOTHER MAN, and this is hidden from her husband and her impurity is undetected (since there is no witness against her and she has not been caught in the act),
- Num 5:19b-20 "If no OTHER MAN HAS SLEPT WITH YOU and you have not gone astray and become impure while married to your husband,²⁰ But if you have gone astray while married to your husband and you have defiled yourself by SLEEPING WITH A MAN OTHER THAN YOUR HUSBAND"--
- Num 5:27a, 28a If she has defiled herself and been UNFAITHFUL TO HER HUSBAND,^{28a} If, however, the woman has not defiled herself and is free from impurity,
- Lev 18:20 "'Do not have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE and defile yourself with her.
- Lev 20:10 "'If a man commits ADULTERY with another man's wife--with the wife of his neighbor--both the ADULTERER and the ADULTERESS must be put to death.
- Dt 22:22 If a man is found SLEEPING WITH ANOTHER MAN'S WIFE, both the man who slept with her and the woman must die. You must purge the evil from Israel.
- Gen 20:3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream one night and said to him, "You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken; she is a MARRIED WOMAN."
- Gen 26:10 Then Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the men might well have SLEPT WITH YOUR WIFE, and you would have brought guilt upon us."
- Gen 39:7-10 and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "COME TO BED WITH ME!"⁸ But he refused. ...⁹ ... My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"¹⁰ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to GO TO BED WITH HER or even be with her.
- 2Sa 11:4 Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and HE SLEPT WITH HER. (She had purified herself from her uncleanness.) Then she went back home.
- 2Sa 12:10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and TOOK THE WIFE of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

- Ps 51:1-4a For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed ADULTERY with Bathsheba. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ²Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
- Job 24:15 The eye of the ADULTERER watches for dusk; he thinks, 'No eye will see me,' and he keeps his face concealed.
- Job 31:9-12 "If my heart has been enticed by a woman, or if I have LURKED AT MY NEIGHBOR'S DOOR, ¹⁰then may my wife grind another man's grain, and may other men sleep with her. ¹¹For that would have been shameful, a sin to be judged. ¹²It is a fire that burns to Destruction; it would have uprooted my harvest.
- Pr 5:3-5 For the lips of an ADULTERESS drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; ⁴but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. ⁵Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.
- Pr 22:14 The mouth of an ADULTERESS is a deep pit, he who is under the LORD's wrath will fall into it.
- Pr 30:20 "This is the way of an ADULTERESS: She eats and wipes her mouth and says, 'I've done nothing wrong.'
- Pr 5:20 Why be captivated, my son, by an ADULTERESS? Why embrace the bosom of another man's wife?
- Pr 2:16-17 It will save you also from the ADULTERESS, from the wayward wife with her seductive words, ¹⁷who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God.
- Pr 6:24-29 keeping you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of the wayward wife. ²⁵Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, ²⁶for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the ADULTERESS preys upon your very life. ²⁷Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? ²⁸Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? ²⁹So is he who SLEEPS WITH ANOTHER MAN'S WIFE; no one who touches her will go unpunished.
- Pr 6:32 But a man who commits ADULTERY lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself.
- 1Co 6:9-10 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor ADULTERERS nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
- Jer 5:7-9 "Why should I forgive you? Your children have forsaken me and sworn by gods that are not gods. I supplied all their needs, yet they committed ADULTERY and thronged to the houses of prostitutes. ⁸They are well-fed, lusty stallions, each neighing FOR ANOTHER MAN'S WIFE. ⁹Should I not punish them for this?" declares the LORD. "Should I not avenge myself on such a nation as this?
- Jer 29:23a For they have done outrageous things in Israel; they have committed ADULTERY with their neighbors' wives
- Eze 33:26 You rely on your sword, you do detestable things, and each of you defiles his NEIGHBOR'S WIFE. Should you then possess the land?'

- Jn 8:3-4 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in ADULTERY. They made her stand before the group ⁴and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of ADULTERY.
- 1Ti 1:9-10 We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰for ADULTERERS and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers-and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine
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- Pr 7 (All)

Prostitution

These scripture verses indicate the sinfulness (God's view) of sexual prostitution.

- 1Co 6:9-10 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male PROSTITUTES nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
- 1Co 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a PROSTITUTE? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that he who unites himself with a PROSTITUTE is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."
- Lev 19:29 "Do not degrade your daughter by making her a PROSTITUTE, or the land will turn to PROSTITUTION and be filled with wickedness.
- Joel 3:3 They cast lots for my people and traded boys for PROSTITUTES; they sold girls for wine that they might drink.
- Lev 21:7, 9 "They must not marry women defiled by PROSTITUTION or divorced from their husbands, because priests are holy to their God. ⁹"If a priest's daughter defiles herself by becoming a PROSTITUTE, she disgraces her father; she must be burned in the fire.
- Lev 21:14 He must not marry a widow, a divorced woman, or a woman defiled by PROSTITUTION, but only a virgin from his own people,
- Gen 34:31 But they replied, "Should he have treated our sister like a PROSTITUTE?"
- Gen 38:15 When Judah saw her, he thought she was a PROSTITUTE, for she had covered her face.
- Gen 38:24 About three months later Judah was told, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar is guilty of PROSTITUTION, and as a result she is now pregnant." Judah said, "Bring her out and have her burned to death!"
- Dt 23:17-18 No Israelite man or woman is to become a shrine PROSTITUTE. ¹⁸You must not bring the earnings of a female PROSTITUTE or of a male PROSTITUTE into the house of the LORD your God to pay any vow, because the LORD your God detests them both.
- Pr 6:24-29 keeping you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of the wayward wife. ²⁵Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, ²⁶for the PROSTITUTE reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life. ²⁷Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? ²⁸Can a man walk on hot coals without his

feet being scorched? ²⁹So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished.

Pr 23:27-28 for a PROSTITUTE is a deep pit and a wayward wife is a narrow well. ²⁸Like a bandit she lies in wait, and multiplies the unfaithful among men.

Pr 29:3 A man who loves wisdom brings joy to his father, but a companion of PROSTITUTES squanders his wealth.

Lk 15:30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with PROSTITUTES comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!

Pr 7 (All)

(Mt 21:31-32a "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the PROSTITUTES are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the PROSTITUTES did.)

(Jam 2:25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the PROSTITUTE considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?)

Marriage (1 man, 1 woman) - Sex (for the marriage relationship only)

These scripture verses indicate God's intentions for marriage (a dissoluble union of 1 man and 1 woman) and that sexual relations are only proper and moral within its bounds.

Gen 2:20b-24 But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a WOMAN from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the MAN. ²³The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." ²⁴For this reason a MAN will leave his father and mother and be united to his WIFE (a woman), and they will become one flesh.

Mt 19:3-9 Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" ⁴"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them MALE AND FEMALE,' ⁵and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be UNITED TO HIS WIFE, and the TWO will become one flesh?' ⁶So they are no longer TWO, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." ⁷"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" ⁸Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. (Mk 10:2-9)

Eph 5:21-33 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²²Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated his own body, but

he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church- ³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹"For this reason a MAN will leave his father and mother and be united to his WIFE, and the TWO will become one flesh."
³²This is a profound mystery-but I am talking about Christ and the church.
³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

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- Num 5:27a If she has defiled herself and been UNFAITHFUL TO HER HUSBAND,
- Jn 3:29a The bride belongs to the bridegroom.
- 1Ti 3:2a Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but ONE wife,
- 1Ti 3:12a A deacon must be the husband of but ONE wife
- Tit 1:6 An elder must be blameless, the husband of but ONE wife,
- Lev 18:18 "Do not take your wife's sister as a RIVAL WIFE and have sexual relations with her while your wife is living.
- Lev 20:14 "If a man marries both a WOMAN AND HER MOTHER, it is wicked. Both he and they must be burned in the fire, so that no wickedness will be among you.
- Lev 20:21 "IF A MAN MARRIES HIS BROTHER'S WIFE, it is an act of impurity; he has dishonored his brother. They will be childless.
- 1Co 7:2-3 But since there is so much immorality, EACH MAN SHOULD HAVE HIS OWN WIFE, and EACH WOMAN HER OWN HUSBAND. ³The HUSBAND should fulfill his MARITAL DUTY to his WIFE, and likewise the WIFE to her HUSBAND.
- 1Co 7:8-9 Now to the UNMARRIED and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay UNMARRIED, as I am. ⁹But if they cannot control themselves, they should MARRY, for it is better to MARRY than to burn with passion.

- 1Ti 5:11, 14 As for younger widows, do not put them on such a list. For when their sensual desires overcome their dedication to Christ, they want to MARRY. ¹⁴So I counsel younger widows to MARRY, to have children, to manage their homes and to give the enemy no opportunity for slander.
- Lev 21:13 "The woman he MARRIES must be a VIRGIN.
- Dt 22:13-22 If a man takes a wife and, after lying with her, dislikes her ¹⁴and slanders her and gives her a bad name, saying, "I married this woman, but when I approached her, I did not find proof of her VIRGINITY," ¹⁵then the girl's father and mother shall bring proof that she was a VIRGIN to the town elders at the gate. ¹⁶The girl's father will say to the elders, "I gave my daughter in marriage to this man, but he dislikes her. ¹⁷Now he has slandered her and said, 'I did not find your daughter to be a VIRGIN.' But here is the proof of my daughter's VIRGINITY." Then her parents shall display the cloth before the elders of the town, ¹⁸and the elders shall take the man and punish him. ¹⁹They shall fine him a hundred shekels of silver and give them to the girl's father, because this man has given an Israelite VIRGIN a bad name. She shall continue to be his wife; he must not divorce her as long as he lives. ²⁰If, however, the charge is true and no proof of the girl's VIRGINITY can be found, ²¹she shall be brought to the door of her father's house and there the men of her town shall stone her to death. She has done a disgraceful thing in Israel by being promiscuous while still in her father's house. You must purge the evil from among you.
- Mt 1:18-19 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but BEFORE THEY CAME TOGETHER, SHE WAS FOUND TO BE WITH CHILD through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Homosexuality/lesbianism

These scripture verses indicate the sinfulness (God's view) of homosexuality (clearly unambiguous).

- Lev 18:22 "Do not LIE WITH A MAN AS ONE LIES WITH A WOMAN; that is detestable.
- Lev 20:13 "If a MAN LIES WITH A MAN AS ONE LIES WITH A WOMAN, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.
- Judg 19:22 While they were enjoying themselves, some of the wicked men of the city surrounded the house. Pounding on the door, they shouted to the old man who owned the house, "Bring out the man who came to your house so we can have SEX WITH HIM."
- Rom 1:24-32 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-who is forever praised. Amen. ²⁶Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even THEIR WOMEN EXCHANGED NATURAL RELATIONS FOR UNNATURAL ONES. ²⁷In the same way THE MEN ALSO ABANDONED NATURAL RELATIONS WITH WOMEN AND WERE INFLAMED WITH LUST FOR ONE ANOTHER. Men committed INDECENT ACTS WITH OTHER MEN, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. ²⁸Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹They have become filled with every kind of

wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³²Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

1Co 6:9-10 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor HOMOSEXUAL offenders ¹⁰nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

“Cross-dressing”

Dt 22:5 A WOMAN MUST NOT WEAR MEN'S CLOTHING, nor a MAN WEAR WOMEN'S CLOTHING, for the LORD your God detests anyone who does this.

Incest

These scripture verses indicate the sinfulness (God's view) of sexual relations with close relatives.

Lev 18:6-14 "No one is to approach any CLOSE RELATIVE to have SEXUAL RELATIONS. I am the LORD. ⁷"Do not dishonor your father by having SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH YOUR MOTHER. She is YOUR MOTHER; do not have RELATIONS WITH HER. ⁸"Do not have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH YOUR FATHER'S WIFE; that would dishonor your father. ⁹"Do not have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH YOUR SISTER, either your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether she was born in the same home or elsewhere. ¹⁰"Do not have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH YOUR SON'S DAUGHTER OR YOUR DAUGHTER'S DAUGHTER; that would dishonor you. ¹¹"Do not have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH THE DAUGHTER OF YOUR FATHER'S WIFE, born to your father; she is YOUR SISTER. ¹²"Do not have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH YOUR FATHER'S SISTER; she is your father's CLOSE RELATIVE. ¹³"Do not have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH YOUR MOTHER'S SISTER, because she is your mother's CLOSE RELATIVE. ¹⁴"Do not dishonor your father's brother by approaching HIS WIFE TO HAVE SEXUAL RELATIONS; she is YOUR AUNT.

Lev 18:17 "Do not have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH BOTH A WOMAN AND HER DAUGHTER. Do not have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH EITHER HER SON'S DAUGHTER OR HER DAUGHTER'S DAUGHTER; they are her CLOSE RELATIVES. That is wickedness.

Lev 20:11 "If a man SLEEPS WITH HIS FATHER'S WIFE, he has dishonored his father. Both the man and the woman must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

Lev 20:14 "If a man marries both a WOMAN AND HER MOTHER, it is wicked. Both he and they must be burned in the fire, so that no wickedness will be among you.

Lev 20:17 "If a man marries HIS SISTER, the daughter of either his father or his mother, and they have SEXUAL RELATIONS, it is a disgrace. They must be cut off before the eyes of their people. He has dishonored HIS SISTER and will be held responsible.

- Lev 20:19-20 "Do not have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH THE SISTER OF EITHER YOUR MOTHER OR YOUR FATHER, for that would dishonor a CLOSE RELATIVE; both of you would be held responsible.²⁰" If a man SLEEPS WITH HIS AUNT, he has dishonored his uncle. They will be held responsible; they will die childless.
- Dt 22:30 A man is not to marry HIS FATHER'S WIFE; he must not dishonor his father's bed.
- Dt 27:20, 22-23 "Cursed is the man who SLEEPS WITH HIS FATHER'S WIFE, for he dishonors his father's bed." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"²² "Cursed is the man who SLEEPS WITH HIS SISTER, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"²³ "Cursed is the man who SLEEPS WITH HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"
- Gen 19:31-36 One day the older daughter said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is no man around here to lie with us, as is the custom all over the earth.³² Let's get our father to drink wine and then lie with him and preserve our family line through our father." ³³That night they got their father to drink wine, and the OLDER DAUGHTER WENT IN AND LAY WITH HIM. He was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up. ³⁴The next day the older daughter said to the younger, "Last night I LAY WITH MY FATHER. Let's get him to drink wine again tonight, and you go in and lie with him so we can preserve our family line through our father." ³⁵So they got their father to drink wine that night also, and the YOUNGER DAUGHTER WENT AND LAY WITH HIM. Again he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up. ³⁶So BOTH OF LOT'S DAUGHTERS BECAME PREGNANT BY THEIR FATHER.
- Gen 35:22a-b While Israel was living in that region, Reuben went in and SLEPT WITH HIS FATHER'S CONCUBINE Bilhah, and Israel heard of it.
- Gen 49:4 Turbulent as the waters, you will no longer excel, for you went up onto your FATHER'S BED, onto my couch and defiled it.
- 2Sa 13:11b-14 "COME TO BED WITH ME, MY SISTER."¹² "Don't, MY BROTHER!" she said to him. "Don't force me. Such a thing should not be done in Israel! Don't do this wicked thing. ¹³What about me? Where could I get rid of my disgrace? And what about you? You would be like one of the wicked fools in Israel. Please speak to the king; he will not keep me from being married to you." ¹⁴But he refused to listen to her, and since he was stronger than she, he raped her.
- Mk 6:17-18 For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his BROTHER PHILIP'S WIFE, whom he had MARRIED. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your BROTHER'S WIFE."

Bestiality

These scripture verses indicate the sinfulness (God's view) of sexual relations with animals.

- Ex 22:19 "Anyone who has SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH AN ANIMAL must be put to death.
- Lev 18:23 "Do not have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH AN ANIMAL and defile yourself with it. A woman must not PRESENT HERSELF TO AN ANIMAL to have SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH IT; that is a perversion.

- Lev 20:15-16 "If a man has SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH AN ANIMAL, he must be put to death, and you must kill the animal.¹⁶"If a woman APPROACHES AN ANIMAL TO HAVE SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH IT, kill both the woman and the animal. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.
- Dt 27:21 "Cursed is the man who has SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH ANY ANIMAL." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"

All the same stuff!

These scripture verses indicate the sinfulness (God's view) of sexual sin as it is equated with all types of evil, wickedness, and recognizable transgressions uniformly conceded to be sin.

- Rom 13:13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in ORGIES and DRUNKENNESS, not in SEXUAL IMMORALITY and DEBAUCHERY, not in DISSENSION and JEALOUSY.
- 1Pe 4:3-4 For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do-living in DEBAUCHERY, LUST, DRUNKENNESS, ORGIES, CAROUSING and DETESTABLE IDOLATRY.⁴They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you.
- Eph 5:3-7 But among you there must not be even a hint of SEXUAL IMMORALITY, or of any kind of IMPURITY, or of GREED, because these are improper for God's holy people.⁴Nor should there be OBSCENITY, FOOLISH TALK or COARSE JOKING, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.⁵For of this you can be sure: No IMMORAL, IMPURE or GREEDY person-such a man is an IDOLATER-has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are DISOBEDIENT.⁷Therefore do not be partners with them.
- Col 3:5-8 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, LUST, EVIL DESIRES and GREED, which is IDOLATRY.⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.⁸But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: ANGER, RAGE, MALICE, SLANDER, and FILTHY LANGUAGE from your lips.
- 1Co 5:9-11 I have written you in my letter not to associate with SEXUALLY IMMORAL people-¹⁰not at all meaning the people of this world who are IMMORAL, or the GREEDY and SWINDLERS, or IDOLATERS. In that case you would have to leave this world.¹¹But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is SEXUALLY IMMORAL or GREEDY, an IDOLATER or a SLANDERER, a DRUNKARD or a SWINDLER. With such a man do not even eat.
- Gal 5:19-21 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY and DEBAUCHERY;²⁰IDOLATRY and WITCHCRAFT; HATRED, DISCORD, JEALOUSY, fits of RAGE, SELFISH AMBITION, DISSENSIONS, FACTIONS²¹and ENVY; DRUNKENNESS, ORGIES, and THE LIKE. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 1Co 6:9-10 Do you not know that the WICKED will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the SEXUALLY IMMORAL nor IDOLATERS nor ADULTERERS nor MALE PROSTITUTES nor HOMOSEXUAL OFFENDERS¹⁰nor THIEVES nor the GREEDY nor DRUNKARDS nor SLANDERERS nor SWINDLERS will inherit the kingdom of God.

- Rev 21:8 But the COWARDLY, the UNBELIEVING, the VILE, the MURDERERS, the SEXUALLY IMMORAL, those who practice MAGIC ARTS, the IDOLATERS and all LIARS-their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."
- Rev 22:15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice MAGIC ARTS, the SEXUALLY IMMORAL, the MURDERERS, the IDOLATERS and everyone who loves and practices FALSEHOOD.
- 2Pe 2:12b-15 they too will perish.¹³They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to CAROUSE in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you.¹⁴With eyes full of ADULTERY, they never stop SINNING; they SEDUCE the unstable; they are experts in GREED-an ACCURSED brood!¹⁵They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the wages of WICKEDNESS.
- Mk 7:21-22 For from within, out of men's hearts, come EVIL THOUGHTS, SEXUAL IMMORALITY, THEFT, MURDER, ADULTERY,²²GREED, MALICE, DECEIT, LEWDNESS, ENVY, SLANDER, ARROGANCE and FOLLY. (Mt 15:19)
- Eze 22:9-11 In you are SLANDEROUS men bent on SHEDDING BLOOD; in you are those who eat at the MOUNTAIN SHRINES and commit LEWD ACTS.¹⁰In you are those who DISHONOR THEIR FATHERS' BED; ...¹¹In you one man commits a DETESTABLE OFFENSE WITH HIS NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, another SHAMEFULLY DEFILES HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, and another VIOLATES HIS SISTER, his own father's daughter.
- 2Co 12:20-21 For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that there may be QUARRELING, JEALOUSY, OUTBURSTS OF ANGER, FACTIONS, SLANDER, GOSSIP, ARROGANCE and DISORDER.²¹I am afraid that when I come again my God will humble me before you, and I will be grieved over many who have sinned earlier and have not repented of the IMPURITY, SEXUAL SIN and DEBAUCHERY in which they have indulged.
- Rev 9:21 Nor did they repent of their MURDERS, their MAGIC ARTS, their SEXUAL IMMORALITY or their THEFTS.
- Ps 50:18 When you see a THIEF, you join with him; you throw in your lot with ADULTERERS.
- Jer 7:9-11a "'Will you STEAL and MURDER, commit ADULTERY and PERJURY, BURN INCENSE TO BAAL and FOLLOW OTHER GODS you have not known,¹⁰and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, "We are safe"--safe to do all these detestable things?¹¹Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of ROBBERS to you?
- Rom 2:21b-24 You who preach against STEALING, do you STEAL?²²You who say that people should not commit ADULTERY, do you commit ADULTERY? You who abhor IDOLS, do you ROB TEMPLES?²³You who brag about the law, do you dishonor God by BREAKING THE LAW?²⁴As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."
- Jam 2:11 For he who said, "Do not commit ADULTERY," also said, "Do not MURDER." If you do not commit ADULTERY but do commit MURDER, you have become a LAWBREAKER.
- 1Ti 1:9-10 We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for LAWBREAKERS and REBELS, the UNGODLY and SINFUL, the UNHOLY and IRRELIGIOUS; for THOSE WHO KILL their fathers or mothers, for MURDERERS,¹⁰for

ADULTERERS and PERVERTS, for SLAVE TRADERS and LIARS and PERJURERS-and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine

Mk 10:19 You know the commandments: 'Do not MURDER, do not commit ADULTERY, do not STEAL, do not give FALSE TESTIMONY, do not DEFRAUD, honor your father and mother.'" (Mt 19:18; Lk 18:20; Rom 13:9)

Isa 57:3 "But you--come here, you sons of a SORCERESS, you offspring of ADULTERERS and PROSTITUTES!

Mal 3:5 "So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against SORCERERS, ADULTERERS and PERJURERS, against those WHO DEFRAUD laborers of their wages, WHO OPPRESS the widows and the fatherless, and DEPRIVE aliens of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty.

Mt 12:39a He answered, "A WICKED and ADULTEROUS generation (16:4 also)

Mk 8:38a ... ADULTEROUS and SINFUL generation,

Rom 1:24-32 Therefore God gave them over in the SINFUL DESIRES of their hearts to SEXUAL IMPURITY for the DEGRADING OF THEIR BODIES with one another. ²⁵They EXCHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD FOR A LIE, and WORSHIPED AND SERVED CREATED THINGS rather than the Creator-who is forever praised. Amen. ²⁶Because of this, God gave them over to SHAMEFUL LUSTS. Even THEIR WOMEN EXCHANGED NATURAL RELATIONS FOR UNNATURAL ONES. ²⁷In the same way THE MEN ALSO ABANDONED NATURAL RELATIONS WITH WOMEN AND WERE INFLAMED WITH LUST FOR ONE ANOTHER. Men committed INDECENT ACTS WITH OTHER MEN, and received in themselves the due penalty for their PERVERSION. ²⁸Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a DEPRAVED MIND, to do WHAT OUGHT NOT TO BE DONE. ²⁹They have become filled with EVERY KIND OF WICKEDNESS, EVIL, GREED and DEPRAVITY. They are full of ENVY, MURDER, STRIFE, DECEIT and MALICE. They are GOSSIPS, ³⁰SLANDERERS, GOD-HATERS, INSOLENT, ARROGANT and BOASTFUL; THEY INVENT WAYS OF DOING EVIL; they DISOBEY THEIR PARENTS; ³¹they are SENSELESS, FAITHLESS, HEARTLESS, RUTHLESS. ³²Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Applied to God's covenant relationship with his people

These scripture verses describe what God's people do in despising their relationship with him through rebellion, disobedience, unfaithfulness, unbelief and idolatry with a picture of the repulsive, sinful nature of sexually immoral behavior.

Ex 34:15-16 "Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they PROSTITUTE themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices. ¹⁶And when you choose some of their daughters as wives for your sons and those daughters PROSTITUTE themselves to their gods, they will lead your sons to do the same.

Lev 17:7 They must no longer offer any of their sacrifices to the goat idols to whom they PROSTITUTE themselves. This is to be a lasting ordinance for them and for the generations to come.'

Lev 18:24 "'Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled.

- Lev 20:5-6 I will set my face against that man and his family and will cut off from their people both him and all who follow him in PROSTITUTING themselves to Molech. ⁶"I will set my face against the person who turns to mediums and spiritists to PROSTITUTE himself by following them, and I will cut him off from his people.
- Num 15:39 You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the LORD, that you may obey them and not PROSTITUTE yourselves by going after the LUSTS of your own hearts and eyes.
- Dt 31:16 And the LORD said to Moses: "You are going to rest with your fathers, and these people will soon PROSTITUTE themselves to the foreign gods of the land they are entering. They will forsake me and break the covenant I made with them.
- Judg 2:17 Yet they would not listen to their judges but PROSTITUTED themselves to other gods and worshiped them. Unlike their fathers, they quickly turned from the way in which their fathers had walked, the way of obedience to the LORD's commands.
- Judg 8:27 Gideon made the gold into an ephod, which he placed in Ophrah, his town. All Israel PROSTITUTED themselves by worshipping it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his family.
- Judg 8:33 No sooner had Gideon died than the Israelites again PROSTITUTED themselves to the Baals. They set up Baal-Berith as their god and
- 1Ki 14:24 There were even male shrine PROSTITUTES in the land; the people engaged in all the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites.
- 1Ki 15:12 He expelled the male shrine PROSTITUTES from the land and got rid of all the idols his fathers had made.
- 1Ki 22:46 He rid the land of the rest of the male shrine PROSTITUTES who remained there even after the reign of his father Asa.
- 2Ki 23:7 He also tore down the quarters of the male shrine PROSTITUTES, which were in the temple of the LORD and where women did weaving for Asherah.
- 1Ch 5:25 But they were UNFAITHFUL to the God of their fathers and PROSTITUTED themselves to the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God had destroyed before them.
- 2Ch 21:11 He had also built high places on the hills of Judah and had caused the people of Jerusalem to PROSTITUTE themselves and had led Judah astray.
- 2Ch 21:13a But you have walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and you have led Judah and the people of Jerusalem to PROSTITUTE themselves,
- 2Ch 36:14 Furthermore, all the leaders of the priests and the people became more and more UNFAITHFUL, following all the detestable practices of the nations and defiling the temple of the LORD, which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.
- Ps 106:39 They defiled themselves by what they did; by their deeds they PROSTITUTED themselves.
- Isa 1:21a See how the faithful city has become a harlot!
- Isa 57:5 You burn with LUST among the oaks and under every spreading tree; you sacrifice your children in the ravines and under the overhanging crags.
- Jer 2:20 "Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your bonds; you said, 'I will not serve you!' Indeed, on every high hill and under every spreading tree you lay down as a PROSTITUTE.
- Jer 3 (All)

- Jer 5:11 The house of Israel and the house of Judah have been utterly UNFAITHFUL to me," declares the LORD.
- Jer 9:2 Oh, that I (Jeremiah) had in the desert a lodging place for travelers, so that I might leave my people and go away from them; for they are all ADULTERERS, a crowd of UNFAITHFUL people.
- Jer 13:27 your ADULTERIES and LUSTFUL neighings, your shameless PROSTITUTION! I have seen your detestable acts on the hills and in the fields. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! How long will you be unclean?"
- Jer 23:10a The land is full of ADULTERERS; because of the curse the land lies parched and the pastures in the desert are withered.
- Jer 23:14 And among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen something horrible: They commit ADULTERY and live a lie. They strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns from his wickedness. They are all like Sodom to me; the people of Jerusalem are like Gomorrah."
- Eze 16 (All)
- Eze 23 (All)
- Eze 39:23 And the nations will know that the people of Israel went into exile for their sin, because they were UNFAITHFUL to me. So I hid my face from them and handed them over to their enemies, and they all fell by the sword.
- Eze 43:7b, 9 The house of Israel will never again defile my holy name-neither they nor their kings-by their PROSTITUTION and the lifeless idols of their kings at their high places. ⁹Now let them put away from me their PROSTITUTION and the lifeless idols of their kings, and I will live among them forever.
- Dan 9:7 "Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame-the men of Judah and people of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our UNFAITHFULNESS to you.
- Hos 1-14 (Entire book)
- Mic 1:7 All her idols will be broken to pieces; all her temple gifts will be burned with fire; I will destroy all her images. Since she gathered her gifts from the wages of PROSTITUTES, as the wages of PROSTITUTES they will again be used."
- Nah 3:4 all because of the wanton LUST of a harlot, alluring, the mistress of sorceries, who enslaved nations by her PROSTITUTION and peoples by her witchcraft.
- Eph 5:21-33 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²²Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church- ³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³²This is a profound mystery-but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Other applications

- Jam 4:4 You ADULTEROUS people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.
- Jer 6:15 (8:12) Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when I punish them," says the LORD.
- 2Sa 3:7 Now Saul had had a concubine named Rizpah daughter of Aiah. And Ish-Bosheth said to Abner, "Why did you SLEEP WITH MY FATHER'S CONCUBINE?"
- 2Sa 16:21-22 Ahithophel answered, "LIE WITH YOUR FATHER'S CONCUBINES whom he left to take care of the palace. Then all Israel will hear that you have made yourself a stench in your father's nostrils, and the hands of everyone with you will be strengthened." ²²So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the roof, and he LAY WITH HIS FATHER'S CONCUBINES in the sight of all Israel.
- Judg 20:5b-6 They raped my concubine, and she died. ⁶I took my concubine, cut her into pieces and sent one piece to each region of Israel's inheritance, because they committed this LEWD and disgraceful act in Israel.
- Eze 18:6a-b He does not eat at the mountain shrines or look to the idols of the house of Israel. He does not defile his NEIGHBOR'S WIFE (v. 15, also)
- Eze 18:11 (though the father has done none of them): "He eats at the mountain shrines. He defiles his NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.
- Ps 101:4 Men of PERVERSE heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with evil.
- Pr 3:32 for the LORD detests a PERVERSE man but takes the upright into his confidence.
- Pr 11:20 The LORD detests men of PERVERSE heart but he delights in those whose ways are blameless.
- Rev 14:8 A second angel followed and said, "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her ADULTERIES."
- Rev 17:1-2 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the punishment of the great PROSTITUTE, who sits on many waters. ²With her the kings of the earth committed ADULTERY and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her ADULTERIES."
- Rev 17:4-5 The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her ADULTERIES. ⁵This title was written on her forehead: MYSTERY - BABYLON THE GREAT - THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES - AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
- Rev 18:3 For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her ADULTERIES. The kings of the earth committed ADULTERY with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries."
- Rev 18:9 "When the kings of the earth who committed ADULTERY with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her.
- Rev 19:2 for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great PROSTITUTE who corrupted the earth by her ADULTERIES. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants."