

DEBATING AND ANSWERING THE POLIGAMIST BOTH IN THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENT

POLIGAMY IS CARNAL BASED

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:

2 MAJOR POINTS ABOUT THE MINDSET OF A PRO POLIGAMIST:

- **THEY ACT AS IF THE OLD TESTAMENT, AND WHAT MOSES SAID CAME AFTER THE NEW TESTAMENT AND WHAT JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES TAUGHT CAME BEFORE MOSES BEING OUT OF ORDER, ADDRESSING THIS TOPIC AS IF WE'RE LIVING TODAY STILL UNDER THE OLD COVENANT AND WITHOUT THE SHED BLOOD OF JESUS FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS THAT WERE COMMITTED UNDER OT:**

Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, **children that are corrupters**: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, **they are gone away backward. Isa 1:4**

QUESTIONING THE POLIGAMIST MOTIVES:

- **A POLIGAMIST WANTS OR DESIRES MORE THAN ONE WIFE SIMPLY BECAUSE OF HIS FLESH AND IS NOT OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD**

Proverbs 27:20

Hell and destruction are never full; **SO THE EYES OF MAN ARE NEVER SATISFIED.**

For they **THAT ARE AFTER THE FLESH DO MIND THE THINGS OF THE FLESH**; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

- **Q:WHY ISN'T ONE WOMEN GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE POLIGAMIST WHEN THE BIBLE SAYS:**

Proverbs 18:22

Whoso **FINDETH A WIFE** findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

(SOLOMON FOUND OUT THE HARD WAY MORE THAT ONE IS NOT A GOOD THING, he did evil in the SIGHT OF THE LORD 1 kng 11:1-8 MORALS LEARNED MORE THAN ONE WIFE OVERTURNS EVEN THE WISDOM GOD CAN GIVE A MAN SOLOMON TOO UNDER OLD COVENANT COMMITTED SIN TRANSGRESSING THE LAW - DEUT 21:17)

Proverbs 31:10-29¹⁰ Who can find **A VIRTUOUS WOMAN?** for her price is far above rubies.

¹¹ The heart of her husband doth safely **TRUST IN HER**, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

- 12 SHE will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
- 13 SHE seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
- 14 SHE is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
- 15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion **TO HER MAIDENS**. (Because they don't belong to her husband)
- 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
- 17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
- 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
- 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
- 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
- 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
- 24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
- 25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
- 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
- 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
- 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

ALL OF THE RIGHTEOUS PATRIARCH'S UNDER THE OLD COVENANT FELL UNDER TWO CLASSES

(here I'm starting with Abraham Isaac and Jacob after the flood, BECAUSE BOTH NOAH AND SHEM HAD ONLY ONE WIFE BEFORE THE FLOOD)

- THEY'RE NOT POLIGIMIST or
- THEY REPENTED OF POLIGAMY

ABRAHAM

ISAAC

JACOB

ALL OF THE KINGS OF ISRAEL BROKE THE LAW CONCERNING POLIGYMY THE MOST FAMOUS BEING DAVID WHO REPENTED FROM POLIGYMY (PS 51ST CHPT) AND SOLOMON WHO'S WRITINGS WERE PRO 1 WIFE, YET HIS LIFE STYLE WAS POLIGIMUS [1 Kings 11:6](#)

And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.

HOWEVER THE PRO POLIGAMIST REJECTS BOTH THIS AND THE NEW AND LIVING WAY BROUGHT IN BY THE RECEIVING OF THE SHED BLOOD OF CHRIST, THE EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE NEW COVENANT/ NEW TESTAMENT

Daniel 9:24-25

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, **AND TO MAKE AN END OF SINS**, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, **AND TO BRING IN EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS**, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to **ANOINT THE MOST HOLY**.

²⁵ Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem **UNTO THE MESSIAH** the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Hebrews 12:24-28

²⁴ And to **JESUS THE MEDIATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT**, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.²⁵ See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:²⁶ Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.²⁷ And this word, Yet once more, signifieth **the removing of those things that are shaken**, as of things that are made, **that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.**²⁸ **Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved**, let us have grace, whereby **we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:**

NOW IN THE IMMUTABLE / UNCHANGEABLE CHAPTER BEFORE THEIR WAS SIN IN MAN

Genesis 2:1-3

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2:2 And on the **SEVENTH DAY GOD ENDED HIS WORK** which he had made; and **HE RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY** from all his work which he had made. 2:3 And God **BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY**, and **SANCTIFIED IT**: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

👉 Genesis 2:21-25

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and **HE TOOK ONE OF HIS RIBS**, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

2:22 **AND THE RIB**, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and **BROUGHT HER UNTO THE MAN**.

2:23 And Adam said, This is now **BONE** of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave **UNTO HIS WIFE**: and they shall be one flesh.

2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

NOW FOR A QUESTION, UNDER THE NEW COVENANT BLOOD OF JESUS WHICH OF HIS DISCIPLES OR APOSTLES PRACTICED POLIGAMY, SCRIPTURE PLEASE?

THE ANSWER IS NOT ONE

Acts 1:1-2

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ²Until the day in which he was taken up, **AFTER THAT HE THROUGH THE HOLY GHOST HAD GIVEN COMMANDMENTS UNTO THE APOSTLES WHOM HE HAD CHOSEN:**

SO IF POLIGAMY WAS FROM GOD NOTICE NONE OF HIS DISCIPLES WERE POLIGAMIST NOR TAUGHT POLIGAMY

Ecclesiastes 3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, **IT SHALL BE FOR EVER:**

nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

Malachi 3:6 For I am the **LORD, I CHANGE NOT**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Hebrews 13:4 **MARRIAGE IS HONORABLE** in all, and **THE BED UNDEFILED**: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

👉 13:8 Jesus Christ **THE SAME YESTERDAY**, and **TO DAY, AND FOR EVER**.

And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.⁹ Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.¹⁰ And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.¹¹ Then they suborned men, which said, **We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.**¹² And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,¹³ And set up false witnesses, which said, **This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:**¹⁴ For we have heard him say, that this **JESUS OF NAZARETH SHALL DESTROY THIS PLACE, AND SHALL CHANGE THE CUSTOMS WHICH MOSES DELIVERED US.**¹⁵ And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel. **Acts 6:8-15**

Hebrews 9:8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: 9:9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; 9:10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, **AND CARNAL ORDINANCES, IMPOSED ON THEM UNTIL THE TIME OF REFORMATION.**

YES THEIR WERE REGULATIONS UNDER THE OLD COVENANT CONCERNING POLIGIMY IN THE LAW GIVEN BY MOSES, BUT IT IS WRITTEN John 1:17

For the law was given by Moses, **BUT GRACE AND TRUTH CAME BY JESUS CHRIST.**

Hebrews 12:22-28

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and **TO THE SPIRITS OF JUST MEN MADE**

PERFECT, 12:24 And to **JESUS THE MEDIATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT**, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

12:25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: 12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

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WHICH CANNOT BE SHAKEN MAY REMAIN.

12:28 Wherefore **WE RECEIVING A KINGDOM WHICH CANNOT BE MOVED, LET US HAVE GRACE, WHEREBY WE MAY SERVE GOD** acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

UNDER THE OLD COVENANT GOD PERMITTED THIS

Ezekiel 20:24-26

Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

20:25 Wherefore I gave them also statutes **THAT WERE NOT GOOD, and JUDGMENTS WHEREBY THEY SHOULD NOT LIVE;**

20:26 And **I POLLUTED THEM IN THEIR OWN GIFTS**, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD.

BUT IS JUST LIKE UNDER THE NEW COVENANT GOD WILL SEND YOU A STRONG DELUSION THAT SHOULD BELIEVE A LIE, BECAUSE YOU HAD PLEASURE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS SEE 2 THES 2:10-12

NOW EXAMINATION OF OLD TESTAMENT UNDER THE PERMISSIVE WILL OF GOD UNTIL THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH, THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL HE DIED FOR OUR SINS, BUT FOR THEIR SINS TOO HEB 9:14-15

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?15 And for this cause **HE IS THE MEDIATOR OF THE NEW**

TESTAMENT, that by means of death, for the redemption of **THE TRANSGRESSIONS THAT WERE UNDER THE FIRST**

TESTAMENT, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

YOU MAY BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT ABRAHAM WAS NOT A POLYGAMIST - that David completely repented of it - AND THAT GOD'S LEGAL STATUTES MADE POLYGAMY ILLEGAL IN ANCIENT ISRAEL!

God *did not* sanction polygamy in Old Testament times. Contrary to the TEACHING OF THE PRO POLIGAMIST CAMPS (suppositions) many have accepted, God *forbade it* -- and PUNISHED for it!

Abraham Was NOT a Polygamist

Many people recall at once a few Old Testament instances of plural wives, and assume that God sanctioned polygamy. That assumption is absolutely false! God has *never* approved, nor made lawful, more than one living wife for any man. Quite

the contrary, He FORBADE IT, even to the kings of Israel, and that by written STATUTE!

Abraham *was not a polygamist*. While Sarah, his wife, lived, **HE NEVER MARRIED ANY OTHER WOMAN.**

Abraham had an illegitimate son by Hagar BEING UNCIRCUMSIED. But that was an adulterous **SIN**. Although it renders it nonetheless a **SIN**, I think we can recognize extenuating circumstances.

Sarah was barren. For a wife in ancient times to go childless was felt to be a disgrace. It was Sarah, Abraham's own wife, who brought to Abraham her servant handmaid, asking him to produce a child for Sarah by this servant woman. We can imagine Hagar to have been attractive, and not necessarily lacking in voluptuous charms simply because she was a servant. That temptation, under these circumstances, at Sarah's instigation, might have been great. Certainly the very invitation coming from Sarah would have made it harder to resist.

Abraham was a strong man. But his flesh temptation appears to have been *stronger*.

All humans have sinned Romans 3:23 For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God;

but **PRO POLIGAMIST ACT AS IF NONE OF THE PATRIARCH SINNED**

Ecclesiastes 7:20

For there is not a **just man** upon earth, that doeth good, and **sinneth** not.

Abraham was human. Abraham lied when he twice claimed Sarah was his sister, fearing for his own life.

Abraham was not without sin. But neither this adultery, nor the two lies, were sins of the nature that springs from a wrong attitude of mind or heart. **BUT ABRAHAM, IN HIS HEART**, was always **OBEDIENT TO GOD**. There was no spirit of hostility or rebellion. These sins were of the FLESH, under temptation -- not malicious or rebellious sins of the heart. But they were **SINS!** God forgave Abraham's sins of spiritual weakness, committed under heavy temptation **AND CAME DOWN TO DIE FOR HIS SINS TOO.**

Nevertheless, we all must REAP what we sow -- even though God forgives our sins upon repentance. **GOD REFUSED TO APPROVE THIS ADULTEROUS ACT OF ABRAHAM. HE REJECTED THE ILLEGITIMATE SON, ISHMAEL, FROM THE BIRTHRIGHT.** This transgressions will of the flesh produced AND RESULTED IN jealousy between the women. It resulted in trouble, controversy, suffering.

How even today many realize that even the Arab-Jewish strife over Palestine, today, was brought on by this very **THREE-CORNERED TRIANGLE**, and the ensuing jealousy of the two women, Sarah and Hagar, over the one man, Abraham? The Jews are the children of Sarah, through Isaac, born later by a miracle. The Arabs are the children of Ishmael of bondwomen **BORN IN ABRAHAMS UNCIRCUMCISION.**

Galatians 4:23-29

²³ But he who was of **THE BONDWOMAN WAS BORN AFTER THE FLESH**; but he of the freewoman was by promise.²⁴ Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.²⁵ For this Agar is

mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is **IN BONDAGE** with her children.

²⁶ But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.²⁷ For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.²⁸ **NOW WE, BRETHREN, AS ISAAC WAS, ARE THE CHILDREN OF PROMISE.**²⁹ But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was **born after the Spirit, even so it is now.**

In **Genesis 21:8-21** is the record of Hagar's departure from Sarah and Abraham. God ordered Abraham to send away the concubine Hagar and her son, and Abraham obeyed. This was at the time Isaac was weaned. Abraham had, after this, no more relations with Hagar, or his other concubine, Susanna, who is mentioned in the ancient Austrian Chronicle -- see **Genesis 25:6** where you will read that Abraham's *concubines'* sons were sent away.

Sarah's death is recorded in **Genesis 23:1-2**. **IT WAS AFTER THAT (Gen. 25)**, that Abraham married Keturah. This, of course, was a perfectly legal marriage. **THERE WAS NO POLYGAMY -- NO DIVORCE.**

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are termed, in both Old and New Testaments, "the Fathers." Jesus Christ came to confirm the PROMISES made to "the Fathers." The unconditional promises God made to Abraham were repeated to both Isaac and Jacob.

Isaac Had Only One Wife ISAAC WAS NO POLYGAMIST!

There is no mention whatever of any wife for Isaac other than Rebekah. There is no mention of any concubines, or of any act of adultery. **IN ADDITION ISAAC WAS A TYPE OF FORE SHADOW OF CHRIST JESUS.**

HOW DOES THIS ACCOUNT FORESHADOW JESUS CHRIST?

- Abraham placed God first by being willing to sacrifice **HIS ONLY SON**. God the Father loved us so much that He also was willing to sacrifice His only Son (John 3:16).
- Isaac was willing to do what his father instructed. Jesus also obeyed His Father, even unto death (John 10:17-18).
- Abraham's sacrifice took place on Mount Moriah (Jerusalem). Jesus was sacrificed on the edge of Jerusalem (John 19:17-18).
- A ram was provided as a substitute for Isaac. God the Father provided Jesus, the *Lamb of God*, as a substitute for us. He paid our sin penalty by death on the cross to spare us the eternal death we deserve. In exchange, He offers us eternal life (Romans 6:23; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
- Abraham's son (Isaac) was the child of the promise; he was connected to the idea of resurrection (Hebrews 11:17-19). God's Son, Jesus, is the child of promise (Isaiah 9:6) who is resurrected (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

In Old Testament *types* Abraham is the *human* type of God the Father. He is called, in the human sense, the father of the faithful. In this same system of types, Isaac is the type of Christ, the Son of God. And Isaac's wife, Rebekah, is the type of the CHURCH, which is to marry Christ.

Did you ever realize this type similarity? Just as Rebekah had to become the affianced bride of Isaac, and in a sense come to LOVE HIM, before she ever saw him -- while he was still off in another land, so must we in God's true CHURCH come to LOVE CHRIST, who is in a far country -- heaven -- without ever having seen Him!

Now **CHRIST WILL NEVER HAVE BUT THE ONE WIFE**. And, Isaac, being a type of fore shadow of Christ, had only one wife. Apparently, Isaac was spotless from sins of lust or sex.

Isaac's wife, Rebekah, like her mother-in-law, Sarah, was barren. But Isaac did not take things into his own hands and have children by her handmaids, or by concubines. Neither did Rebekah do as Sarah had done, and resort to bringing a servant girl to Isaac to produce a son for Rebekah in this proxy manner. Instead of using human reason, taking things into his own hands, Isaac TRUSTED GOD!

"And Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived," (**Gen. 25:21**).

If only we could learn to TRUST GOD to work out our problems!

JACOB: One Wife After Conversion

Jacob is a name that means "Supplanter." It was God's will that Jacob receive the birthright instead of his older brother Esau. But in his earlier life Jacob did not rely on God. He took the matter in his own hand, aided and abetted by his mother.

Laban, deceived Jacob. Laban supplanted Jacob's *promised and loved* wife, Rachel, with his elder daughter Leah. Leah was foisted on Jacob by fraud. According to God's marriage laws, Jacob could have rejected her -- put her away as soon he discovered the deception. In that event, he would never have been truly married to Leah -- GOD would not have bound them as one flesh. But when Jacob accepted her as his wife, she became his ONLY true wife, in God's sight, as long as they both live!

But Jacob was not yet converted. He leaned to his own understanding. He did not seek wisdom from God, nor did he seek to OBEY God. He did what seemed right to him, in his own selfish interest. So Jacob lived in polygamy with both wives, and also had children by their two personal maids.

But now let's read of Jacob's conversion in **Genesis 32:24-30**. He then put idolatry out of his household (**Gen. 35:2-4**). **God appeared to him, changed his name to ISRAEL** ("Overcomer," or "Prevailer with God"), and reconfirmed the PROMISES. Then God took Rachel, his second wife (**Gen. 35:19**), leaving only his first and true wife Leah.

So, following his conversion, Jacob had but his one original wife. Jacob had repented. He lived no more in polygamy after his conversion.

A WORLDLY CUSTOM

It is of course true that it was a worldly custom, in patriarchal times, and in the days of the Kingdom of Israel, for kings and wealthy men to take plural wives. A harem was one of the symbols of royalty.

But God FORBADE polygamy for the kings of Israel.

Here is God's LAW respecting polygamy by Israel's kings:

"When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me. . . . **Neither shall he multiply wives to himself**, that his heart turn not away" (Deut. 17:14, 17). It is spoken of as "THIS LAW" in **verses 18 and 19**.

Israel's first king, **Saul, had plural wives. But in this he disobeyed God's command in Deut 17:14-17** and followed the custom of the kings of the worldly nations around Israel. It was SIN Transgression of the Law. It was not approved by God.

Deuteronomy 17:14-17

¹⁴When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me;¹⁵Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.¹⁶But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.¹⁷Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

Acts 7:52-54

⁵²Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:⁵³**Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.**⁵⁴When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

Genesis 4:7

If thou doest **well**, shalt thou **not** be accepted? and if thou doest **not well**, **sin lieth** at the **door**. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

1 John 3:4

Whosoever committeth **sin transgresseth** also the **law**: for **sin** is the **transgression** of the **law**.

DAVID REPENTED OF POLYGAMY

David had several wives. But after his tremendous sin of taking Bathsheba and having her husband murdered, David repented, in real heart-rending repentance. And he never repeated the sin. Very few seem to realize what actually happened.

See **II Samuel 12:9-12**. "Now therefore," said God (**verse 10**), "the sword shall never depart from thine house; *because thou hast despised ME*, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife." Notice, David despised GOD -- not merely the commandment of God, as in verse 9, but also the very *Person* of God! He did it by taking this woman as his wife. Therefore the sword was never to depart from his HOUSE.

The HOUSE OF DAVID, AT THAT TIME CONSISTED SOLELY OF THESE PLURAL WIVES, and his children. This was a tremendous, super SIN. God was meting out tremendous super punishment. Now notice the next verse:

"Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of *thine own house*. . . ."His own house included his wives and children. *What* evil? God has just said the *sword* will now come upon his house -- his family. God continues: ". . . and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbor, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun."

Notice -- this was to be done in the sight of *THIS* sun **◆ in broad daylight**. God continues: "For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.◆ The *Septuagint Version* translates it "*this* sun" here, as in the preceding verse. This was done publicly by David◆s own son Absalom, **II Samuel 16:21-22**.

David repented. "And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD" (**I Samuel 12:13**). You will read of David's private prayer of repentance to God in the **51st Psalm** – 51 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of **thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions**.

²Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.³**For I acknowledge my transgressions:** and my sin is ever before me.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.⁵ Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

⁶ Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.⁸ Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

⁹ Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.¹² Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

¹³ Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

the prayer of a really broken and contrite heart. **IT**

WAS REAL REPENTANCE. DAVID TURNED FROM POLYGAMY.

The next words in this text in **II Samuel 12** are: "And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die." However, the son to be born of this adultery was to die.

Even Concubines Put Away

Do you see what God did? He meted out to David a tremendous punishment -- God took all his wives, leaving Bathsheba only. With David's first and only legitimate wife, Michal, probably dead (see **II Sam. 6:23**), **GOD ALSO HAD CLEARED THE WAY FOR BATHSHEBA TO BECOME THE LEGAL WIFE OF DAVID.** Apparently this was done, that she might be the mother of Solomon, through whom God was to keep His unconditional, dynastic, promise to David -- a forefather of Jesus Christ -- and a prophet used in writing the Bible.

After this David was away from Jerusalem. But, returning, there were ten concubines (his former harem). Here is what David did with them:

"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**" (II Sam. 20:3).

Just as David kept the ten concubines "in widowhood" -- that is, he had no relations with them, for they had been defiled by his son Absalom.

David had truly repented. He practiced polygamy NO MORE! **When David was becoming old, he went "fully after the LORD"** (I Kings 11:6). He was "a man after God's own heart," because his heart was right. He did repent. He had been a warrior. In his younger life he went after many women. He had sown his "wild oats." BUT HE REPENTED!

His heart turned to GOD. His life's race ENDED in victory -- he "went fully after the LORD." It is not the one who starts out with the biggest burst of speed, but the one who finishes first at the END of the race who wins it.

His son, Solomon, started out righteously, unselfishly, relying on God. **But, "when Solomon was old," he had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines -- it must have been a record harem. And his wives turned away his heart from God, and to their idols.**

It was SIN! Regarding it, God's Word says: "Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD" (I Kings 11:6).

1 Kings 11:1-17

11 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites:2 Of the nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father.7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.9 And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from

the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,¹⁰ And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded.

¹¹ Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

AGAIN HE COMMITTED SIN IN THIS HE BROKE THE LAW GIVEN TO MOSES Deut 17:14-17

When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, **I WILL SET A KING OVER ME, LIKE AS ALL THE NATIONS THAT ARE ABOUT ME;**¹⁵ Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.¹⁶ But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

¹⁷ **NEITHER SHALL HE MULTIPLY WIVES TO HIMSELF**, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. **Deuteronomy 17:14-17**

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: **for sin is the transgression of the law.**
1 John 3:4

THERE WAS POLYGAMY IN ANCIENT ISRAEL. BUT IT WAS SIN! God *condemned* it

Isaiah 1:1-10

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.² Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.⁴ Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.⁵ Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.⁶ From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.⁷ Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.⁹ Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

-- He never condoned or sanctioned it. **THEY REAPED WHAT THEY SOWED.** Rom 9:31-33

But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

³² Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, **but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;**

³³ As it is written, **Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.**

Now here's a list of scriptures that the Pro Polygamist will throw in your face TO OVERTHROW THE CONDEMANATION OF THE NT to Justify their Polygamy as if THIS CAME AFTER JESUS and his apostles who were not polygamists and the New Testament, AND NOT BEFORE,

MOSES COMMANDED

#1-Exodus 21:10 "If he take him another wife; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish."

EXAMINATION:

Exodus 21:4-9

If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.



21:5 And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:

21:6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

21:7 And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.

21:8 If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

21:9 And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

 21:10 If he take him another wife; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish. 

21:11 And if he do not these three unto her, THEN SHALL SHE GO OUT FREE WITHOUT MONEY.

ANSWERED: ADDED TO THE LAW AND IN THE SAME CLASSIFICATION AS STONING, AND SALVATION BY APPAREL (ie THE WEARING OF FRINGES) BUT THEY TOO WERE NOT SO FROM THE BEGINNING

#2) Deuteronomy 21:15 If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the firstborn son be hers that was hated:

1 Samuel 1:2 And HE HAD TWO WIVES; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

1 Chronicles 4:5 And Ashur the father of Tekoa HAD TWO WIVES, Helah and Naarah.

2 Chronicles 24:3 And Jehoiada took for HIM TWO WIVES; and he begat sons and daughters.

ALL OF THESE ACTS WERE PERMITTED IN THE OC CONTRARY TO GEN 2ND CHPT BUT NOT FOUND IN THE NC

Matthew 19:4-9

And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

19:5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife:
and they TWAIN shall be ONE FLESH?

19:6 Wherefore they are no more twain, BUT ONE flesh. WHAT THEREFORE GOD HATH
JOINED together, let not man put asunder.

19:7 They say unto him, ← WHY DID MOSES THEN COMMAND → to give a writing of
divorcement, and to put her away?

19:8 He saith unto them, Moses BECAUSE OF THE HARDNESS OF YOUR HEARTS SUFFERED
YOU to put away your wives: BUT FROM THE BEGINNING IT WAS NOT SO.

19:9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, AND
SHALL MARRY ANOTHER, COMMITTED ADULTERY: and whoso marrieth her which is put away
doth commit adultery.

STONING CEASED TOO:

John 8:4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

8:5 Now MOSES IN THE LAW COMMANDED US, THAT SUCH SHOULD BE STONED: but what
sayest thou? 8:6 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.

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.

8:8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

8:9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one,
beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in
the midst.

8:10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman,
where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no
more.

ANSWERING THAT STONING STOPPED IN THE NT STONING BY REBELLIOUS JEWS

Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and STONEST them
which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen
gathereth her chickens under her wings, and YE WOULD NOT! 23:38 Behold, your house is left
unto you desolate.

Acts 22:18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem:
FOR THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE THY TESTIMONY CONCERNING ME.

THEY CAST STONES AT JESUS

John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. 8:59
THEN TOOK THEY UP STONES TO CAST AT HIM: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the
temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

****UNJUST STONING THE JUST

John 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for
blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

John 11:8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late SOUGHT TO STONE THEE; and
goest thou thither again?

****UNJUST STONING

Matthew 23:37-38

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and STONEST them which are sent unto

thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and YE WOULD NOT! 23:38 Behold, your house is left UNTO YOU DESOLATE.

Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and FOR THE OVERSPREADING OF ABOMINATIONS HE SHALL MAKE IT DESOLATE, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured UPON THE DESOLATE.

Isaiah 1:4-6

Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

1:5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

1:6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. 1:7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

Acts 5:26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN STONED.

Acts 7:51 YE STIFFNECKED and UNCIRCUMCISED IN HEART AND EARS, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

7:52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

7:53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, AND HAVE NOT KEPT IT.

7:54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

👉 7:57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

7:58 And cast him out of the city, and STONED HIM: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

7:59 And THEY STONED STEPHEN, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Acts 14:1-5

And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

14:2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.

14:3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

14:4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

14:5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them,

Acts 14:19 And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, HAVING STONED PAUL, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

2 Corinthians 11:25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, ONCE WAS I STONED, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

Hebrews 10:28-30

He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

10:30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I WILL RECOMPENSE, SAITH THE LORD. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

PRINCIPLE CHANGES

Matthew 5:38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 5:39 BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. 5:40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

1 Thessalonians 5:15 SEE THAT NONE RENDER EVIL FOR EVIL unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

1 Peter 3:9 NOT RENDERING EVIL FOR EVIL, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

#2) 1 Samuel 30:5 “And ~~✘~~ David's two wives ~~✘~~ were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.”

ANSWERED: OF OLD TIME, DAVID REPENTED OF THIS SIN

KINGS OF ISRAEL FORBIDDEN MULTIPLING OF WIVES

Deuteronomy 17:14 When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me; 17:15 Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother. 17:16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. 17:17 NEITHER SHALL HE MULTIPLY WIVES TO HIMSELF, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

DAVID REPENTED OF POLIGAMY

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. 12:10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. 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. 12:12 For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. 12:13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

DAVID REPENTED FROM POLIGAMY

Psalms 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 51:3 FOR I ACKNOWLEDGE MY TRANSGRESSIONS: and my sin is ever before me. 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. 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. 51:6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know

wisdom. 51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: WASH ME, and I SHALL BE WHITER THAN SNOW. 51:8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. 51:9 Hide thy face from my sins, and BLOT OUT ALL MINE INIQUITIES.

THAT WAS OF OLD TIME,BUT NOW IS SIN UNDER THE NEW TESTAMENT

#3) Isaiah 4:1 “And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.”

POLIGAMY IN THE FUTURE KILLER
JESUS DIDN'T ALLOW IT

Ezekiel 20:36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.

20:37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into THE BOND OF THE COVENANT:

20:38 And I will purge out from among you THE REBELS, and them THAT TRANSGRESS AGAINST ME: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

[ISA 8:16,20 ANTI NEW COVENANT REBELS]





20:39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.

20:40 For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.

20:41 I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen. 20:42 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

20:43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. 20:44 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

Micah 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4:3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 4:4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

4:5 For all people will walk every one  IN THE NAME  of his god, and we will walk  IN THE NAME  of the LORD our God for ever and ever. 4:6 In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; 4:7 And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

Isaiah 4:1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel:

only 🖱️ LET US BE CALLED BY THY NAME 🖱️, to take away our reproach.

4:2 In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

4:3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

4:4 When the Lord shall HAVE WASHED AWAY THE FILTH of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

#4) 2 Chronicles 13:21 But Abijah waxed mighty, and **MARRIED FOURTEEN WIVES**, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

ANSWERED: OF OLD TIME REPEATED 3 TIMES BY JESUS,

1. Matthew 5:21

Ye have heard that it was said of them of **old time**, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

2. Matthew 5:27

Ye have heard that it was said by them of **old time**, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

3. Matthew 5:33

Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of **old time**, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

BUT NOW IT'S SIN UNDER THE NEW TESTAMENT

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.

THE LAW SAYS Exodus 20:14 **Thou shalt not commit adultery.**

#5) Judges 8:30

“And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: **FOR HE HAD MANY WIVES.**”

ANSWERED: THAT WAS OF THE OLD TIME, BUT NOW SIN UNDER THE NEW TESTAMENT (SEE #4)

#6) Matthew 25:1 “Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ~~✕~~ ten virgins ~~✕~~, which took their lamps, and went forth ~~✕~~ to meet 🖱️ ~~▨~~ the 🖱️ ~~▨~~ bridegroom ~~✕~~.”

ANSWERED KILLING THE POLIGAMIST CLAIM 7 VIRGINS IS CHRIST MARRYING MULTIPLE WIVES

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may **PRESENT YOU AS A CHASTE VIRGIN** to Christ.

Revelation 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; **FOR THEY ARE VIRGINS.** These are they which **FOLLOW THE LAMB WHITHERSOEVER HE GOETH.** These were redeemed from among men, **BEING THE FIRSTFRUITS UNTO GOD AND TO 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. **NOTICED IT DIDN'T SAY HIS WIVES**

Revelation 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, **THE LAMB'S WIFE.**

ONE CHURCH

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build MY CHURCH; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Acts 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to THE CHURCH daily such as should be saved.

Acts 7:38 This is he, that was in the **CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS** with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

Jeremiah 31:1 At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. 31:2 Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. 31:3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. 31:4 Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, **O VIRGIN OF ISRAEL:** thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed **THE CHURCH** of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Ephesians 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord **THE CHURCH:**

Ephesians 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and **THE CHURCH.**

Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, **THE CHURCH:** who is the beginning, the

firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Colossians 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is **THE CHURCH**:

1 Timothy 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of **THE CHURCH** of God?)

1 Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is THE CHURCH of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Hebrews 2:12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of THE CHURCH will I sing praise unto thee.

Hebrews 12:23 To the general assembly and CHURCH of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

3 John 1:9 I wrote unto THE CHURCH: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WHAT MOSES COMMANDED

Acts 6:14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change THE CUSTOMS WHICH MOSES DELIVERED US.

Acts 21:21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles TO FORSAKE MOSES, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, NEITHER TO WALK AFTER the customs.

Hebrews 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. 12:25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: 12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. 12:27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth THE REMOVING OF THOSE THINGS THAT ARE SHAKEN, as of things that are made, THAT THOSE THINGS WHICH CANNOT BE SHAKEN MAY REMAIN. 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Hebrews 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 10:21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

Hebrews 9:8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: 9:9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; 9:10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the

holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Romans 2:29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of THE HEART, IN THE SPIRIT, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, BUT OF GOD.

Romans 7:6 But now we are delivered from THE LAW, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should SERVE IN NEWNESS OF SPIRIT, and not in the OLDNESS OF THE LETTER.

2 Corinthians 3:6 Who also hath made us ABLE MINISTERS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT; not of the letter, **BUT OF THE SPIRIT**: for the letter killeth, **BUT THE SPIRIT GIVETH LIFE**.
NOW WHAT DID THE SPIRIT SAY ABOUT MARRIAGE

What GOD Joins in Marriage

Also Israelites practiced what God had forbidden -- divorce and remarriage. On this, Jesus said: "**Moses [not God] because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. 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**" (Mat. 19:8-9). GOD has *never* legalized divorce and remarriage. It is not allowable today.

Jesus said, in this same connection: "Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female?" Notice, Jesus was dating this from the BEGINNING BEFORE MAN WAS IN SIN. And God *never changes!* "**And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?**" Notice, a man shall cleave to his WIFE -- *not wives*. And they TWO -- not he and several wives -- shall be one flesh.

"What therefore GOD hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Mat. 19:4-6). It is what GOD joins together. That is the definition of MARRIAGE. God does not join together one man with plural women! Any woman a man may "marry" according to man's codes, in addition to the wife GOD joined him to, is NOT his wife, so long as his real wife lives. Any additional women, whether in polygamy, or by divorce one at a time, is plain ADULTERY! GOD never joins the second, let alone the additional "wives." They are NOT truly wives -- they are adulteresses, and the man becomes an adulterer. THIS BREAKS GOD'S LAW. IT IS *SIN*.

Jesus thus put us straight on monogamous marriage.

God made ONE wife for Adam -- not a harem! He started the human family out as He ordained they *should go* -- a family of ONE man and ONE wife.

And, remember, God gave this absolute *command* regardiSW3ng future kings of Israel -- telling them they must not do as the pagan nations around them (whose

kings had their harems): *"Neither shall he multiply wives to himself!"* Saul, Israel's first king, DISOBEYED that command. He let demons take hold of him.

God deposed him, and put David in his place. David started out in polygamy, but God punished him. HE REPENTED thoroughly, and he finished his reign with his *only* living wife. Solomon finished his life in polygamy and idolatry -- and God, in punishment, rent the KINGDOM away from his son, Rehoboam.

GOD DID NOT CONDONE POLYGAMY! HE PUNISHED those who practiced it! It was *always SIN!* It is SIN today! **HOSEA (HOS 2:13-23) AND OTHER PROPHETS CONSTANTLY DWELL UPON THE THOUGHT OF MONOGAMOUS MARRIAGE (EZK 16:38) AS BEING A SYMBOL OF THE UNION OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE,** and denounce idolatry as unfaithfulness to this spiritual marriage tie to ONE GOD.

PRO POLIGAMIST ARE NOT IN CHRIST, THEY ARE INTO THE FLESH

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

⁴ That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

⁵ For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

⁶ For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

⁷ Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

⁸ So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

PAUL ESTABLISHED THE SAME DOCTRINE THAT JESUS BROUGHT FROM THE BEGINNING

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.**

1 Corinthians 7:1-4

Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

² Nevertheless, **TO AVOID FORNICATION**, let every man have **HIS OWN WIFE**, and let every woman have her own husband.

³ Let the husband render unto **THE WIFE** due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

⁴ The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, **BUT THE WIFE.**

Eph 5:30-33 (KILLS CHRIST TAUGHT POLIGAMY)

³⁰ For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

³¹ For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and **THEY TWO SHALL BE ONE FLESH.**

³² This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

³³ Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.