

Ezekiel 22:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter.

Analysis

And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife—adultery (to'evah, תֹּאֵוָה), the covenant term for maximum violation. **Another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law** (kallato timme, קָלָלָתִים) —incest violating Leviticus 18:15. **Another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter**—another incest category (Leviticus 18:9).

The threefold 'and one... and another... and another' structures escalating horror. These aren't theoretical violations but actual cases within the city. The catalog demonstrates that Jerusalem systematically violated the sexual boundaries Leviticus 18 established as non-negotiable for covenant membership.

Historical Context

This litany of sexual crimes parallels the indictments in Leviticus 18 that conclude, 'for all these abominations have the men of the land done... and the land is defiled' (v. 27). Ezekiel presents Jerusalem not as victim of Babylonian aggression but as guilty defendant in a covenant lawsuit, charged with crimes warranting the same judgment Canaan received.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does the systematic nature of these violations ('one... another... another') indicate societal rather than individual breakdown?
2. What does Jerusalem's adoption of Canaanite sexual ethics teach about assimilation versus distinctiveness in covenant community?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת	וְאֵת	אֲשֶׁת	אֲשֶׁת	רְעֵה	רְעֵה	שְׁמַעַת	שְׁמַעַת	תְּוִיּוֹת	תְּוִיּוֹת
And one	H854	wife		with his neighbour's		hath committed		abomination	
H376		H802		H7453		H6213		H8441	
וְאֵת	וְאֵת	אֲתָה	אֲתָה	פְּלַת	פְּלַת	טָמֵא	טָמֵא	בְּזִבְחַת	בְּזִבְחַת
And one	H853	his daughter in law		defiled		hath lewdly		And one	H853
H376		H3618		H2930		H2154		H376	H269
בַּת	בַּת	אָבִיךָ	אָבִיךָ	עַבְדָה	עַבְדָה	בְּתָרָבָה	בְּתָרָבָה		
daughter		his father's	in thee hath humbled			H0			
H1323		H1		H6031					

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 18:15 (Word): Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

Leviticus 20:17 (Parallel theme): And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.

Leviticus 18:9 (Parallel theme): The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.

2 Samuel 13:14 (Parallel theme): Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

Ezekiel 18:11 (Parallel theme): And that doeth not any of those duties, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife,

Leviticus 18:20 (Parallel theme): Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her.

Leviticus 20:12 (Word): And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them.