

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, תועבה), the covenant term for maximum violation. **Another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law** (kallato timme, כַּלְתּוֹ טִמֵּא)—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.

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.