

# Leviticus 18

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## Unlawful Sexual Relations

- <sup>1</sup> And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- <sup>2</sup> Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God.
- <sup>3</sup> After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.
- <sup>4</sup> Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God.
- <sup>5</sup> Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup> None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD.
- <sup>7</sup> The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.
- <sup>8</sup> The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness.
- <sup>9</sup> 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.
- <sup>10</sup> The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for their's is thine own nakedness.

- 11 The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.
- 12 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman.
- 13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman.
- 14 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt.
- 15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.
- 16 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness.
- 17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness.
- 18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time.
- 19 Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.
- 20 Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her.
- 21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.
- 22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.
- 23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

**24** Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:

**25** And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.

**26** Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:

**27** (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;)

**28** That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you.

**29** For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.

**30** Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **God** — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

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### **Iniquity** — אָוֶן (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** (אָוֶן) encompasses iniquity, guilt, and its punishment—the twisted nature of sin. 'The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all' (Isaiah 53:6), Christ bearing our guilt and penalty.

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**Judgment** — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

**Lord** — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

**Leviticus 18:2**    **References God:** Leviticus 11:44; 20:7; Exodus 6:7; Ezekiel 20:5

**Leviticus 18:3**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 20:23; Exodus 23:24; Deuteronomy 12:4; Psalms 106:35; Romans 12:2. **References Egypt:** Ezekiel 23:8

**Leviticus 18:4**    **References God:** Leviticus 18:2. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:4; John 15:14. **Judgment:** Leviticus 18:26; 19:37; 20:22; Deuteronomy 6:1; Ezekiel 20:19; 36:27

**Leviticus 18:5**

**Parallel theme:** Luke 10:28; Romans 10:5; Galatians 3:12. **Judgment:** Exodus 6:6; Ezekiel 20:11; 20:13; 20:21. **References Lord:** Exodus 6:2; 6:29; Malachi 3:6

**Leviticus 18:7**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 20:11; Ezekiel 22:10

**Leviticus 18:8**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 20:11; Genesis 49:4; Deuteronomy 22:30; 27:20; Amos 2:7; 1 Corinthians 5:1

**Leviticus 18:9**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 20:17; Deuteronomy 27:22; Ezekiel 22:11

**Leviticus 18:12**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 20:19

**Leviticus 18:14**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 20:20

**Leviticus 18:15**    **Word:** Leviticus 20:12; Ezekiel 22:11. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 38:26

**Leviticus 18:16**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 20:21; Deuteronomy 25:5; Matthew 22:24; Mark 12:19

**Leviticus 18:17**    **Evil:** Leviticus 20:14

**Leviticus 18:18**    **Parallel theme:** Genesis 30:15; Malachi 2:15

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**Leviticus 18:22**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 20:13; Genesis 19:5; Deuteronomy 23:18; Judges 19:22; 1 Kings 14:24; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:10; Jude 1:7

**Leviticus 18:23**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 20:12; Exodus 22:19

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**Parallel theme:** Leviticus 18:3; 18:30; Deuteronomy 12:31; 18:12; Jeremiah 44:4; 1 Corinthians 3:17

**Leviticus 18:25**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 18:28; Psalms 106:38; Jeremiah 2:7; 9:9

**Leviticus 18:26**    **Judgment:** Leviticus 18:5

**Leviticus 18:27**

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**Leviticus 18:28**    **Parallel theme:** Revelation 3:16

**Leviticus 18:30**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 20:23. **References Lord:** Leviticus 22:9