

VERSES ON MARRIAGE

Genesis 2:18-25 18 Yahweh God said: It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make him a helper suitable for him. ...20 The man gave names to all the cattle, to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. 21 So Yahweh God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept. Then he took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. 22 Yahweh God fashioned into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man. 23 The man said: This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She will be called woman because she was taken out of man. 24 For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and they will become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Genesis 24:67 67 Isaac brought [Rebekah] into his mother Sarah's tent, he took Rebekah, she became his wife, and he loved her. Thus Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Deuteronomy 24:5 5 When a man is newly married, he shall not go out with the army or be liable for any other public duty. He shall be free at home one year to be happy with his wife whom he has taken.

Joshua 23:11-13 11 Be very careful, therefore, to love Yahweh your God. 12 For if you turn back and cling to the remnant of these nations remaining among you and make marriages with them, so that you associate with them and they with you, 13 know for certain that Yahweh your God will no longer drive out these nations before you, but they shall be a snare and a trap for you, a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good ground that Yahweh your God has given you.

2 Samuel 5:13 13 David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron. And more sons and daughters were born to David.

1 Kings 11:1-8 1 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, 2 from the nations concerning which Yahweh had said to the people of Israel, You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods. Solomon clung to these in love. 3 He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. 4 For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to Yahweh his God, as was the heart of David his father. 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. 6 So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh and did not wholly follow Yahweh, as David his father had done. 7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem. 8 And so he did for all his foreign wives, who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods.

Nehemiah 13:23-27 23 In those days I also saw that the Jews had married women from Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. 24 As for their children, half spoke in the language of Ashdod,

and none of them was able to speak the language of Judah but the language of his own people. 25 So I contended with them, cursed them, struck some of them, pulled out their hair, and made them swear by God: You will not give your daughters to their sons nor take of their daughters for your sons or for yourselves. 26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin regarding these things? Yet among the many nations there was no king like him, he was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless the foreign women caused even him to sin. 27 Do we then hear about you that you have committed all this great evil by acting unfaithfully against our God by marrying foreign women?

Proverbs 5:15-19 15 Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. 16 Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? 17 Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. 18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, 19 a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight. Be intoxicated always in her love.

Proverbs 12:4 4 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who shames him is like rotteness in his bones.

Proverbs 18:22 22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from Yahweh.

Proverbs 19:14 14 House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from Yahweh.

Proverbs 31:10-30 10 An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good and not evil all the days of her life. ...28 Her children rise up and bless her. Her husband also, and he praises her: 29 Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all. 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain. A woman who fears Yahweh, she will be praised.

Song of Solomon 6:3 3 I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine. He grazes among the lilies.

Malachi 2:13-16 13 This is another thing you do. You cover the altar of Yahweh with tears, weeping, and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. 14 Yet you say, For what reason? Because Yahweh has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. ...15 Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth. 16 For I hate divorce, says Yahweh the God of Israel, and him who covers his garment with wrong, says Yahweh of hosts. So take heed to your spirit that you do not deal treacherously.

Matthew 5:31-32 31 It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce. 32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Matthew 19:3-12 3 And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause? 4 He answered, Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? 6 So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate. 7 They said to him, Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away? 8 He said to them, Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery. 10 The disciples said to him, If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry. 11 But he said to them, Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. 12 For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.

1 Corinthians 7:1-9 1 Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman. 2 But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. 3 The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4 For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 5 Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer. But then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 6 Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. 7 I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. 8 To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. 9 But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

Ephesians 5:22-33 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Messiah is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Messiah, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. 25 Husbands, love your wives, as Messiah loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot, wrinkle, or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Messiah does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Messiah and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

1 Peter 3:1-7 1 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewellery, or the clothing you wear— 4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious. 5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. 7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honour to the woman as the weaker vessel, because they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Revelation 19:7-8 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready. 8 It was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. 9 And the angel said to me, Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God.