

***What does the Bible say about homosexuality?***

**What is the Basis for our Conclusion?**

**What Does the Bible Teach About Homosexuality?**

*Israel*

Leviticus 18

* incest (vs. 6-17)
* polygamy (v. 18)
* adultery (v. 20)
* homosexuality (v. 22)
* bestiality (v. 23)

Leviticus 20

* adultery (vs. 10-12, 21)
* homosexuality (v. 13)
* polygamy (v. 14)
* bestiality (vs. 15-16)
* incest (vs. 17, 19-20)

**Leviticus 18:24-30**

24“Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean, 25and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. 26But you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you 27(for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean), 28lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. 29For everyone who does any of these abominations, the persons who do them shall be cut off from among their people. 30So keep my charge never to practice any of these abominable customs that were practiced before you, and never to make yourselves unclean by them: I am the Lord your God.”

* Judgment on Sodom & Gomorrah (Genesis 19; 2 Pet 2:6-8; Jude 1:7)
* Judgment on Baal worship

**1 Kings 14:22-24**

22And Judah did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins that they committed, more than all that their fathers had done. 23For they also built for themselves high places and pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, 24and there were also male cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations that the Lord drove out before the people of Israel.

**2 Kings 23:4-7**

4And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the keepers of the threshold to bring out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron and carried their ashes to Bethel. 5And he deposed the priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to make offerings in the high places at the cities of Judah and around Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and the moon and the constellations and all the host of the heavens. 6And he brought out the Asherah from the house of the Lord, outside Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron and beat it to dust and cast the dust of it upon the graves of the common people. 7And he broke down the houses of the male cult prostitutes who were in the house of the Lord, where the women wove hangings for the Asherah.

**Isaiah 3:8-9**

8For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen,
because their speech and their deeds are against the Lord,
defying his glorious presence.9For the look on their faces bears witness against them;
they proclaim their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it.
Woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves.

*The Church*

* Jesus

**Matthew 5:17-19**

17“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

* Paul
* Homosexuality is unclean
* Homosexuality is unnatural
* Homosexuality is a sinful lifestyle

**How Are We to Respond?**

*Recognize that homosexuality is a sin*

*Prepare to be attacked for opposing it*

*Consider possibility of conversion*

*Reach out in love to those who struggle in this sin*

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