

# SEX, SOCIETY AND FAMILY



- Christians generally prefer not to address it
- The ancient cultures view sexuality as simply part of life
- Large families living in small homes and tents did not permit complete privacy
- MODESTY was greater than today
- Human sexuality was woven into the everyday life of Hebrews
- Modern translations tend to hide Biblical sexuality



# DEUTERONOMY 22: 1 – 5

## TRUE RELIGION

- James says it is demonstrated in helping widows and orphans
- It keeps one unstained from the world
- It is the SPIRIT of the Law
- It is the ATTITUDE of the worshipper
- Holiness is the goal of the Law



# HOW TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

- Example is when you stumble across a lost ox or sheep
- **Ach** = brother, kinsman, Israelite
- INACTION is not an option!
- Indifference is the OPPOSITE of “love your neighbor”
- Exodus 23 mirrors Deut. 22
- This is Moses’ “sermon” to the people, expounding on the laws
- Found animal to be brought “inside the house” until owner shows up



# TRANSVESTISM

- Words of vs. 5 are “*things pertaining to*” a man or woman....NOT only clothing
- Refers to weapons, jewelry, hairstyles, garments
- Issue is of taking on the characteristics of the opposite sex
- Appearance, roles, clothing
- Gal. 3 “...*there is no male and no female..*”
- Referring to STATUS before God, not the end of gender identification



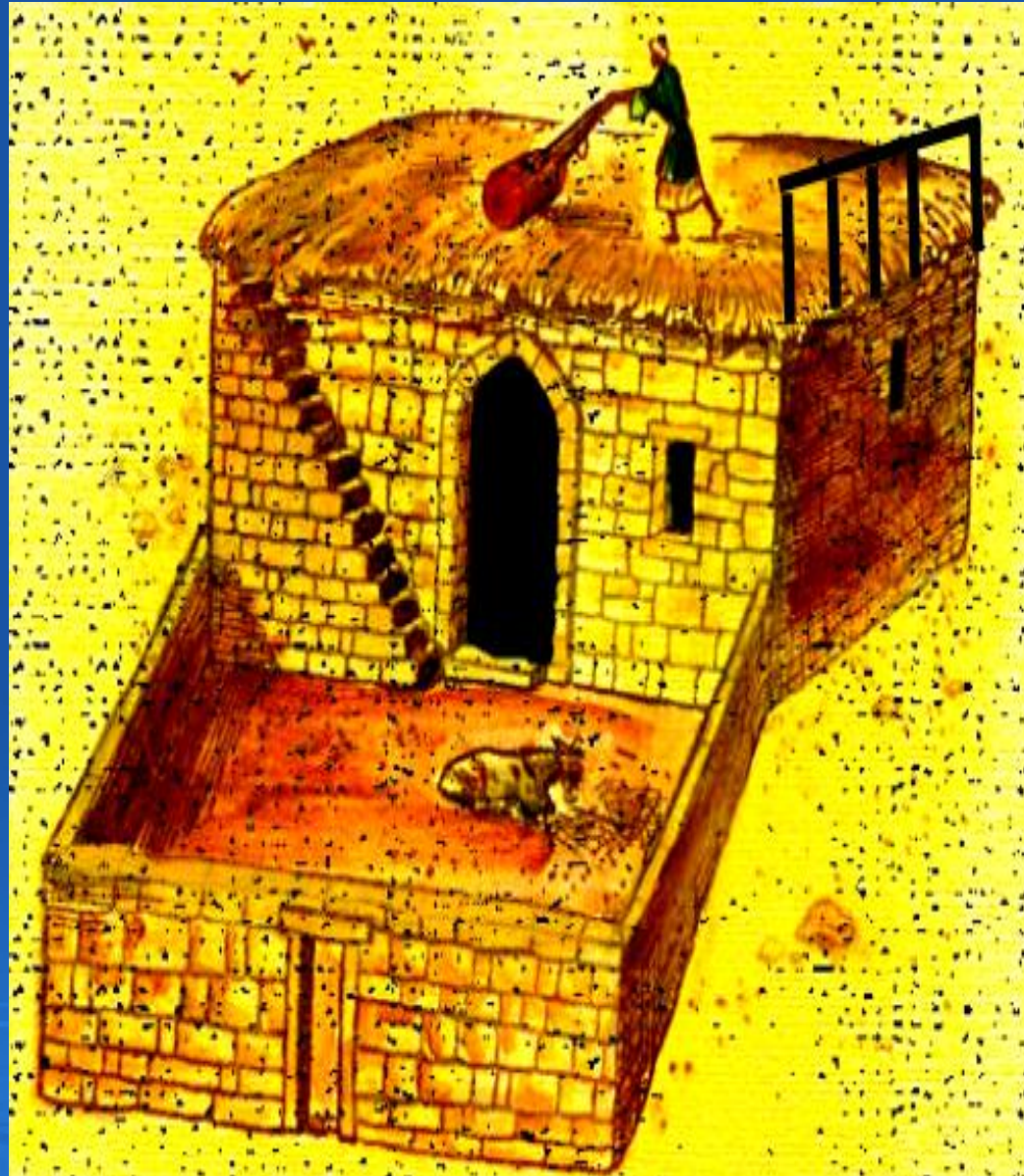
# DO NOT TAKE MOTHER BIRD AND HER CHICKS



- Another law demonstrating “true religion”
- Humanitarian concerns extend from domestic to WILD animals
- Economic value is secondary
- Also speaks to parent/child relationship
- Is fashioned after the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment, Honor Father and Mother

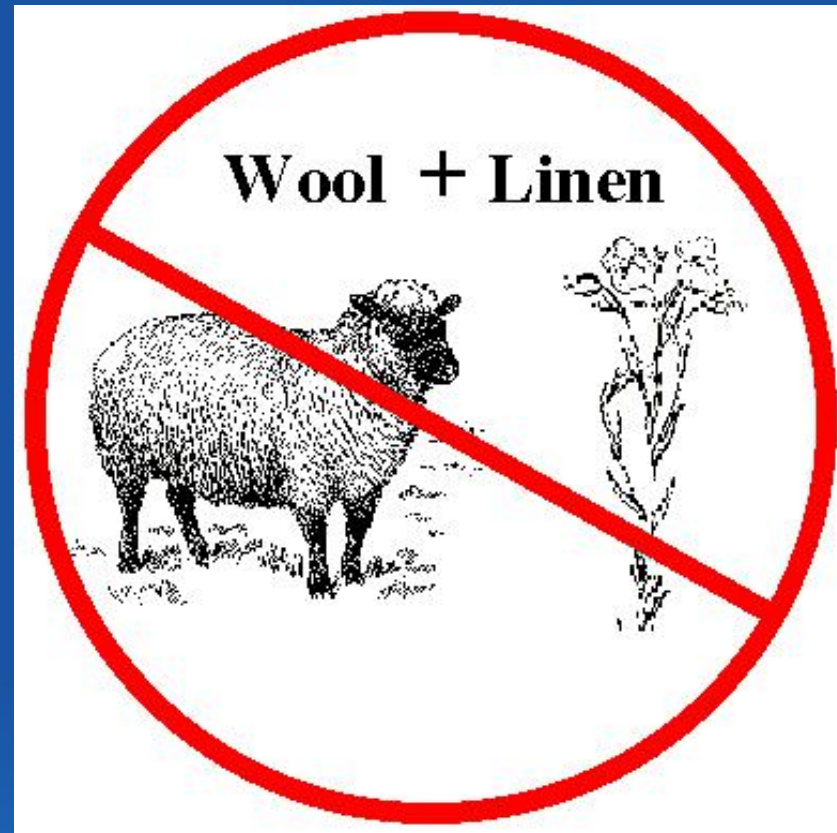
# HOUSES TO HAVE PARAPETS

- Parapet is a balcony railing along the edge of the roof
- The roof was just another “floor” of the house
- If a person fell of a roof that had no railing, the owner would bare bloodguilt
- Negligent homicide

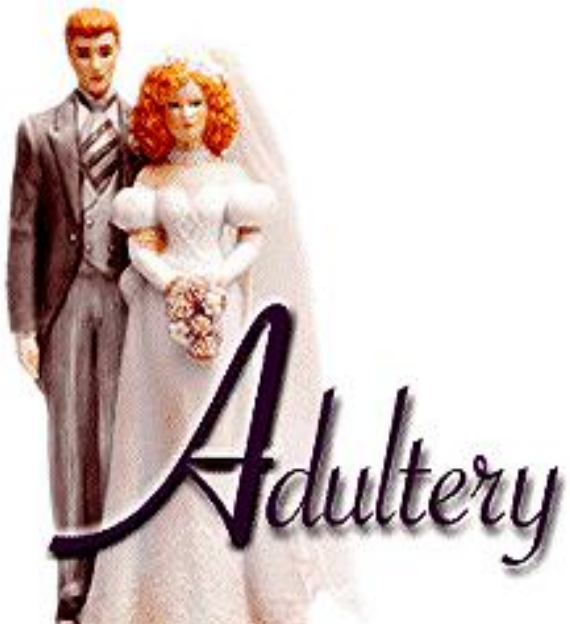


# ILLICIT MIXTURES

- **ILLICIT** = unlawful, unauthorized, not approved
- An illicit mixture is the creation of a UNION that must never be permitted
- 1) Farmer not to sow 2 kinds of seed together
- 2) Ox and Donkey not to be yoked together
- 3) Clothing not to be made from 2 kinds of thread (Linen and wool)
- These laws are repeats and extensions of Leviticus 19:19
- ***Kilayim*** = two kinds







# ILLICIT MIXTURES AS ASPECTS OF ADULTERY

- Rashi: these laws are sovereign decrees of God for which there is no reason given
- All 4 “illicit mixture” laws are based on the 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Adultery
- Planting 2 kinds of seed together (intercropping) has certain benefits

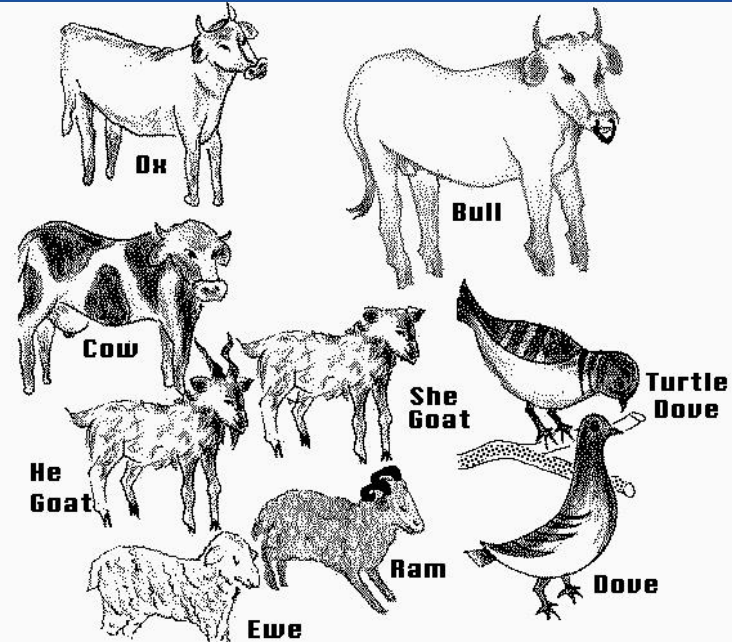


# LAND GOING TO WASTE?

- Water used could be used for grapes and the vegetables planted beneath the vines
- Linen and wool woven together form a cloth of high quality
- Yoking an Ox and a Donkey to a plow was used often in ancient times, and caused no harm to either animal



# WHAT'S THE HARM?



- There is actually REAL benefit from doing what these laws prohibit
- Nothing inherently evil in planting 2 different kinds of seeds together, in 2 different kinds of thread to make a cloth, in 2 different kinds of animals being yoked together
- WHY certain animals OK for sacrifice, or food, and others are not?



# REALITY OF DUALITY

HEAVEN AND THE  
SPIRITUAL WORLD

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SPIRITUAL REALITY

DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE GOD-PRINCIPLES



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PHYSICAL REALITY