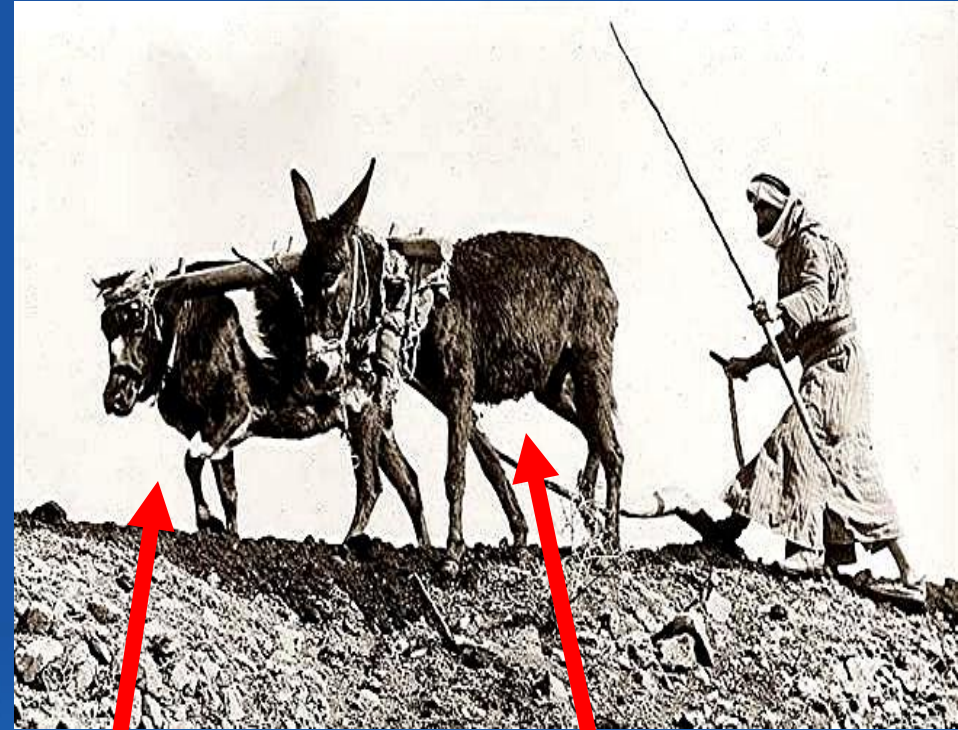


ILLICIT MIXTURES

- James says that True Religion is doing the Law in the proper spirit
- Unauthorized unions:
 - 1) transvestism
 - 2) seeds of 2 kinds planted together
 - 3) thread of linen and wool formed into a cloth
 - 4) yoking an Ox and a Donkey to a plow



OX

DONKEY

WHY?

**WOOL+LINEN
=
SHATNEZ**



- I have never seen a rationale for the animals or materials chosen as prohibited/allowed that covers every case
- Is a cloth of wool and linen inherently evil?
- Priests were required to wear some garments made of sha'atnez
- Original Tzitzit were made of sha'atnez

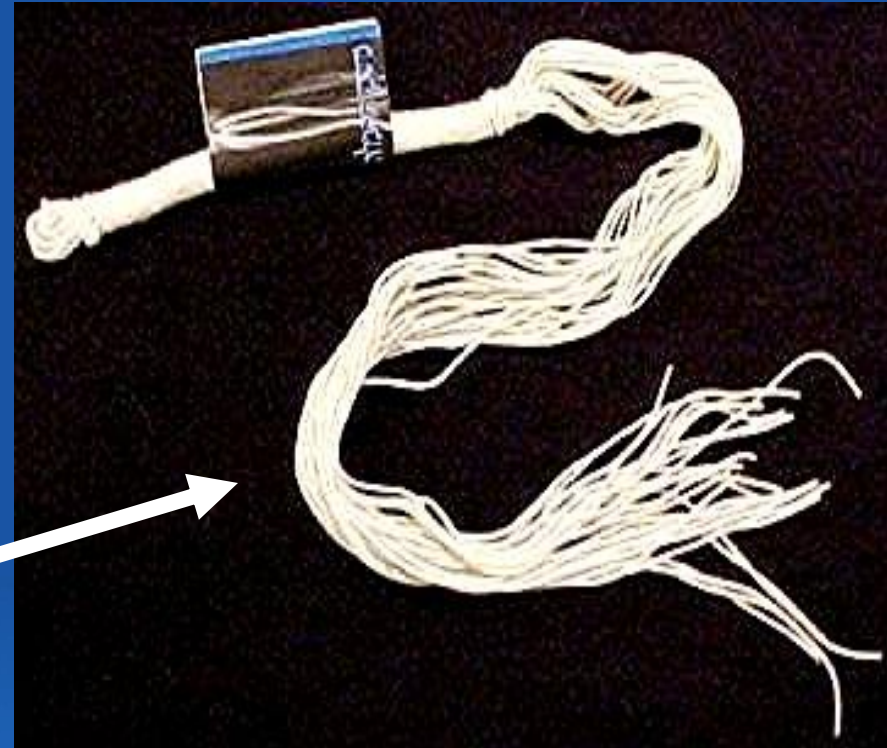
SHA'ATNEZ: CLOTHES OF A PROSTITUTE



- Sha'atnez is also a Hebrew idiom for prostitution
- An idiom is a meaning for a phrase that is different than the literal sum of the words
- The wealthy pagans wore cloth that was of linen and wool as it was a fine cloth
- Prostitution = adultery
- Adultery = illicit mixture

WOOL AND LINEN ARE NOT INHERENTLY EVIL WHEN MIXED

- Tzitzit was originally made of sha'atnez
- Tzitzit is technically NOT a garment but a symbol
- Sha'atnez concerns ONLY what can be worn as a garment
- Orthodox Jews leave out the blue thread, because of uncertainty about the precise SHADE of blue!
- Misses the point of being of mixed material



WHEN DOCTRINES REPLACE HOLY SCRIPTURE.....

- Jews and Christians are often guilty of preferring doctrines and customs to the actual Word
- 1 Peter 2:9 “ *...but you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood....”*
- We are priests MORE in a spiritual than a physical sense, yet we are to do the job of priests: teach the Word, serve God, anoint with oil
- As God’s priests we need to consider that reality as we determine how best to observe His Laws in the proper spirit

WHAT WE JOIN OURSELVES TO IS CRITICAL



- As holy and set-apart for the Lord, we must consider carefully what we come into union with
- 1 Cor. 6:16 says joining to a prostitute makes you one with her
- 1 Cor. 6:17 says joining to the Lord makes you one with HIM!

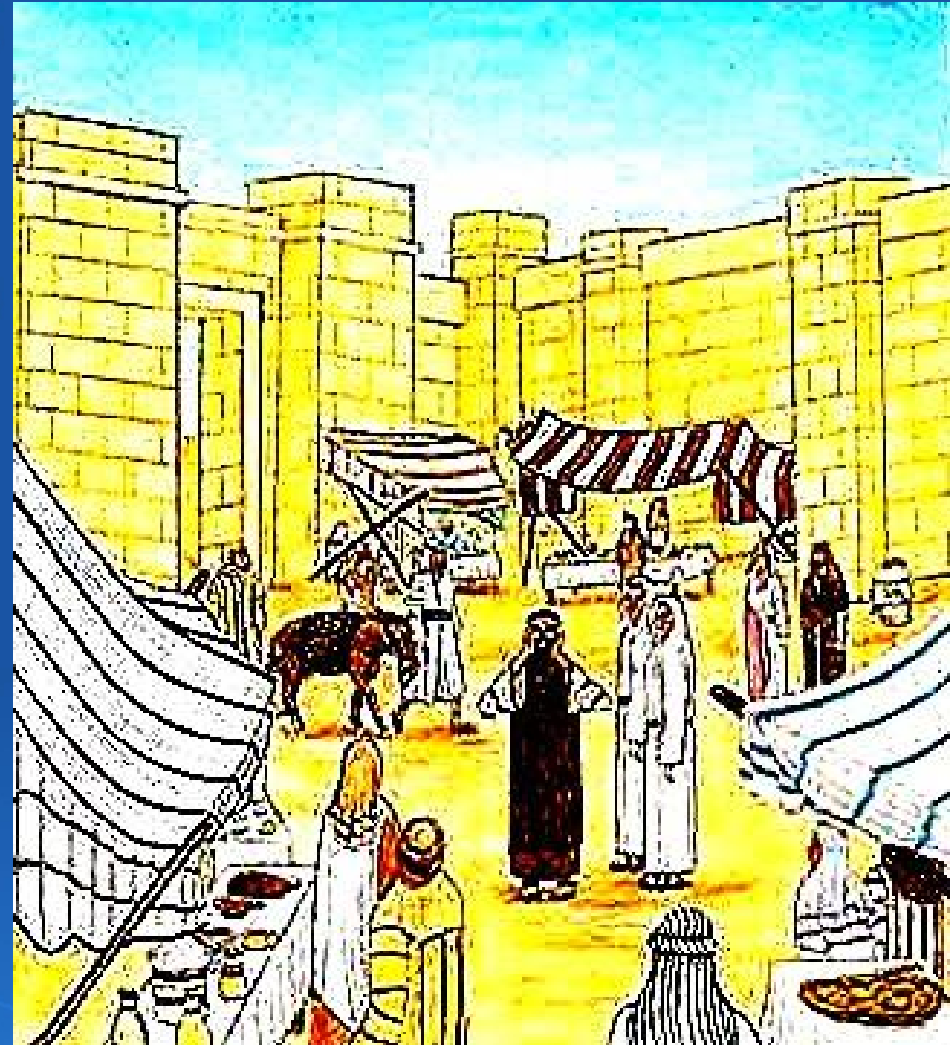
FALSE ACCUSATIONS

- Man accuses his wife of having not been a virgin at time of betrothal
- To “hate” her means to reject her
- Man publicly accuses his wife of being unchaste
- Parents are to provide “proof” of girl’s virginity to exonerate her



ELDERS AT THE CITY GATE

- Gates were the equivalent of the city square
- Court was held there
- The “marriage cloth” is the proof of the girl’s virgin status
- Virgin = unmarried young girl
- Girl is still living at home
- Simlah = marriage cloth
- ONLY difference between betrothal and marriage was sexual consummation



THE WEDDING NIGHT



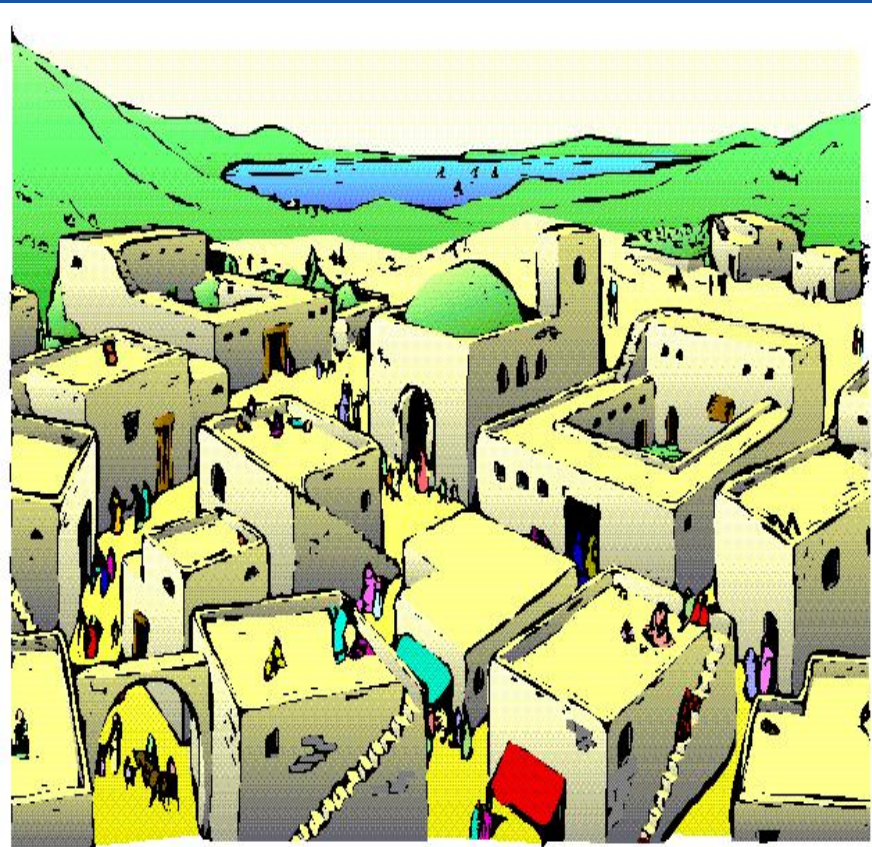
- Marriage cloth inspected by elder women, and then used by the bride
- Placed on marriage bed or worn by the bride
- Smear of blood on the cloth was PROOF of girl's virginity prior to that night
- Girl gave cloth to parents who kept it and displayed it!
- The bloody cloth is all the proof the elders need
- The girl is declared innocent, and the man declared guilty

HUSBAND IS WHIPPED

- Father is paid a sum of 100 silver shekels
- Husband may NEVER divorce the girl
- Verse 20: Same case but girl is found guilty
- Guilty girl taken to the doorstep of her father's home and stoned to death
- Same punishment for rebellious daughter as for rebellious son.....death by stoning
- Zanah = behaving as a prostitute
- 3rd case, man commits adultery with a married woman so BOTH are to be executed

4th CASE:

ILLICIT SEXUAL UNION IN A CITY



- A girl who is BETROTHED but not married has sex with another man
- Since she did NOT cry out (or would have been heard), it means she consented
- BUT....if the same thing occurred out in the countryside, if she claims to have cried out, then she is believed
- Only man is executed

FINAL CASE: NEITHER MAN NOR WOMAN IS BETROTHED

- Couple **MUST** marry
- Bridegroom must pay bride price of 50 silver shekels
- Man may **NEVER** divorce this girl
- 1) Our culture in America is guilty
- 2) Father has **DUTY** to protect women under his authority
- 3) The crime of adultery **BEGINS** in our minds
- 4) Improper sexual union is the most serious act of illicit mixture