

Leviticus 18 Laws on Immoral Relations from New American Standard Hebrew-Greek Study Bible

1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, "I am the Lord your God. 3 You shall not do what is done in the land of Egypt where you lived, nor are you to do what is done in the land of Canaan where I am bringing you: you shall not walk in their statutes.

4. You are to perform My judgments and keep My statutes, to live in accord with them; 'I am the Lord your God. 5. So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, by which a man may live if he does them; I am the Lord.

7."You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, that is, the nakedness of your mother. She is your mother; you are not to uncover her nakedness.

8. "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness.

9. "The nakedness of your sister, either your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether born at home or born outside, their nakedness you shall not uncover. 10. The nakedness of your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; for their nakedness is yours. 11. The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, born to your father, she is your sister, you shall not uncover her nakedness. 12. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister; she is your father's blood relative. 13. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is your mother's blood relative. 14. "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother, you shall not approach his wife, she is your aunt. 15. "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; she is your son's wife, you shall not uncover her nakedness. 16. "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness. 17. "You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and of her daughter, nor shall you take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; they are blood relatives. It is lewdness.

18. 'And you shall not marry a woman in addition to her sister as a rival while she is alive, to uncover her nakedness. 19. "Also you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness during her menstrual impurity.

20. "And you shall not have intercourse with your neighbor's wife, to be defiled with her.

21. 'Neither shall you give any of your offspring to offer them to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God; I am the Lord.

22. "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

23. "Also you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it; it is a perversion.

24. 'Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled.

25. 'For the land has become defiled, therefore I have visited its punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants.

26, 'But as for you, you are to keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not do any of these abominations, neither the native, nor the alien who sojourn among you 27. For the men of the land who've been before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become defiled): 28 so that the land may not spew you out, should you defile it, as it has spewed out the nation which has been before you.

29. For whoever does any of these abominations, those persons who so shall be cut off from among the people.

30. Thus you are to keep My charge, that you do not practice any of the abominable customs which have been practiced. Before you, so as not to defile yourselves with them; 'I am the Lord your God.'"

Leviticus 19 - Idolatry Forbidden and Sundry Laws

Leviticus 20 - On human sacrifices and immoralities

1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "You shall also say to the sons of Israel, 'Any man from the sons of Israel or from the aliens sojourning in Israel, who gives any of his offspring to Molech, shall surely be put to death; the people of the land shall stone him with stones. 3. I will set My face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given

some of his offspring to Molech, so as to defile My sanctuary and to profane My holy name. 4.

If the people of the land, however, should ever disregard that man when he gives any of his offspring to Molech, so as not to put him to death. 5. Then I Myself will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut off from among their people both him and all those who play the harlot after him, by playing the harlot after Molech.

6. As for the person who turns to mediums and to spiritists, to play the harlot after them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.

7. You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. 8. And you shall keep My statutes and practice them; I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

9. If there is anyone who curses his father or his mother, he shall surely be put to death' he has cursed his father or his mother, his blood guiltiness is upon him.

10. If there is a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterers and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

11. If there is a man who lies with his father's wife, he has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death, their blood guiltiness is upon them.

12. If there is a man who lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed incest, their blood guiltiness is upon them.

13 If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act they shall surely be put to death. Their blood guiltiness is upon them.

14 If there is a man who marries a woman and her mother, it is immorality; both he and they shall be burned with fire, that there shall be no immorality in your midst.

15 If there is a man who lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death; you shall also kill the animal.

16. If there is a woman who approaches any animal to mate with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death. Their blood guiltiness is upon them.

17. If there is a man who takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, so that he sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace; and they shall be cut off in the sight of the sons of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness, he bears his guilt.

18 If there is a man who lies with a menstruous woman and uncovers her nakedness, he has laid bare her flow and she has exposed the flow of her blood; thus both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

19 "You shall also not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister or of your father's sister, for such a one has made naked his blood relative; they shall bear their guilt.

20" If there is a man who lies with his uncle's wife he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness; they shall bear their sin. They shall die childless.

21 "If there is a man who takes his brother's wife, it is abhorrent; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness. They shall be childless.

22 "You are therefore to keep all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them, so that the land to which I am bringing you to live will not spew you out. 23. Moreover, you shall not follow the customs of the nation which I shall drive out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I have abhorred them.

24 Hence I have said to you, "You are to possess their land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the Lord your God, who has separated you from the peoples. 25. You are therefore to make a distinction between the clean animal and the unclean and between the unclean bird and the clean; and you shall not make yourselves detestable by animal or by bird or by anything that creeps on the ground, which I have separated for you as unclean.

26 Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine. 27 Now a man or a woman who is a medium or a spiritist shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones, their bloodguiltiness is upon them."