

MARRY AN UNBELIEVER? NO WAY!

2 Cor 6:14-18 — *Do NOT be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.* For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or *what part has a believer with an unbeliever?* And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Therefore “*Come out from among them and be separate,* says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

1 Cor 7:39 — BBE — It is right for a wife to be with her husband as long as he is living; but when her husband is dead, she is free to be married to another; *but only to a Christian.*

Gen 24:2-4 — So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, “Please, put your hand under my thigh, and I will make you swear (take an oath) by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you *will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites,* among whom I dwell: but you shall go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.”

Gen 28:1 — Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged (commanded) him, and said to him: “*You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.*”

Num 25:1-2 — Then Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and *the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab.* They invited the people to the sacrifice of their gods,

and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel.

Deut 7:1-4 — “When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you... You shall make no covenant with them... *Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.* For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.”

Ex 34:12-16 — “Take heed to yourselves, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images... lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice, and *you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods.*”

Judges 3:5-6 — So the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. *And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons; and they served their gods.*

1 Kings 11:1-8 — *But king Solomon loved many foreign women... and his wives turned away his heart.* For it was so, when Solomon was old, that *his wives turned his heart after other gods;* and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after

Milcom (or Molech) the abomination of the Ammonites. Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not fully follow the Lord, as did his father David. Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon. *And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.*

Ezra 9 & 10 — [The Israelites were NOT to marry pagans.]

Neh 13:23-27 — In those days I also saw Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people. So I contended with them and cursed them (pronounced them cursed), struck some of them and pulled out their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, *“You shall not give your daughters as wives to their sons, nor take their daughters for you sons or yourselves. Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved of his God; and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless pagan women caused even him to sin. Should we then hear of your doing all this great evil, transgressing against our God by marrying pagan women?”*

Mal 2:11-12 — Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem, for Judah has profaned the Lord’s holy institution which He loves: *He has married the daughter of a foreign god.* May the Lord cut off from the tents of Jacob the man who does this, being awake and aware, and who brings an offering to the Lord of hosts.