

# Torah Studies – Commandment #7

**Exodus 20:14 “Thou shalt not commit adultery.”**

## **Key Word Study:**

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
THOU SHALT NOT	3808	lô'	never
COMMIT ADULTERY	5003	nâ'aph	figuratively to <i>apostatize, break wedlock</i>

## **Scripture Perspectives:**

Adultery is well-known to be engaging in sexual relations with someone outside of the Marriage Covenant. So, what more is there to know about the Seventh Commandment?

Actually, the Seventh Commandment goes much deeper than illicit sex. The most serious aspect of the breaking the Seventh Commandment is that it breaks a Covenant ordained by God. God created husband and wife to become “one flesh” (Gen. 2:24). Yahshua’s Commentary on the Seventh Commandment highlights Yahweh’s Role in the sacred Marriage Covenant. “What God has joined together, let no one separate” (Matt. 19:6). To commit adultery, therefore, is not only to become involved emotionally or sexually with someone you shouldn’t, but also to break a Covenant with Yahweh.

In fact, the Old Testament frequently uses the word *adultery*, and the imagery surrounding it, to refer not to sexual sin but to idolatry. The prophets often refer to Israel’s faithlessness to its Covenant to worship God alone as “adultery” or “whoring,” as in Isaiah 57:3, Jeremiah 3:8, Ezekiel 16:38, and Hosea 2:2, among many others.

Therefore, any breaking of faith with Yahweh is figuratively adultery, whether it involves illicit sex or not. This use of the term “adultery” unites the first, second, and seventh Commandments, and reminds us that the Ten Commandments are expressions of a single Covenant with God.

## Torah Studies – Statutes #477-479

*Statute 477: Do not enter into any Covenants with the heathen (those who do not worship Yahweh and obey Torah)*

*Statute 478: Do not marry anyone who is heathen.*

*Statute 479: Do not give your son or daughter in marriage to someone who is heathen.*

**Deuteronomy 7:2-4** “...Thou shalt make no Covenant with them (the heathen), nor shew mercy unto them: Neither shalt thou **make marriages** with them; thy **daughter** thou shalt not give unto his **son**, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following Me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.”

### **Key Word Study:**

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
<b>MAKE MARRIAGES</b>	2859	châthan	to <i>give</i> (a daughter) <i>away</i> in marriage; to <i>contract affinity</i> by marriage: - join in affinity
<b>DAUGHTER</b>	1323	bath	daughter, apple [of the eye], branch, company, daughter, to build, obtain children
<b>SON</b>	1121	bên	a <i>son</i> (as a <i>builder</i> of the family name) including <i>grandson, subject, nation, firstborn, youth</i>

### **Cross References:**

- **Genesis 28:6** - "When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padanaram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;"
- **Exodus 34:15-16** - "Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods."
- **Deuteronomy 7:1-3** "When Yahweh thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; And when Yahweh thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no Covenant with them. nor shew mercy unto them: Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son."

## Torah Studies – Statutes #477-479 (continued)

- **Joshua 23:12-13** - "Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: Know for a certainty that YAHWEH your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which YAHWEH your God hath given you."
- **Judges 3:5-8** - "And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites: And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of YAHWEH, and forgat YAHWEH their God, and served Baalim and the groves. Therefore the anger of YAHWEH was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushanrishathaim eight years."
- **1 Kings 11:1-2** - "But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; Of the nations concerning which YAHWEH said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love."
- **Ezra 9:1-12** - "Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass. And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished. Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice. And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto YAHWEH my God..."
- **Ezra 10:2-11** - "And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it. Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they swore... And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. Now therefore make confession unto YAHWEH God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives."

## Torah Studies – Statutes #477-479 (*continued*)

- **Nehemiah 10:28-30** “And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding; They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of YAHWEH our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes; And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons:”
- **Nehemiah 13:25-27** - "And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves. Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin. Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?"
- **2 Corinthians 6:14-17** - "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,"
- **James 4:4** - "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

## Torah Studies – Statutes #480-481

*Statute 480: Yahweh created mankind in His Image and Likeness, and from this context He commands us to be fruitful and multiply – a command which is to be carried out within the Covenant of Marriage. We are to work to preserve the Image and Likeness of Yahweh in our seed – a preservation which begins with conception.*

*Statute 481: Our child-bearing and raising of our children is also to “subdue” the earth, bringing all within our sphere of influence under the highest dominion of Yahweh.*

**Genesis 1:26-28** “And God said, Let us make **man** in **Our Image, after our Likeness**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So, God created man in His Own Image, in the Image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful**, and **multiply**, and **replenish** the earth, and **subdue** it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

### Key Word Study:

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
MAN	120	'ādām	<i>ruddy</i> , that is, a <i>human being</i> (an individual or the species, <i>mankind</i> , person)
OUR IMAGE	6754	tselem	to <i>shade</i> ; a <i>phantom</i> , <i>illusion</i> , <i>resemblance</i>
AFTER OUR LIKENESS	1823	ḏ°mûth	<i>Resemblance, model, shape</i> ; adverbially <i>like</i> : - fashion, likeness, as manner, similitude
BE FRUITFUL	6509	pârâh	to <i>bear fruit</i> (literally or figuratively), (be, cause to be, make) fruitful, grow, increase
MULTIPLY	7235	râbâh	to <i>increase</i> (in whatever respect): bring in abundance, make to multiply, nourish
REPLENISH	4390	mâlê'	to <i>fill</i> or (intransitively) <i>be full of</i>
SUBDUE	3533	kâbash	to <i>tread down</i> , positively to <i>conquer</i> , <i>subjugate</i> ,

## Torah Studies – Statutes #480-481 (*continued*)

### **Biblical Perspectives on Discipleship:**

Yahshua calls His followers to “make disciples” (Matthew 28:19) unto Yahweh, just as He did. Discipleship, as Yahshua demonstrated it, is a live-together 24-7 kind of teaching relationship, during which the disciple learns by teaching and example. A disciple is a learner, who is learning to become like the pattern of their teacher – ultimately like Yahshua, if the teacher is under the unction of the Holy Spirit.

Parenting is the ultimate discipleship program. Preserving Yahweh’s Likeness and Image in our Seed begins at conception – yes, even in the manner in which the child is conceived – and continues until the child grows to maturity. Through godly discipling, our home and our children grow under the highest headship of Yahweh. They learn to reflect the Character and Likeness of Yahweh. And the earth is further subdued under the righteous and holy influence of the faithful family unit.

Discipleship is a word which is rooted in “discipline”. Godly discipline is vital to discipleship. Certainly, discipline is vital to raising good children. In a spiritual sense, there are spiritual disciplines as well, which strengthen our Covenant-bond with our Heavenly King, including: Fruits of the Spirit, fasting, worship, prayer, and the giving up of cherished sins in our lives.’

Preserving godly seed is one of the key reasons for Yahweh instigating the Marriage Covenant. And the ultimate act of adultery is jeopardizing the righteous discipling of our Heaven-entrusted seed. This is both a literal seed – and a spiritual, being converts for the Kingdom.

## Torah Studies – Statutes #482-483

*Statute 482: A man is to leave his parents' house and establish his own house with the wife, given to him by Yahweh.*

*Statute 483: In Marriage, a husband and wife become joined together and united under God, as one flesh.*

**Genesis 2:23-24** “And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man **leave** his father and his mother, and shall **cleave** unto his wife: and they shall be **one flesh**.”

### **Key Word Study:**

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
LEAVE	5800	'âzab	to loosen, relinquish, permit, help, leave
CLEAVE	1692	dâbaq	to impinge, that is, cling or adhere, abide, fast, cleave (fast together), be joined (together)
ONE	259	'echâd	united, that is, one, first: - a, alike, alone, altogether
FLESH	1320	bâsâr	flesh (from its freshness); by extension body, person, self, kin, kind

### **Three Things “One Flesh” Does Not Mean:**

1. The couple have to agree on everything – Proverbs 27:17
2. The husband or wife are made complete by getting married – Colossians 2:10
3. The husband or wife lose their individual calling and purpose – Ecclesiastes 4:9