

## UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL FORNICATION:

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### What is Spiritual Fornication?

There are two different types of fornication, mentioned in the Bible. There is the physical/mental and spiritual class of fornication. The differences are explained below.

Definition from the dictionary: Sexual intercourse between partners who are not married to each other.

Word History: The word fornication had a lowly beginning suitable to what has long been the low moral status of the act to which it refers. The Latin word fornix, from which fornix, the ancestor of fornication, is derived, meant "a vault, an arch." The term also referred to a vaulted cellar or similar place where prostitutes plied their trade. This sense of fornix in Late Latin yielded the verb fornicare, "to commit fornication," from which is derived fornicator, "whoredom, fornication." Our word is first recorded in Middle English about 1303.

Let's take a look at the physical aspect first:

We read in Galatians 5:19 "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness," this type of fornication deals with the physical body or the act of committing sexual intercourse between partners who are not married to each other. The difference between fornication and adultery are that you commit adultery if you are married and have sexual intercourse with someone other than your husband or wife. Fornication is the same as adultery but is committed when you are not married.

Revelation 2:12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; these things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;"

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write;” This is John writing to the seven churches which are in Asia. Pergamos is the third church.

These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;” The sharp sword referred to here, with the two edges is the Word of God Hebrews 4:12; “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Revelation 2:14 “But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.”

“But I have a few things against thee,” Things which are not in accordance’s with God’s Word and plan “because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine or teaching of Balaam.” The church is to be made-up of born-again followers of Jesus Christ. It is not to include those that hold false doctrines. It is not to include people that would tempt the followers of Jesus to sin and to turn from God. First, Satan tried persecutions and death. However, this only seemed to strengthen the church. Then Satan began to change his tactics. He united the church and state. He also began to infiltrate the church with things that allure the flesh, such as sexual immorality. Organized religion was also initiated; Constantine, 303 AD.

The doctrine of Balaam was a message of compromise Numbers 22:1 to 25:9. Balaam was a prophet, but he was covetous. Balak, the king of Moab, wanted Balaam to curse Israel. He made him a handsome offer. Balaam rejected this offer, but afterward compromised when a larger offer came. Despite being tempted three times, he did not pronounce a curse upon Israel. Nevertheless, a plan emerged. That plan was to mingle the attractive Moabite women with the men of Israel, it worked. The children of Israel also bowed down to their gods. As a result, God’s wrath was kindled against Israel. Twenty-four thousand died Numbers 25:9.

Who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, or to entice the Israelites to sin and to follow false Gods, to slow down their walk and to cast uncertainty in their minds, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, to eat things sacrificed to false gods, and to commit fornication or sexual immorality?

Regarding Balaam, Moses was angry with the officers of the army. "Have you allowed all the women to live?" He asked them. They were the ones who followed Balaam's advice and were the means of turning the Israelites away from the Lord in what happened at Peor. "Now kill all the boys. And kill every woman who has slept with a man Numbers 31:14-17. The worldly religions of deception try to pull the people of God away from their sound doctrine and faith in Jesus. Apparently, Satan realized that if killing them did not work and their faith grew stronger, then he had to spoil their sound doctrine by mixing it with other doctrines. Further, he brought in things that entice the fleshly nature and organized religion, corrupting the church from within.

There are many other places in the Bible which tell you to refrain from any type of fornication and or adultery.

**NOW, LETS TAKE A LOOK AT THE SPIRITUAL MEANING:**

Let's start by defining what our relationship is with God the Son Jesus, the 2nd person in the Trinity.

We read in 1 Corinthians 6:17-20 "But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication: Every sin that a man doeth is without the body, but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your BODY, and in your SPIRIT, which are God's."

This states that our bodies are the members of Christ, or belong to God, and that 1 Cor. 6:19 our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you or which lives or abides in our bodies. This means that God, God the Holy Spirit, Third person in the Trinity actually lives within our bodies, therefore we are considered to be temples of God.

## The Bridegroom and the Bride:

Revelation 19:7 “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife hath made herself ready.”

“Let us be glad and rejoice,” This is speaking of when Jesus will return to earth. This day will be a great day for Gods people, those who are waiting and watching for His return.

And give honour to him: That is to give Jesus his rightful place and to show honor.

“For the marriage of the Lamb is come,” Jesus is often referred to as the Lamb of God, Those who have been faithful unto God will be married to God for all time at the marriage supper in heaven.

“And His wife hath made herself ready.” Here the wife refers to the faithful followers of Jesus. A wife before her wedding day will make sure that all the planning and preparation of the wedding ceremony are completed to the finest detail. The wedding preparation can go on for months before the actual wedding day. As the wedding day approaches the bride will often times refrain from eating or do her hair, nails and any other physical appearances to make herself presentable on that day.

This same preparation should happen to us in the spiritual aspect of our lives. We find that we are preparing for the second coming of God. We are to make ourselves spiritually clean and righteous unto God. We are to be ready when the Bridegroom, Jesus comes, we should be ready to meet Him in the sky. We will hear God say "come up hither" If we are not ready we will be left behind.

Revelation 19:9 “And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God. And he saith unto me,” Speaking to the Apostle John, Write, Blessed are they which are called,” that is, if you are called you will spend eternity with God, You

will be called blessed. “Unto the marriage supper of the Lamb” called to join or be married to God for ever.

And he saith unto me, still Speaking to John. “These are the true sayings of God.” Verifying that God has spoken these sayings, not John.

Matthew 9:15, “And Jesus said unto them, can the children of the bride chamber mourn as long as the Bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, when the Bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.”

“And Jesus said unto them,” Jesus speaking to his disciples

“Can the children of the bride chamber mourn” Can or should the children of God, Jesus, mourn or express grief as long as the Bridegroom is with them? The Bridegroom, Jesus is currently physically walking with them. “But the days will come,” in the near future when the Bridegroom shall be taken from them, Jesus will be crucified and no longer physically with them. And then shall they fast. Now it is the time to fast, after Jesus has returned to heaven.

Matthew 25:10 “And while they went to buy, the Bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. And while they went to buy,” Were busy getting prepared or ready for the Bridegroom, the Bridegroom came; The Bridegroom, Jesus returned, the Second Advent, and they that were ready, or were prepared, ready and waiting or watching for the coming of Jesus and were ready to enter into the marriage supper went in with Him to the marriage: entered into the marriage supper or relationship with God and the door was shut. Shut and sealed, If you weren't ready it's now too late. The door will not be reopened to allow stragglers to enter.

John 3:29 “He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: This my joy therefore is fulfilled.”

He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: The bride belongs to her husband. So the church, the bride of the Messiah, belongs to Him. It is to be expected, therefore, and desired, that the people should flock to Him.

But the friend of the bridegroom, He whose office it is to attend him on the marriage occasion. This was commonly the nearest friend, and was a high honor.

It is he who standeth and heareth Him, His commands, requests, and His conversation.

He rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: Esteems himself highly honored by the proof of friendship.

“This My joy therefore is fulfilled” to be happy, rejoice and to be complete.

So here we find that when Jesus returns, we will be married, joined to Him. Gods plan for us is to join together with him forever there will never be a divorce in heaven. Here on this earth we are to prepare ourselves for that marriage in heaven or the marriage supper. We are to be his bride and he will be our groom. We are spoken for, to be Gods bride, therefore, if we turn to or worship any other God besides Him; we are not faithful to Him. THIS IS COMMITTING SPIRITUAL FORNICATION.

## JEZEBEL AND THE GREAT WHORE

Revelation 2:20 “Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee,” or are not perfect or complete but are in need of making corrections.

“Because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel,” They have allowed Jezebel to misguide and mislead them away from God.

“Which calleth herself a prophetess,” A self proclaimed prophetess, not called of God to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, by seducing Gods servants to turn to false Gods. To commit spiritual fornication, by forsaking their marriage commitment or joining together with God and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. Eat things sacrificed to false Gods.

Revelation 2:21 “And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; God allowed her, Jezebel to continue in fornication, with the hopes of her turning from her sins and repent. And she repented not. However, she would not and continued contrary to Gods Spoken Word.

Revelation 2:22 “Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.”

Behold, I will cast her into a bed, cast her from God, and allow her to continue in her ways. And them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation. Those that follow in her ways commit fornication against God and the Holy Spirit. Here as always God is giving the people of Israel the power to choose right from wrong.

Except they repent of their deeds. Judgment will be given according to their works when Jesus returns.

Revelation 14:6 “And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.”

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven.” An angel he saw flying in the middle of heaven having the everlasting gospel, having the Word of God or the good news.

It is “to preach unto them that dwell on the earth,” to preach to all people who live on the earth.

“And to every nation,” All nations are to be included in this preaching.

And kindred, all family members, relatives and family and tongue, all language will be included and people, all living people on the earth. This states that all people will be preached to at this time.

Revelation 14:7, "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

Saying with a loud voice, A voice of authority, for all to hear

"Fear God, and give glory to him;" To give God his rightful place for the hour of his judgment is come: The time is now for the second coming of Jesus, the time is at hand and worship him that made heaven, and earth, Worship God the Son who made and created all things and the sea, and the fountains of waters. This is including the sea, and all water on the Earth.

Revelation 14:8 "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

And there followed another angel, this angel followed Jesus' return Saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen. Many believe this is the fall of Rome and the Roman Catholic Church.

That great city which is Rome:

Because it is Rome who has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication or adulteries and God's fury caused by her whoring. This, again, is referring to Rome and the Roman Catholic Church. The maddening wine represents the intoxicating, addictive power of her sin, her fornication, her adultery, and her vast system of spiritual corruption, which has a powerful hold upon the earth. The city and whore are depicted as a woman that commits adultery against her husband, or as one that has committed spiritual fornication or adultery against God. The city and whore of Rome have committed adultery against the Almighty God. They have committed spiritual defection. God's wrath shall be poured out upon her. She is destroyed.

Revelation 17:1 “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither;” Come here and follow me. I will shew unto thee” To reveal or to make known the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: The whore will be judge according to her works Rev. 20:12. “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”

Revelation 17:2 “With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”

“With whom the kings of the earth” At this time on the Earth, it is ruled by 10 kings. This refers to all kingdoms at this time have committed fornication this is speaking of the spiritual fornication, where we refuse to honour our bodies unto God.

“And the inhabitants of the earth” Anyone who does not follow the teaching of the Holy Word of God!

“Have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication” intoxicated by the pleasures of this world. Those who walk contrary or opposite to Gods plan of salvation.

Revelation 17:3 “So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.”

“So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness:” or desert: and I saw a woman. The woman represents a great city Rev. 17:18. That great city is clearly shown to be "Rome." John saw this woman or city sit upon a scarlet coloured beast. The "beast" has two meanings. The "beast" by itself is another name for the Antichrist. However, the term "beast" is also used to describe the empire of the Antichrist, which includes ten kings. During the second part of the

Tribulation, the Antichrist will rule the entire world for 1260 days. The woman, city of Rome is shown sitting upon the "beast."

“Full of names of blasphemy.” The city is full of cursing and blasphemy against God. As the Scriptures continue, the city of Rome, the Roman Catholic Church, the Antichrist, and his empire, are all portrayed as being united or part of each other, during the first part of the Tribulation.

Having seven heads, Note in the following verses that the red dragon and the beast have seven heads. A great or enormous red dragon, having seven heads Rev. 12:3. A beast rises or comes up out of the sea, having seven heads, Rev. 13:1. And here is the mind which hath wisdom or this calls for a mind with wisdom.

The seven heads are seven mountains or hills, on which the woman or city sitteth Rev. 17:9. It is a well-known fact that the city of Rome sits on seven hills. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is living now, and the other is not yet come, Rev. 17:10. The seven heads are seven mountains, and there are seven kings.

The beast, which is the Antichrist and his empire, is pictured with ten horns. The ten horns represent ten kings, Rev. 17:12. These ten kings are believed to come from the EEC, European Economic Community or the EU, European Union. Which ten kings, nations, or divisions are being portrayed here is not clear at this time.

Revelation 17:4 “And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

And the woman was arrayed or dressed, clothed in purple and scarlet colour, or glittered and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls. The Scriptures are relating a rich and beautiful city. Again, clearly, Rome is being depicted, “having a golden cup in her hand.” In verse 5, the Bible shows that the city and the religious whore are as one. The city of Rome is, indeed, one with the Vatican. The golden cup should be well-known to all Roman Catholics. Here the golden cup is shown being held in the hand of the city, another vivid example

of the city of Rome with the Roman Catholic Church. Consider a golden cup. On the outside, it is beautiful and glamorous. It seems to illustrate something pure and elegant. The outside of the cup seems to reflect godliness and spirituality. However, this golden cup of the Catholic Church, which is being held in the hand of the city of Rome, is not beautiful on the inside. It is full of death and poison, full of abominations. The cup is full of abominable things, and filthiness or obscene and filthy things, or things unclean of her fornication: Or adulteries produced by her whoring. The inside of the beautiful, golden cup is filth. There is fornication and spiritual whoredom against Jesus Christ. The outward beauty is really a deception that covers or conceals the filthiness within.

The world accepts the golden cup as beautiful and true, in Rev. 17:1; however, God shows it is full of abominations, obscenities, and filthy things.

Revelation 18:3 “For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, people from all walks of life, who are not followers of Christ are partakers of this teaching of the Roman Catholic church and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, have shown their support and embraced the teaching of her fornication or uncleanness or pollution. And the merchants of the earth, from all walks of life who buy and sell goods with Rome are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. Show large profits by partaking in the trading of goods with her with Rome.

Revelation 18:9 “And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

And it is the kings of the earth, again the ten kingdoms, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her. Who have clinched a tight bond through the profits in this rich country shall bewail her, and lament for her, weep, sob or a senses of great loss.

Many merchants no longer have a trading facility. Many business owners will suffer loss when this great city is destroyed. When they shall see the smoke of her burning! You will be able to see the city burning from a great distance.

Revelation 19:2 “For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of His servants at her hand.

For true and righteous are his judgments: God is justified by judging this city and the great whore.

For He hath judged the great whore, her time has come, as will ours.

Which did corrupt the earth with her fornication and spiritual filthiness and deceptions of Gods holy plan of salvation.

“And hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. God has avenged His servants against the great whore. Ultimately, the unrepentant will be judged. Those that have come against God’s servants will, eventually, receive the punishment due them.

Revelation 18:21 “And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, Strong and powerful and cast it into the sea, heave or toss it into the waters saying, or speaking, “Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down.” The great city will be destroyed suddenly, unexpected, and will be destroyed in one hour, and shall be found no more at all. The city will no longer exist, all will be lost.

Revelation 18:22 “And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;”

And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, all walks of life or every person shall be heard no more at all in thee; There will be total silence where the great city once stood and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; All professions or skilled labor will no longer exist. And the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; Again total silence in the city will follow this event from God. The city will be desolate and uninhabited.

Revelation 18:23 “And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; There also will be no light visible or shining light coming from the once great city. There will be a dark spot visible from the night sky where the city once stood and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: Gods voice or the Holy Spirit will no longer be in this place. Anyone, the bride who still follows God at this time, which will take place in the tribulation, will no longer be in the once great city.

For thy merchants were the great men of the earth; Rome was a great city, rich in goods and great wealth. For by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. For the lack of following Gods Word the nations wallowed in spiritual fornication.

Revelation 18:24 “And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, or slaughtered, or killed and of all that were slain upon the earth. In the city of Rome, was found the blood of prophets and saints. Rome has been responsible for killing multitudes of God's people.

Spiritual Fornication is the great sin of Christendom and the forerunner of Antichrist personified in the person of Billy Graham who in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century has deceived millions to yoke up with Rome, when God has plainly commanded,

“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues” Rev. 18:4.