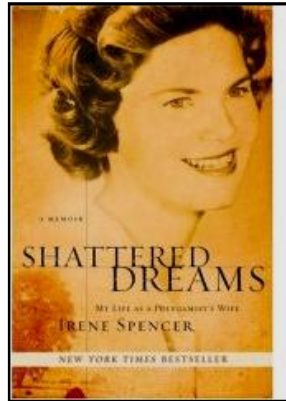


# POLYGAMY

Another Word for...

## ADULTERY



### Shattered Dreams

By Irene Spencer

*"This autobiography offers the compelling voice of a contemporary plural wife's experiences. Daughter of a second wife, Spencer was raised strictly as it was lived secretly and illegally by fringe communities of Mormon fundamentalists—groups that split off from the LDS Church when it "officially" abandoned polygamy more than a century ago. Spencer followed her religious convictions—that living in polygamy was essential for eternal salvation—and became a second wife herself at the age of 16 in 1953."*

**-Publisher's Weekly Editorial Review – Amazon.com**

With many of the polygamous religious sects in America getting media exposure lately, it seems fitting to clear up the question often asked as to whether polygamy (*marriage to more than one wife*) is ordained by the Creator of mankind as the righteous pattern for marriage relations on earth. What does YHWH's Torah Law have to say, and what did His Son Yahsha h'Meshiakh the Savior and his Apostles teach?

**Two Witness Ministries** clears up this confusion, and men will understand that the Creator's standard for marriage and the family is loving-faithful - devoted and committed monogamy.

### THE TORAH LAW FORBIDS POLYGAMY

*"To the Torah Law and the Prophets, if they speak not according to these words, there is no light in them." – Isayah 8:20*

Human nature is full of lust, coveting, and selfishness which is why Almighty YHWH gave the Torah Law to all mankind (Ex.12:49; Acts10: 34) as the standard of righteousness in order to prevent grievous emotional sorrow and trauma. We live in a **fallen** world filled with marital infidelity, divorce, and broken promises. The Torah Law was established as the Code of Conduct to guide mankind into fulfilling marriages and joyful families. This point is often ignored by the religious world: the Savior lifted up this Standard of Love - the Torah Law - as the Marriage Contract between YHWH and man. (Matt.19:17) Thriving on the seeds of lust, greed and selfish gratification, the carnal mind is at odds with this code. The Intelligent Designer foresaw such lust and greed in men and gave us warning in Deut.17:17

*"Neither shall he **multiply wives** to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold."*

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance defines...

**Multiply** Heb#7235-rabah: *to increase, become many or numerous.*

This was the decree from the heavenly King: YHWH to the earthly kings of Israel who were held up as examples of righteousness for the nation. To have more than one wife constituted an "increase", IF two wives, why not three, then why not four...or ten...or twenty...or 300?! YHWH warned men that many wives will "turn away their heart from serving YHWH"! In other words - **APOSTASY!** This befell ancient Israel!

### JEALOUSY COMES FROM YHWH

The Savior was aware of the Torah's warnings of the emotional suffering caused by the lustful practice of polygamy. How can a loving wife have "peace of mind" after listening to her "husband" have sex with another woman in the next room? Are we to think that women are not subject to emotions, such as jealousy? I remem-

ber those times in high school when "*cat-fights*" would breakout in the hallways with everyone crowding around to see hair flying (literally!). These fights were NOT between guys, as presumed, but between jealous raging teenage girls fighting over some boyfriend. I will never forget seeing such raw emotion! And every married man knows that the Creator made women to be very emotional! A woman's jealousy is patterned after YHWH's own jealousy—an emotion of love ordained in heaven, as we see in the Torah law,

*"Ye shall not go after other GODS, of the ELOHIM of the people which [are] round about you; (For YHWH [is] a JEALOUS Mighty One among you) lest the anger of YHWH be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth." – Deuteronomy 6:14-15*

Just like women, even Almighty YHWH even experienced jealousy when ancient Israel lusted after the gods (*Heb. Elohim*) of the pagan nations! (**Request the tract: "Why YHWH Warns Against Elohim!"**) Doesn't a man become jealous if he sees his betrothed or wife flirting with another man or worse? Jealousy is a powerful love-based spiritual emotion meant to protect the consecrated family unit from being divided and destroyed. Just like YHWH, righteous men don't want to share their wife with another, and righteous women don't want to share their husband with another. *That's the way of YHWH!*

### MARRIAGE "MADE IN HEAVEN"

*"...but for Adam there was not found an help mate for him. And YHWH caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took ONE (NOT many) of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: And the rib, which YHWH had taken from man, made he a woman (singular – NOT plural), and brought her unto the man (in monogamous marriage)." – Genesis 2:20-22*

In the beginning, mankind existed in paradise, translated in Genesis as "the Garden of Eden". Here, YHWH created the bond of marriage in a relationship of monogamy **ONLY**. **Adam was given only ONE wife** - Chua ("Eve"-KJV). This was heaven's pattern given to men. Scripture ordains this truth - there can be **ONLY ONE** true

love for a man or woman. If polygamy was the plan of YHWH, then we would see it ordained in paradise. **Adam was not created to love more than ONE woman**. A man cannot love multiple deities, and a man cannot love multiple women.

*"No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other..."*

**- Luke 16:13**

According to the very Word of Yahweh, it is not possible for men to love additional women equally – unless it becomes the degrading bond of animalish sex only, but again, this is not love!

Wives have the right to their husband's full attention, devotion and praise (**Read Proverbs 31!**) Many ex-wives of polygamous cults, including **Irene Spencer** have described polygamous relations as disrespectful and degrading; to the point of feeling like "cattle". Polygamy is what *fallen* carnal men have created—ever since their expulsion from Eden! Men who have NOT submitted to YHWH's CHOSEN Redeemer – **Yahsha h'Meshiakh** - cannot understand the emotional damage they inflict upon women thru their lustful passions and inconsiderate desires.

### THE ETERNAL TEN

*"You shall not commit adultery!"*

**-Exodus 20:14**

YHWH shouted this order from Mt. Sinai to not commit *polygamy* – **another word for Adultery!** This was **NOT** a suggestion but an executive order to protect the marriage bond of **MONOGAMY** and avoid jealousy's dangers! The Ten Commandments are eternal -given to teach men peace and to protect the consecrated status of the family. Then, the Son of YHWH came to "*magnify the Torah and make it honorable*" (Isa. 42:21) The Church of Babylon wants to "*do away*" with the Torah in order to inflict pain and suffering through chronic transgressions. The Messiah spoke against such lawless ideas of the Church by upholding the Covenant in Matt.5:17,

*"Think not that I come to destroy the Torah, or the Prophets: ...Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in NO wise pass from the Torah law until all is fulfilled."*

## YHWH's SERVANTS FOLLOW THE TORAH

*“Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.” – Genesis 26:5*

We often hear the lie that the “*fathers of the faith*” ie Abraham, Isaac, and Yaaqob were practicing polygamists, but the facts prove otherwise! YHWH called Abram during his marriage to Sarah (monogamy). Even though Sara was barren (Gen.11:30), Abraham loved her so much that he refused to marry another. Because of this deep COMMITTED devotion to Sarah, Abraham was willing to die without having an heir! Because Abram upheld this beautiful standard of monogamous love, this could be the reason **why** YHWH chose Abram to be an “*abba of many nations*”. (Gen.12) This fulfillment of having a promised lineage of heirs began with Sarah’s miraculous conception and birth of Isaac at over 90 yrs. of age! In opposition to polygamous doctrine, **YHWH never instructed Abraham to take many wives in order to fulfill the promise** but thru his faithful marriage relationship of monogamy!

Some contend that Sarah’s handmaid Hagar was a “second wife” to Abraham, but that is NOT true! Hagar was a “surrogate mother” only upon Sarah’s insistence. (Gen.16) Hagar was NOT Abraham’s idea nor the will of YHWH. When the young and fertile Hagar conceived a child right away, Sarah is then racked with jealousy and envy. Resentful and humiliated over her diminishment, she complains to her husband, expressing her bitterness and blaming him. Abraham then feels regret & allows Sarah to banish Hagar

If a man’s wife is barren, the Torah does allow a man to have a second wife to produce an heir. Elkanah took another wife because Hanna was barren. (1Sam.1:2) But even polygamists will admit that their practice is NOT because their first wife was barren! If polygamy WAS YHWH’s standard for marriage, then there would be NO need for the Torah law to allow for this second wife or “surrogate mother” because there would be plenty of women of polygamy to bear a child!

Other “patriarchs” uphold the standard of monogamy as well: **Isaac**, the miraculous child of Abraham and Sara, grew up in the standard of devoted monogamous love to Rebecca his wife (first cousin) who was chosen by YHWH. Then,

Isaac’s son, **Yaaqob** was also devoted to his “first love” Rachel and worked 14 years to have her! He was tricked by Laban into marrying Leah against his will, therefore this cannot constitute *willful* polygamy. Before the 7-yr global famine, YHWH chose & prepared Yaaqob’s son-**Yoseph** to deliver his estranged family from famine and rule Egypt and the world for many years. Yoseph married an Egyptian and was monogamous. (Gen.41:45) Then there is **Mosheh**, chosen of YHWH to bring the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage and deliver the Torah Covenant. Mosheh upheld the standard of devoted monogamy to Zipporah—the Cushite daughter of Yethro. (Ex. 2:21) He remarried after her death, but this does not constitute polygamy.

## POLYGAMY AND ITS CURSES

*“And it shall be, if thou do at all forget YHWH, and walk after elohim, and serve them, and worship them, I witness against you this day that ye shall surely perish.” - Deut.8:19*

Monogamy is a Torah-based Israelite concept which YHWH has blessed from the beginning. The pagan nations worshiped the gods (Heb. elohim) which, according to their mythologies, practiced unrestrained adultery (and polygamy), therefore the pagan people of those nations followed their god’s examples and practiced the same sexual lawlessness including: religious prostitution.(Jer.5:7-request:*Easter the Goddess of Babylon Declares War!*) This was always the case in the “myth-based” religions of ancient Babylon, Canaan, Greece & Rome. Just because Scripture reveals instances of polygamy does not make it the will of YHWH! Scripture contains many instances of Israel’s fall into Baal worship – but was that YHWH’s will?...NO! During the days of the Judges, polygamy was widely practiced, but this was the same time YHWH’s anger burned who gave Israel over to the Philistines!

Scripture reveals a remarkable pattern of how men, who turn away from YHWH’s will, become lawless into fulfilling their lusts of adultery thus practicing “multiple marriage” or polygamy...

**Lamech** - The grandson of murderous Cain, is the first recorded polygamist. He follows Cain’s example and murders a young man declaring his curse worse than Cains’. (Gen.4:19-24)

**Esau** – He sold his birthright to his twin brother

Yaaqob, then at age 40 married 2 wives grieving his parents Isaac and Rebecca (Gen. 26:34-35)

**King David** – had sons in polygamy who fought and died for the throne. He was cursed with inter-family fighting and Absalom’s killing of Amnon over Tamar. To fulfill his lusts, he murdered Uriyah for his only-wife: Bathsheeba.

**King Solomon** – over 700 pagan wives. He fell away worshiping the elohim & doing evil in Abba YHWH’s sight. Because of polygamy, Ahiyah the prophet cursed him and split Israel. (1 Kings 11)

**King Ahab** – husband of Jezebel who had 70 sons thru polygamy. Was cursed by both Elijah and Elisha the prophets, and all 70 sons perished by the command of King Jehu. (2 Kings 10)

## WHAT SAITH THE JUDGE

*“For Abba YHWH judges no man, but has committed all judgment unto the Son.”*  
- **Yahchanan 5:22**

Yahweh Almighty - the author and creator of marriage - has given all judgment regarding the affairs of mankind to His firstborn Son - Yahsha h'Meshiakh who was raised from the dead to life everlasting almost 2000 yrs ago. This Judge sits at the right hand of the throne in heaven until the “last trump” of the 7<sup>th</sup> Seal sounds signaling His majestic return and the establishment of the Kingdom of YHWH on earth.(1Cor.15:52) Until then, His kingdom is NOT of this world, wherein the strong overpower the weak, & where *lustful men manipulate & overpower the weaker sex!*

**The New Covenant–Paleo Signature Edition** (ask for your copy!) gives record of Yahsha’s words for the ordained pattern of monogamy,

*“And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, & shall cleave to his WIFE: and the TWO shall be one flesh” - Matt.19:5*

Being filled with the love and the spirit of Yahweh, even the Apostle Shaul repeated this pattern of one-woman for one man (1Cor.7:2). The Meshiakh **expanded** “adultery” by teaching that the vow of fidelity is broken when a man “*lusts after*” any OTHER woman, declaring the truth...

*“...but I say unto you, That whosoever (married) looketh on (another) woman to LUST after her hath committed ADULTERY with her already in his heart.” - Matthew 5:27-28*

**The Savior was NOT speaking to unmarried-single men!** By definition unmarried men cannot commit adultery, unless “*lusting after*” an already-married woman! Yahsha is warning specifically “*married men*” who are in a **pre-existing** marriage covenant. When married, he can no longer “*scout*” the ladies. Just *looking at* any other woman with sexual lust in his heart, is breaking the spirit of the Law! According to **The Judge**, “polygamy” is adultery on an **unspeakable scale!** Polygamy is **out-of-control adultery!** This transgression leads to death! (Rom.6:23)

## MONOGAMY REQUIRED FOR LEADERSHIP

Polygamy and adultery were rampant in the days of Noah who, because of his righteousness, was chosen by YHWH to escape the judgment of the flood & repopulate the earth. Noah’s family upheld monogamy (Gen.7) Leadership in the Body of Meshiakh requires monogamy only. (Titus.1:6; 1Tim.3:2) Polygamy brings disqualification because it promotes lust & transgression!

*“From this favorite daughter (Dora) of (Brigham) Young who after his death apostatized from the Mormon religion, much has been learned in regard to the real feeling of these polygamous wives toward each other, which she characterized as “an outward semblance of good will, but in reality a condition of deadly HATRED, ‘...You know that many of his wives died of broken hearts and how did he leave the rest? Look at my mother and look at all the rest of them! A religion that breaks women’s hearts and ruins them is of the devil. That’s what Mormonism is!”*

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*“...only a remnant will be saved.”*  
Romans 9:27

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