

The more things change is the more they stay the same. Solomon the son of David credited as being the wisest man there ever was. In the book of ecclesiastics he penned the very famous line, "there is nothing new under the sun." With that said if you missed the first article on polygyny feel free to read it before you go ahead with the second installment in the series. In this piece I will share my finding as it relates to the question, who introduced the taking of many women?

TAKING MANY WOMEN

How about some shock value? Ok let's start here, one of the most shocking concepts I have come across over the years is what I am about to reveal. Ready? According to apocryphal sources the fallen angels introduced the concept of fornication to man, but wait there is more research also classifies the practice of polygyny as a form of fornication. Don't fly off the handle, close the computer or press that little x button on the top of this article just yet, give me a chance to share the #facts.

It's in the bible, our ancestors did it, the Most High allowed it, Moses regulated it; are you trying to say the Creator gave us a license to sin? Focus, the name of the article is about the origins of the practice so please give me just a few minutes share the proof text that says polygyny is a form of fornication and fornication was introduced to humanity by the fallen ones.

Let's check it out first in the book of Enoch.

ENOCK IV

1. And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters.
2. And the angels, the children of the heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: 'Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children.'
3. And Semjâzâ, who was their leader, said unto them: 'I fear ye will not indeed agree to do this deed, and I alone shall have to pay the penalty of a great sin.'
4. And they all answered him and said: 'Let us all swear an oath, and all bind ourselves by mutual imprecations not to abandon this plan but to do this thing.'
5. Then sware they all together and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it.

6. And they were in all two hundred; who descended [in the days] of Jared on the summit of Mount Hermon, and they called it Mount Hermon, because they had sworn and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it.

➡ It is important to note that the text says that this happened in the days of **Jared**.

ENOCH CHAPTER VIII

1. And Azâzêl taught men to make swords, and knives, and shields, and breastplates, and made known to them **the metals** 〈of the earth〉 and the art of working them, and bracelets, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautifying of the eyelids, and all kinds of costly stones, and all colouring tinctures.

2. And there arose much godlessness, **and they committed fornication**, and they were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways.

BOOK OF JASHER CHAPTER 11

1 And it was in the hundred and thirtieth year of the life of Adam upon the earth, that he again knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bare a son in his likeness and in his image, and she called his name Seth, saying, Because God has appointed me another seed in the place of Abel, for Cain has slain him.

2 And Seth lived one hundred and five years, and he begat a son; and Seth called the name of his son Enosh, saying, Because in that time the sons of men began to multiply, and to afflict their souls and hearts by transgressing and rebelling against God.

3 And it was in the days of Enosh that the sons of men continued to rebel and transgress against God, to increase the anger of the Lord against the sons of men.

4 And the sons of men went and they served other gods, and they forgot the Lord who had created them in the earth: and **in those days the sons of men made images of brass and iron, wood and stone**, and they bowed down and served them.

5 And every man made his god and they bowed down to them, and the sons of men forsook the Lord all the days of Enosh and his children; and the anger of the Lord was kindled on account of their works and abominations which they did in the earth.

In Jasher we see a similar account to what we saw in Enoch, basically it became customary for men to go astray away from the Creator by creating their own system of

living. It should also be noted in Enoch that the fallen ones taught humanity certain technologies, ie (metal work, makeup, music, ornaments and more). If we cross reference the biblical narrative, Jasher and Enoch we are able to come up with a time stamp, this is important in order to get an idea of when did deviation of the fallen ones occur.

Before we do let's get one more witness in the book of Jubilees.

CAIN AND ABEL CHAPTER IV

15. And in the second week of the tenth jubilee Mahalalel took unto him to wife Dînâh, the daughter of Barâkî'êl the daughter of his father's brother, and she bare him a son in the third week in the sixth year, and he called his name Jared; 9 for in his days the angels of the Lord descended on the earth, 1 those who are named the Watchers, 2 that they should instruct the children of men, 3 and that they should do judgment and uprightness on the earth.

21. And he was moreover with the angels of God these six jubilees of years, and they showed him everything which is on earth 5 and in the heavens, the rule of the sun, and he wrote down everything. 22. And he testified to the Watchers, who had sinned with the daughters of men; for these had begun to unite themselves, so as to be defiled, with the daughters of men, and Enoch testified against (them) all. 23. And he was taken from amongst the children of men, and we conducted him into the Garden of Eden 6 in majesty and honour, and behold there he writeth down the condemnation and judgment of the world, and all the wickedness of the children of men.

GENEALOGY FROM ADAM

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| 1. Adam → <i>ruddy first man</i> | 930 |
| 2. Seth → <i>means to place; substituted</i> | 912 |
| 3. Enos → men rebelled name means <i>mortal man had become</i> | 905 |
| 4. Cainan → <i>fixed</i> | 917 |
| 5. Mahaalel → <i>praise of El</i> | 895 |
| 6. Jared → <i>a descent literally to go down</i> | 962 |

Keep in mind when Able dies Cain is an adult and the Torah says he went out to live in the land of Nod there he found a wife and she bare a son named Enoch Gen 4:17. This is note worthy because it would mean that by the time Adam and Eve conceive again Cain's first child Enoch would be around the age of his younger brother Seth.

GENEALOGY FROM CAIN



1. Adam → ruddy *first man*
2. Enoch → initiated or discipline
3. Irad → Fugitive
4. Mehujael → smitten of God
5. Methushael → Man who is of God
6. Lamech → first noted to take two wives Adah & Zillah

Since this topic is about multiple wives its practice custom or divine. Let's take a closer look at the first man left on record to initiate this practice. Let us bear in mind we see a whole six generations pass before this practice is mentioned. According to the names left on record since the expulsion of Adam and Eve and then the further expulsion of Cain things began going downhill for humanity. Men stepped aside to their own desires and began to do abominable things

In the book of Jasher we get an indepth look at the story of Lamech

IN GEN 4:19 WE HEAR THIS OF LAMECH:

19. And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one *was* Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.
- 20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and *of such as have* cattle.
- 21 And his brother's name *was* Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.
- 22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain *was* Naamah.

JASHER CHAPTER 2:14

14 And Cainan reigned over the whole earth, and he turned some of the sons of men to the service of God.

15 And when Cainan was seventy years old, he begat three sons and two daughters.

16 And these are the names of the children of Cainan; the name of the first born Mahlallel, the second Enan, and the third Mered, and their sisters were Adah and Zillah; these are the five children of Cainan that were born to him.

17 And Lamech, the son of Methusael, became related to Cainan by marriage, and he took his two daughters for his wives, and Adah conceived and bare a son to Lamech, and she called his name Jabal.

18 And she again conceived and bare a son, and called his name Jubal; and Zillah, her sister, was barren in those days and had no offspring.

19 For **in those days the sons of men began to trespass against God, and to transgress the commandments which he had commanded to Adam**, to be fruitful and multiply in the earth.

20 And some of the sons of men caused their wives to drink a draught that would render them barren, in order that they might retain their figures and whereby their beautiful appearance might not fade.

21 And when the sons of men caused some of their wives to drink, Zillah drank with them.

22 And the child-bearing women appeared abominable in the sight of their husbands as widows, whilst their husbands lived, for to the barren ones only they were attached.

23 And in the end of days and years, when Zillah became old, the Lord opened her womb.

24 And she conceived and bare a son and she called his name Tubal Cain, saying, After I had withered away have I obtained him from the Almighty God.

25 And she conceived again and bare a daughter, and she called her name Naamah, for she said, After I had withered away have I obtained pleasure and delight.

Let's recap, According to the text Lamech took the daughters of Cainin who were ruling in righteousness. He married sisters something that we see is recycled in biblical history. To reiterate the text indicated that a lot of information was introduced into society via the fallen ones, because of this diversion from the Creators Torah, mankind began to corrupt itself. Jasher also mentioned men in that time taking women for pure pleasure, encouraging them to retain their figures and use a plant as a form of birth control. Sounds familiar? Not much has changed.

Ok sister you reaching now, come on that was a whole lot of patch work quilting you just did. How you gonna try and say that multiple wives is fornication. Do you have any proof that states it implicitly? Let me get the script on that one. Thanks for asking

as a matter of fact I do. This took some digging, some of you may have already read it and other well you are about to get into it right now.

I remember when I first found out about the fragments of Zadok some years ago, it was a turning point in this study. So without further ado, I present to thee a fragment of the fragment.

According to scholars, “the *Book of the Covenant of Damascus* (the Zadokite Documents or the Damascus Document) is a work presenting the views of the sect which is said to have left the Land of Judah and emigrated to the Land of Damascus. The work first became known through the discovery by Solomon Schechter in 1896 of two fragmentary manuscripts of it (conventionally called *A* and *B*) in the *genizah* of a Karaite synagogue in Cairo. Schechter dated *A* to the 10th century C.E. and *B* to the 11th or 12th. They represent two different recensions of the work, to judge by the relatively small portions which overlap. When the Qumran texts were discovered in 1947 and the following years, an affinity between some of them and the Damascus Document was speedily recognized, and it soon became evident that the sect referred to in the Damascus Document must be identified with the Qumran community. This conclusion was confirmed with the discovery of fragments of the Damascus Document in the Qumran caves – fragments of seven manuscripts in Cave 4 and further fragments in Cave 6 (6QD).”

The book is written in biblical Hebrew, free from Aramaisms. The style is marked throughout by linguistic usages from the Bible;

Migration of the Penitents to Damascus. Sons of Zadok hold office in the end of the Days, 1-3. Law to be obeyed and relations with Judah broken of in the Period in which Belial is let loose. 4-12.

6 1 The priests are the penitents of Israel who went forth out of the land of Judah: 2 and (the Levites are) they who joined them. And the sons of Zadok are the elect of Israel called by 3 the name, that are holding office in the end of the days. Behold the statement of their names according to their generations, and the period of their office, and the number of their afflictions, and the years of their sojournings, and the statement of their works. 4 The **first saints** whom God pardoned, Both justified the righteous, and condemned the wicked. 5 And all they who come after them must do according to the interpretation of the Law, In which the forefathers were instructed until the consummation of the period of these years. 6 In accordance with the covenant which God established with the forefathers in order to pardon their sins, so shall God make atonement for them. 7 And on the consummation of the period [of the number] of these years they shall no more join themselves to the house of Judah. But shall every one stand up against his net. 8 The wall shall have been built,

the boundary been far removed. 9 And during all these years Belial shall be let loose against Israel, as God spake through Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amos, saying: 'Fear and the pit and the snare are upon thee, O inhabitant of the land.' 10 This means **the three nets of Belial**, concerning which Levi the son of Jacob spake, by which he caught Israel and directed their faces to three kinds of righteousness. 11 **The first is fornication**, the **second is the wealth (of wickedness)**, the **third is the pollution of the Sanctuary**. 12 He that cometh up from this shall be caught by that, and he that escapeth from this shall be caught by that.

7 1-7. The Sin of Fornication. Divorce forbidden.

7 1 The builders of the wall who walk after law-the law it is which talks, of which He said: Assuredly they shall talk-are caught [by two] **by fornication in taking two wives during their lifetime**. 2,3 But the **fundamental principle of the creation 'Male and Female created He them.'** 4 And they who went into the Ark, **'Two and two went into the Ark.'** And as to the prince it is written, 5 **'He shall not multiply wives unto himself.'** **But David read not in the Book of the Law that was sealed**, which was in the Ark; for it was not opened in Israel from the day of the death of Eleazar and 6 Joshua, and the Elders who served Ashtaroth. And it was hidden (and was not) discovered until 7 Zadok arose: **Now they glorified the deeds of David** save only the blood of Uriah, and God abandoned them to him

CONCLUSION

Shocking huh? The above mentioned narratives weave an interesting story of divine beings rebelling against the Creator interrupting human experience and infusing mankind with information meant to corrupt and divert us from purpose. But why? For those who subscribe to the above narratives I advise you to read over the above mention chapters in full context to get a better understanding of what was being said.

To review briefly and highlight the assertion made in the beginning of the article, the Book of Damascus stated that there were *three nets of Belial* in that time that ensnared the sons of Levi

1. Fornication in taking multiple wives
2. Wealth of Wickedness
3. Pollution of the temple

This is definitely something to think about considering that the same three issues continue to ensnare the decedents of Israel some millennia later. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and feel free to contribute what you have learned during your own studies, until then see you next time for part three of this groundbreaking series Biblical Polygyny revisited.

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