



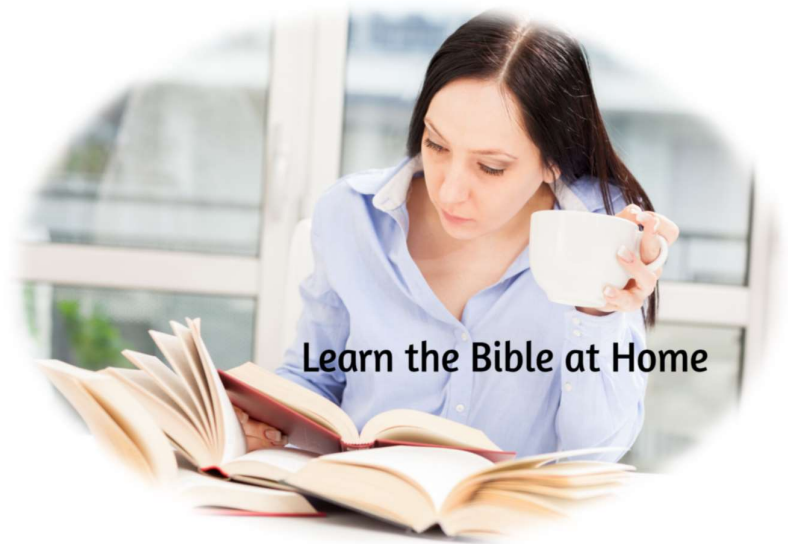
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## **Sins of Israel**

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## Sins of Israel.

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### They worshipped:

- The goddess of love and fertility (her worship was sexually indecent).
- Molech and sacrificed their sons to him in the Hinnom valley.
- A golden calf at a religious centre at Dan and at a religious centre at Bethel.
- Idols at altars that had been built under shady trees on their hills throughout their land.
- The host of heaven (i.e., the sun, moon, and stars) at altars set up in the temple court for planetary worship.

### Added to their extremely sinful worship:

- Gross idolatry and Baal altars were set up throughout their land.
- Innocent people were killed and cheated out of justice.
- Leaders oppressed others for their own selfish gain.
- Drunkenness, violence, robbery, and gross sensuality was rampant.
- The rich cheated the innocent out of justice, and showed no sense of responsibility towards the poor.
- Instead of relieving their economic distress of the helpless and poor they devised new means of depriving them of their property.

Is it any wonder the LORD compares Israel's ways to the uncleanness of a woman in her menstrual impurity? (Ezek. 36:17). and poured His wrath out upon Judah, Israel, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

**The lesson for today:** Israel's wicked behaviour defiled the name of God, which gave the surrounding nations reasons to mock and despise Israel's God. This shines a light on the following truth: the behaviour of everyone who confesses to believe in God and in Christ His Son will determine to some extent whether outsiders are drawn to God or to despise Him. We are not witnesses to the Lord only when we share our faith with another, our entire life is a witness to our faith and of God, it can be a good witness, or a bad witness.

**Idolatry, fornication and whoredoms:** the following verses show that the idolatry of Israel and Judah is often signified by fornication and whoredoms in the Old Testament:

- **Jeremiah 3:6:** The LORD said to me in the days of King Josiah: "Have you seen what she did, that faithless one, Israel, how she went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and there played the whore (harlot in KJV).
- **Ezekiel 16:28:** You (Jerusalem) played the whore also with the Assyrians, because you were not satisfied; yes, you played the whore (harlot in KJV) with them, and still you were not satisfied.
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- **Jeremiah 3:8:** She saw that for all the adulteries of that faithless one, Israel, I had sent her away with a decree of divorce. Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she too went and played the whore (harlot in KJV).
- **Ezekiel 16:15:** You (Jerusalem) trusted in your beauty and played the whore because of your renown and lavished your whorings (playedst the harlot in KJV). on any passerby; your beauty became his.

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