

Πορνεία - p.1

File under: Πορνεία or porneia  
English: "prostitution"

The feminine noun πορνεία (porneia) - "prostitution" will be considered with the verb πορνεύω (porneuo) - "to-commit-prostitution", the feminine noun πόρνη (pornee) - "prostitute", and the masculine noun πόρνος (pornos) - "male-prostitute". First note the variety of English words used in the KJ.

Πορνεία KJ ●

- Mat. 6:32. saving for the cause of fornication,  
15:19. adulteries, fornications, thefts,  
19: 9. except (it be) for fornication,  
Mar 7:21. adulteries, fornications, murders,  
Joh. 8:41. We be not born of fornication;  
Acts 15:20. and (from) fornication, and  
29. and from fornication:  
21:25. from strangled, and from fornication.  
Ro. 1:29. fornication, wickedness, covetousness,  
1Co. 5: 1. (that there is) fornication among you, and  
such fornication as is not  
6:13. Now the body (is) not for fornication,  
18. Flee fornication.  
7: 2. (to avoid) fornication, let every  
2Co. 12:21. and fornication and lasciviousness  
Gal. 5:19. Adultery, fornication, uncleanness,  
Eph. 5: 3. But fornication, and all uncleanness,  
Col. 3: 5. fornication, uncleanness,  
1Th. 4: 3. ye should abstain from fornication:  
Rev. 2:21. to repent of her fornication;  
9:21. nor of their fornication,  
14: 8. the wine of the wrath of her fornication.  
17: 2. with the wine of her fornication.  
4. filthiness of her fornication:  
18: 3. wine of the wrath of her fornication,  
19: 2. corrupt the earth with her fornication,

Πορνεύω KJ ☆

- 1Co. 6:18. but he that committeth fornication  
10: 8. Neither let us commit fornication, as some  
of them committed,  
Rev. 2:14. unto idols, and to commit fornication.  
20. to commit fornication, and to eat  
17: 2. the kings of the earth have committed for-  
nication,  
18: 3. have omitted fornication with her,  
9. who have committed fornication and

Πόρνη KJ ☆

- Mat. 21:31. and the harlots go into the kingdom  
32. and the harlots believed him:  
Lu. 15:30. devoured thy living with harlots,  
1Co. 6:15. the members of an harlot?  
16. is joined to an harlot is one body?  
Heb 11:31. By faith the harlot Rahab perished not  
Jns. 2:25. was not Rahab the harlot justified by  
Rev. 17: 1. the judgment of the great whore  
6. THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS  
15. where the whore sitteth,  
16. these shall hate the whore,  
19: 2. he hath judged the great whore,

Πόρνος KJ \*

- 1Co. 5: 9. not to company with fornicators:  
10. with the fornicators of this world,  
11. is called a brother be a fornicator,  
6: 9. neither fornicators, nor idolaters,  
Eph. 5: 5. that no whoremonger, nor unclean  
1Ti. 1:10. For whoremongers, for them that defile  
Heb 12:16. Lest there (be) any fornicator, or profane  
13: 4. but whoremongers and adulterers God  
Rev. 21: 8. and whoremongers, and sorcerers,  
22:15. whoremongers, and murderers,

While these various words may not be wrong, their use tends to confuse the relationship. The use of the markers ● ☆ \* at each of the passages of The Consistent Translation will

show which Greek word is represented. These words are not used many times in the gospels, but there are not any problems in their meaning as they occur in the gospels. Remember all of the uses in the gospels are before the cross, really OT.

## ● MATTHEW 5 CT

32 But I myself-am-saying to-YOU, that whosoever might-release his wife, except of word of prostitution, he-is-making her to-be-committing-adultery; and whosoever might-marry one-having-been-and-still-released is-committing-adultery.

## ● MATTHEW 19 CT

9 But I-am-saying to-YOU, that whosoever might-release his wife unless on prostitution, and he-might-marry another, he-is-committing-adultery; and the-one having-married one-having-been-and-still-released, he-is-committing-adultery.

## ● MATTHEW 15 CT

18 But the-things proceeding-out out-of the mouth are-coming-out out-of the heart, and-these-things are-defiling the MAN.

19 For out-of the heart is-coming-out evil deliberations, murders, adulteries, prostitutions, thieveries, false-witnessings, blasphemies

20 These-things are the-things defiling the MAN; but to eat with-unwashed hands is not defiling the MAN.

## ● MARK 7 CT

20 But he-was-saying, that The-thing proceeding-out out-of the MAN, that-thing is-defiling the MAN.

21 For from-within out-of the heart of-the MEN the deliberations namely-the bad are-proceeding-out, adulteries, prostitutions, murders,

22 Thieveries, covetousnesses, evils, guile, wantonness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these-things, namely-the evil-things from-within, are-proceeding-out and are-defiling the MAN.

## ☆ ☆ MATTHEW 21 CT

31 Which out-of the two did the will of-the Father? They are-saying to-him, The first. The Jesus is-saying to-them, Amen I-am-saying to-YOU, that the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are preceding YOU into the kingdom of-the God.

32 For John came to YOU in a way of-justice, and YOU-trusted not in-him; but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes trusted in-him; but YOU having-seen, YOU-regretted not later, to-trust in-him.

## ☆ LUKE 15 CT

30 But when this son of-you, namely-the-one having-devoured your means-of-living with prostitutes came, you-sacrificed for-him the calf, namely-the-one wheat-fed.

## ● JOHN 8 CT

41 YOU yourselves-are-doing the works of-YOUR father. They said therefore to-him, We ourselves-have not been-begotten-and-still-begotten out-of-prostitution; we-are-having one Father, the God.

"prostitution" in John 8:41 is probably spiritual. The Jews, to whom Jesus was speaking, shifted from Abraham (John 8:39) to God as their Father. (see Hosea) Note also "we-are-having".

Prostitution is given as a reason for "divorce"; otherwise the marriage is not dissolved, resulting in adultery. In Matt. 19:9, the phrase, "and he-might-marry another" is not in the B and other manuscripts. Note God's permitting more than one wife. (Especially see Jacob, David, Solomon.)

Prostitution is high on the list of evils proceeding out of the heart. Compare: Matt. 4<sup>th</sup> MK. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Prostitution was very common in the days of Jesus, as it is today. John the Baptist preached the "baptism of repentance"; Mark 1:4. Prostitutes were trusting John's word and were preceding the chief priests and elders into the kingdom of God. (Matt. 21:23-32) (Note some comments on this parable in Apologetics 2, p. 15)

← In Luke 15:30 the word "prostitutes" has regular meaning; but being in a parable may have a figurative meaning as well.

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## ● ● ACTS 15 CT

19 On-this-account I myself-am-judging not to-be-harassing the ones from the Gentiles turning-around on the God,  
20 BUT to-send-an-epistle to-them to-be-holding-off-for-themselves of-the contaminations of-the idols and of-the prostitution and a-thing-strangled and of-the blood.

28 For it-seemed best to-the Spirit namely-the Holy and to-us to-ourselves-be-placing-upon YOU not-one much-more weight with-the-exception of-these of-compulsion,  
29 To-be-holding-off-for-yourselves of-idolatrous-sacrifices and of-blood and of-things-strangled and of-prostitution; maintaining yourselves out-of which-things YOU-will-practice well. Farewell.

## ● ACTS 21 CT

25 But concerning of-the Gentiles having-trusted-and-still-trusting we ourselves-sent-an-epistle having-judged them to-be-keeping not-one-thing such-as-this unless to-be-guarding-themselves from both the idolatrous-sacrifice and the blood and a thing-strangled and prostitution.

## ROMANS 1 CT

29 Having-been-and-still-filled with-all unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice, replete of-envy, of-murder, of-quarreling, of-guile, of-malignity, whisperers,

↳ "evil" - πορνεία follows ἀδικία omitting πορνεία in ABCX etc. manuscripts. KJ has πορνεία.

## ● ● \* \* \* I CORINTHIANS 5 CT

1 Totally prostitution is-being-heard to-be among YOU, and prostitution such-as-this, one-which is neither among the Gentiles, so-that someone is to-be-having a woman of-the father.

2 And YOU yourselves-are ones having-been-and-still-inflated, and had YOU NOT rather mourned, in-order-that the one having-done this work might-be-lifted-up out-of YOUR midst?

9 I-wrote to-YOU in the epistle not to-be-mixing-your-selves-up-together with male-prostitutes.

10 In-any-event not with-the male-prostitutes of-this world or with-the covetous and seizers or idolaters, since if-so YOU-were-indebted to-go-out, out-of-the world.

11 BUT now I-wrote to-YOU not to-be-mixing-your-selves-together-with someone, if being-named a brother, might-be a male-prostitute or a covetous one or an idolater or a reviler or a drunkard or a seizer, neither to-eat-together with-the one such-as-this.

with such a case is explained in verses 3-5. In verses 9,10,11 the subject of "male-prostitutes" is dealt with. See p.4 (1 Cor. 6:9) for difference between "male-prostitutes" and "homosexual-males."

The only uses of "prostitution" in Acts is in reference to Gentile believers. First stated by James (Acts 15:20), then the message sent out by Barnabas, Paul, Judas, and Silas (Acts 15:29), finally the instruction to Gentile believers repeated. (Acts 21:25) These things were not considered sin by Gentile believers in their former paganism and idolatry.

A Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities p.604  
by William Smith, 1882

ΗΕΤΑΕΡΑΙ (ἑταῖραι). The word ἑταῖρα originally signified a friend or companion, but at Athens, and in other towns of Greece, it was afterwards used as a euphemistic name for πόρνη, that is, a prostitute, or mistress.

First we may mention that the young men at Athens, previous to their marriage, spent a great part of their time in the company of hetaerae without its being thought blamable in any respect whatever. Marriage, indeed, produced on the whole a change in this mode of living of young men, but in innumerable instances even married men continued their intercourse with hetaerae, without drawing upon themselves the censure of public opinion.

← In 1 Cor. 5 Paul writes, by the Holy Spirit, dealing with practical problems of prostitution. Verses 1,2 cover a case in the Corinthian church worse than among pagans, Gentiles. How to deal

A believer is not to be mixed up together with male-prostitutes. (vs.9) Paul is not referring to male-prostitutes in the corrupt world. (vs.10) To separate from the corrupt persons in the world would require you to leave the world, because they really make up the world. A believer is not even to eat with a male-prostitute who is named a "brother"; that is, professes to be a believer. (vs.11) Such a person should be put out of the assembly. (vs.13) Note the following from Encyclopaedia Britannica, Vol.9,

p.737

Male prostitution has received less public attention in most cultures. Heterosexual male prostitution—males hired by or for females—is very rare. Homosexual male prostitution, however, has become increasingly common, in large cities in particular, in the 20th century.

## \* ● ☆ ☆ ● ☆ I CORINTHIANS 6 CT

9 Or are-YOU not knowing-absolutely that unjust ones will not inherit the kingdom-of-God? YOU-be not being-led-astray; neither male-prostitutes nor idolaters nor adulterers nor catamites nor homosexual-males.

10 Nor thieves nor covetous ones, not drunkards, not revilers, not seizers will-inherit the Kingdom of-God.

11 And these-things some of YOU were; BUT YOU-bathed-yourself-off, BUT YOU-were-made-holy, BUT YOU-were-justified in the name of-the Lord Jesus and in the Spirit of-our God.

13 The foods for-the belly, and the belly for-the foods, but the God even this and these will-render-inactive. But the body is not for-the prostitution BUT for-the Lord, and the Lord for-the body;

15 Are-YOU not knowing-absolutely that YOUR bodies are members-of-Messiah? Therefore having-lifted-up the members-of-the Messiah shall-I-make members of-a prostitute? May-it not come-to-pass.

16 Or are-YOU not knowing-absolutely that the one uniting-himself to-the prostitute is one body? For they-will-be, he-is-stating, the two with-reference-to one flesh.

17 But the one uniting-himself to-the Lord is one spirit.

18 YOU-be-fleeing the prostitution. Every sinful-act which if a MAN might-do is outside the body; but the one committing-prostitution is-sinning with-reference-to his own body.

## ● I CORINTHIANS 7 CT

1 But concerning of-which-things YOU-wrote, *It-is* fine for-a-MAN not to-be-handling a woman;

2 But because-of the prostitutions let each-man be-having the woman of-himself, and let each-woman be-having her own husband.

## \* ☆ I CORINTHIANS 10 CT

8 Nor let-us-be-committing-prostitution, according-as some of-them committed-prostitution and they-fell, in-one day, twenty three thousands.

← In 1 Cor. 6:9 we have "male-prostitutes" (πόρνος), males hired for males. We also have "homosexual-males" (ἀρσενοκοίτης), the ones who do the hiring for themselves. Neither will inherit God's Kingdom. These can be saved, in vs.11, note "were."

← Verse 16, see Gen. 2:24. This refutes the idea that only two "Christians" are truly united.

← Verse 18, the seriousness of prostitution. ← God's solution.

In 1 Cor. 10:8 spiritual prostitution as well as physical.

## Numbers 25 ASV

25 And Israel abode in Shittim; and the people began <sup>d</sup>to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab: 2 for <sup>e</sup>they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods; and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. 3 And <sup>a</sup>Israel <sup>b</sup>joined himself unto <sup>c</sup>Baal-peor: and the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel.

Note the word "according-as."

## ● II CORINTHIANS 12 CT

20 For I-am-fearing lest-perchance having-come I-might not find YOU such-as I-am-willing, and-I myself-might-be-found by-YOU such-as YOU-are not willing, lest-perchance *there-be* quarrels, jealousies, angers, ambitious-rivalries, backbitings, whisperings, inflations, instabilities;  
21 Lest of-my having-come, again my God might-humble me toward YOU, and I-might-mourn many of-the *ones* having-sinned-before-and-still-sinners, and not having-repented over the uncleanness and prostitution and wantonness which they practiced.

## ● GALATIANS 5 CT

19 But the works of-the flesh are manifest, they-which are prostitution, uncleanness, wantonness,  
20 Idolatry, use-of-drugs, enmities, quarreling, jealousy, angers, ambitious-rivalries, dissensions, sects,  
21 Envyings, drunkennesses, revellings, and the-things like to-these, which-things I-am-saying-before-hand to-YOU according-as I-said-before, that the *ones* practicing the-things such-as-these will not inherit God's kingdom.

## ● \* EPHESIANS 5 CT

3 But prostitution and all uncleanness or covetousness neither let-it-be-being-named among YOU, according-as it-is-suitable for-holy *ones*,  
4 And shamelessness and stupid-speaking or coarse-jesting, which *things* have-not-pertained-nor-still-pertain to *holy-ones* BUT rather giving-of-thanks.  
5 For this YOU-are coming-to-know, that every male-prostitute or unclean *man* or covetous *man*, who-is an idolater, he-is not having inheritance in the kingdom of-the Messiah and God.

## ● COLOSSIANS 3 CT

5 YOU therefore deaden the members *namely*-the *ones* on the earth; prostitution, uncleanness, passion, bad desire, and the covetousness one-which is idolatry,

## ● I THESSALONIANS 4 CT

3 For this is will of-the God, YOUR holiness, YOU to-be-holding-off-for-yourselves from the prostitution,

## \* I TIMOTHY 1 CT

9 Knowing this absolutely, that law is not lying for-a-just *one*, but for-lawless *ones* and for-insubordinate, for-impious and for-sinners, for-unholy and for-profane, for-paricides and for-matricides, for-MAN-murderers,  
10 For-male-prostitutes, for-male-homosexuals, for-slave-dealers, for-liars, for-perjurers, and if some-thing different is-opposing to-the teaching being-healthy,

## \* HEBREWS 13 CT

4 The marriage is honorable among all and the conjugal-bed is undefiled; but male-prostitutes and adulterers the God will-judge.

← It seems that all kinds of "problems" existed in the early "church," just as they do today. But when we come to lists of sin, "prostitution" is high on the list. (vs. 21)

← In Galatians, "prostitution" heads the list in "the works of the flesh." *Ones* practicing these things will not inherit God's kingdom. (vs. 21)

We are certainly not left with any doubt as to the seriousness of promiscuous sex.

Eph. 5:3,5; Col. 3:5;  
1 Thes. 4:3; and 1 Tim. 1:10.  
(1 Tim. 1:10 has the word "male-homosexuals" also, ἀρσενοκοίτης, see p. 4)

👉 Note that prostitution, etc. is just as much a "member" of the earthly body as an eye or hand. (See Matt. 5:27-32) Since Jesus spoke in parables, the amputation of hand, eye, etc., is not physical but moral, which seems indicated in Matt. 5:27-32.

The immoral person is NOT saved, no matter how much he or she professes, and has no inheritance in God's kingdom. Eph. 5:5, above.

## ☆ HEBREWS 11 CT

31 By-trust Rahab the prostitute herself-perished not together with-the ones having-disobeyed, she having-received the spies with peace.

## ☆ JAMES 2 CT

25 But likewise was not also Rahab the prostitute justified out-of works, having-received-as-guests the messengers and having-cast-them-out in-a-different way?

## \* HEBREWS 12 CT

16 That there not be any male-prostitute or profane man as Esau, who instead-of one eating he-himself-gave-back the birthrights of-himself.

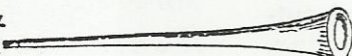
Rev. 2:14 ☆ (Church in Pergamum)  
Rev. 2:20 ☆, 21 ● (Church in Thyatira)

## REVELATION 2 CT

14 BUT I-am-holding down-upon you a few-things, that you-are-having there ones retaining the doctrine of Balaam, who was teaching to-the Balak to-cast an entrapment in-sight of-the sons of-Israel, to-eat idolatrous-sacrifices and to-commit-prostitution.

20 BUT I-am-holding down-upon you that you-are-letting-be the woman Jezabel, namely-the one saying herself a prophetess, and she-is-teaching and she-is-leading-astay my slaves to-commit-prostitution and to-eat idolatrous-sacrifices;

21 And I-gave to-her time in-order-that she-might-repent, and she-is not willing to-repent out-of her prostitution.

Rev. 9:21 ● 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet 

## REVELATION 9 CT

20 And the others of-the MEN, the ones who were not killed in these blows, neither repented-they out-of the works of-their hands, in-order-that they-will not worship the little-demons and the idols, namely-the ones made-of-gold and the one made-of-silver and the ones made-of-brass and the ones of-stone and the ones made-of-wood, which are neither able to-be-looking nor to-be-hearing nor to-be-walking-around,

21 And they-repented not out-of their murders neither out-of their use-of-drugs nor out-of their prostitution nor out-of their thefts.

## ● REVELATION 14 CT

8 And another angel a second followed saying: Babylon the great fell, she-fell, because she-has-given-and-still-gives all the Gentiles to-drink out-of the wine of-the anger of-her prostitution.

↷ The subject of Babylon is covered more fully in my book "Babylon."

→ Rahab trusted God's promises, which she knew. (Josh. 1:9-11) She was justified by her protection of Joshua's men. (Josh. 1:1-21) There is no conflict between these statements. Rahab is in the family line of Jesus. (Matt. 1:5)

← Unless you deliberately place a comma after "male-prostitute", this indicates that Esau was a "male-prostitute". Rashi on Gen. 26:34 says, "--- Esau enticed women from their husbands and ill-treated them---." (See also The Midrash Genesis p.566)

← The Pergamum "Church" period begins with the Emperor Constantine, 325 A.D. Idolatry was being added to the "church." (See Rev. Vol. I) In the Thyatira period, the pope, with Roman Catholic Idolatry, had dominated Christendom. Prostitution is both spiritual and physical.

← Note the conditions parallel to our day: worship of demons and idols, murder, use of drugs, prostitution, and thefts. All idolatry in the world is interconnected.

## ☆ ⊕ ● ● ☆ ☆ REVELATION 17 CT

1 And one out-of the seven angels, *namely*-the *ones* having the seven pans came, and he-spoke with me saying: Come-hither, I-will-point to-you the sentence of-the prostitute namely-the great one, *namely*-the one sitting on many waters,

2 With whom the kings of-the earth committed-prostitution, and the *ones* residing on the earth were-made-drunk out-of the wine of-her prostitution.

3 And he-brought me off into a desolate *place* in spirit. And I-saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, being-loaded with names of-blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was having-been-and-still-cast-around with purple and scarlet, and having-been-and-still-gilded with-gold-objects and with-precious stone and with-pearls, having a cup made-with-gold in her hand being-loaded of-abominations and the unclean-things of-her prostitution.

5 And on her forehead a name having-been-and-still-written, Mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of-the prostitutes and of-the abominations of-the earth.

15 And he-is-saying to-me: The waters which you-saw, the-place-where the prostitute is-sitting are peoples and crowds and nations and languages.

16 And the ten horns which you-saw and the beast, these will-hate the prostitute, and they-will-make her having-been-made-and-still-desolate and naked, and they-will-eat her flesh, and they-will-burn her down with fire;

## ● ☆ ⊕ REVELATION 18 CT

3 Because all the Gentiles have-drunk-and-still-drink out-of the wine of-the anger of-her prostitution, and the kings of-the earth committed-prostitution with her, and the merchants of-the earth became-rich out-of the power of-her haughtiness.

9 And the kings of-the earth will-weep and will-bewail over her, *namely*-the ones having-committed-prostitution and having-run-riot with her, at-the-time-that they-might-be-looking-at the smoke of-her conflagration,

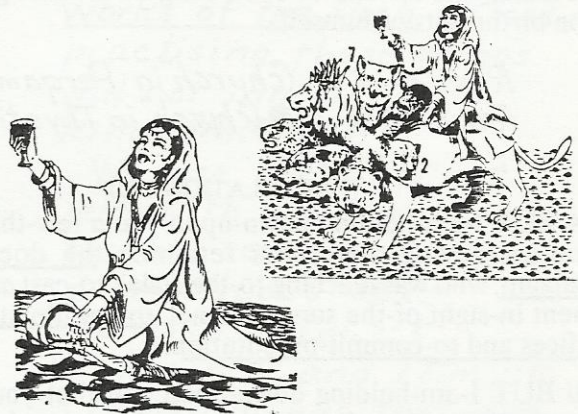
10 Having-stood-and-still-standing from a-distance because-of the fear of-her tormenting, saying: Woe, woe, the city *namely*-the great, Babylon the city *namely*-the strong, because in-one hour your judgement came.

## ☆ ● REVELATION 19 CT

1 After these-things I-heard as a great voice of-much crowd in the heaven saying: Hallelujah: the salvation and the glory and the honor and the power to Jehovah our God:

2 Because authentic and just *are* his judgements; because he-judged the prostitute, *namely*-the great one, one-who was-corrupting the earth with her prostitution, and he-avenged the blood of-his slaves out-of her hand.

← These things are known as apocalyptic writings. See the first Greek word in Rev. 1:1. (ἀποκάλυψις - apokalupsis, "uncovering.") Trench says, "The ἀποκάλυψις includes not merely the thing shown and seen, but the interpretation or unveiling of the same."



While the interpretation is given, it is very difficult to match the interpretation to history as history is unfolding. The interpretation itself is symbolical.

Consider some of the words here, as they are shown in other places in the Teaching Dictionary.

↙ Below: Note especially Rev. 22:15; outside the new city, "male-prostitutes" still exist. Hardly a heavenly setting! But compare Rev. 21:8. These verses present a problem.

## \* REVELATION 21 CT

8 But to-the timid and unbelieving and *ones* having-been-and-still-abominable and murderers and male-prostitutes and *ones* who-prepare-drugs and idolaters and to-all the *ones* false their part *will-be* in the lake *namely*-the one burning with-fire and with-sulphur, which is the death *namely*-the second.

## \* REVELATION 22 CT

15 Without *are* the dogs and the *ones* using-drugs and the male-prostitutes and the murderers and the idolaters and every *one* loving and making a lie.