

# HOMOSEXUALITY

## TEXTS & HERMENEUTICS

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## Hermeneutics

- I. Traditional View of Sexuality
  - A. Scripture
  - B. Reason/Science
  - C. Experience
- II. Revisionist View of Sexuality
  - A. Experience
  - B. Reason/Science
  - C. Scripture

## Texts

- I. Genesis 19 - Sodom
  - A. Revisionist View
    1. Sin of gang rape
    2. Sin of inhospitality
      - a. Ezek 16:49 “arrogant, overfed and unconcerned”; Matt 10:14-15
      - b. “To know” means “to interrogate” not “to have sex” יָדָע (yada’) Gen 19:5

## Texts

- I. Genesis 19 - Sodom
  - B. Traditional View
    1. Gang rape and homosexuality
    2. Inhospitality and homosexuality
      - a. Ezek 16:50 “They were haughty and did an abomination before me.” תּוֹעֵבָה (to’evah) from Lev 18:22; 20:13
      - b. According to context, yada’ can mean “to know sexually”
        - i. Context - Lot’s daughters didn’t “know a man”

## Texts

- II. Leviticus 18:22; 20:13
  - A. Revisionist View
    1. Only refers to pagan temple male prostitutes
      - a. Gay sex is OK, but not in pagan temple.
    2. Abomination = impurity (eagles, lobsters)
    3. Holiness Code doesn’t apply to us
      - a. Sex with menstruating woman (18:18; 20:18), mate diff animals (19:19), mixing seed/fabric (19:19), cutting side burns (19:27), tattoos (19:28)

## Texts

- II. Leviticus 18:22; 20:13
    - B. Traditional View
      1. Pagan temple male prostitutes = קְדֻשִׁים qedeshim
        - a. Inconsistent with context of Lev 18-20
      2. To’evah refers to immorality (Pro 6:16-19)
        - a. Different word used (sheqetz) eagle, lobster
      3. Penalty: unclean or death
- וְאֵת-זָכָר לֹא תִשְׁכַּב מִשְׁכַּבֵּי אִשָּׁה תּוֹעֵבָה הִוא

## Texts

- III. David and Jonathan
  - A. Revisionist View
    1. David and Jonathan were lovers
      - a. “love...more wonderful than that of women” 2 Sam 1:26
      - b. “Jonathan became one in spirit with David” 1 Sam 18:1
      - c. “Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David” 1 Sam 18:4
      - d. “They kissed each other and wept together” 1 Sam 20:41

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- III. David and Jonathan
  - B. Traditional View
    1. The love of two men doesn’t have to be sexual
      - a. God’s love is most wonderful. Does this mean it’s sexual?
    2. One in spirit/soul, not flesh (1 Sam 18:1)
    3. Never mentioned they had sex
    4. David’s issue was women not men  
David and Jonathan had wives

## Texts

- IV. Slavery
  - A. Revisionist View
    1. Bible condones slavery and is wrong.  
Bible’s wrong on homosexuality as well.
  - B. Traditional View
    1. Never condoned *modern* slavery
    2. Modern slavery ≠ Ancient slavery
    3. Bible is critical of slave trade
      - a. Exo 21:16

## Texts

### V. Jesus' Testimony

#### A. Revisionist View

1. Jesus was silent about homosexuality

#### B. Traditional View

1. Silent about bestiality, incest, etc.
2. Homosexuality universally condemned
  - a. Jesus would've corrected this universal misunderstanding (like Sabbath)
3. Reaffirm biblical sexuality Mark 10:6-9
4. High view of sexual purity, lust=adultery

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### VI. Romans 1:26-27

#### A. Revisionist View ("unnatural" *para fusin*)

1. Acting opposite to one's orientation
2. Excessive sexual desire/lust

#### B. Traditional View

1. Rom 1:18-32 similar to Genesis 1-3

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## Romans 1 and Genesis 1

"ever since the creation of the world" (Rom 1:20)  
and "the Creator" (Rom 1:25)

### Genesis 1

"human" ἄνθρωπος 1:26

"image" εἰκόν 1:26

"likeness" ὁμοίωσις 1:26

"birds" πετεινός 1:26

"livestock" κτήνος 1:26

"creeping thing" ἔρπετόν 1:26

"male" ἄρσῃν 1:27

"female" θήλυς 1:27

### Romans 1

"human" ἄνθρωπος 1:23

"image" εἰκόν 1:23

"resembling" ὁμοίωμα 1:23

"birds" πετεινόν 1:23

"animals" τετράπους 1:23

"creeping things" ἔρπετόν 1:23

"men" ἄρσῃν 1:27

"women" θήλυς 1:26

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1. Rom 1:18-32 similar to Genesis 1-3
  - a. Male (*arsen*) and female (*thelys*)
  - b. Plato, Philo and Josephus used *para fusin* to refer to homosexuality
2. No correlation ≠ no sin

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### VII. 1 Cor 6:9-10, 1 Tim 1:9-10

#### A. Revisionist View

1. *Arsenokoitai* = sexual and economic exploitation (pedophilia)

#### B. Traditional View

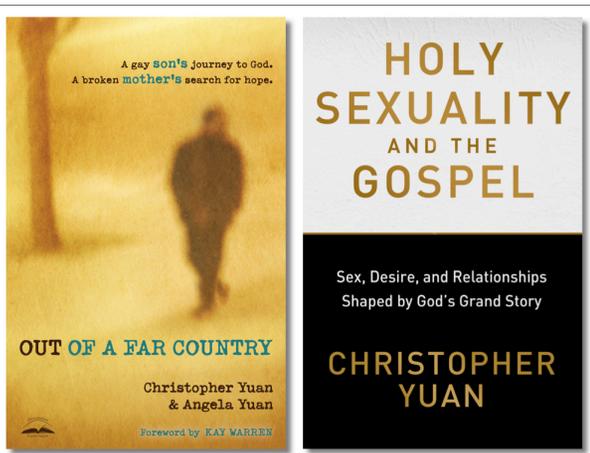
1. *Arsenokoitai* is from Lev 20:13 (LXX)
  - a. Male (*arsēn*) + bed (*koite*)
  - b. Num 31:17-18, Judg 21:11-12
2. Pedophilia = παιδεραστής (*paiderastēs*)

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Such were some of you;  
but you were washed, but you were  
sanctified, but you were justified  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and in the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11

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