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## THE SCRIPTURAL JUDGMENT FOR ADULTERY

Lev 20:10

<sup>10</sup> And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

KJV

John 8:4-5

<sup>4</sup> They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

<sup>5</sup> Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

KJV

Gen 38:24

<sup>24</sup> And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

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Gen. 38:24

And it came to pass in about three months, that it was reported to Judah, saying, your daughter-in-law, Tamar, has prostituted herself; indeed, look, the widow is pregnant [as a result of] adultery.

And Judah said, the fiery serpent has captured [Tamar], and she has gone after Satan, [so] let her go into exile.

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1 Tim 5:15

<sup>15</sup> For some are already turned aside after Satan.

KJV

## QUESTION

### WHAT IS THE SCRIPTURAL JUDGMENT FOR ADULTERY?

Sir Lancelot is regarded as the first and greatest of King Arthur's legendary knights [of ancient Britain]. Son of King Ban of Benoic (anglicized as Benwick) and Queen Elaine, he is known as Lancelot of the Lake (or Lancelot du Lac) because he was raised by Vivien, the Lady of the Lake. His knightly adventures include the rescue of **Queen Guinevere** from the evil Méléagant, a failed quest for the Holy Grail, and a further rescue of Guinevere after she is condemned to be burned at the stake for adultery (with him). (<http://www.arthurian-legend.com/more-about/more-about-arthur-6.php>)

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OT:8313 - **burnt**

**8313.** [ר^ט\* ׳רא]: A verb meaning to burn. Most often, this word is used to mean to burn with intent, to destroy, or to consume. It is normally used to refer to sacrifices. Many sacrificial laws prescribed specific ways for offerings to be burnt ([Ex 29:14](#)). Burning could also be a form of punishment, as in the story of Achan ([Josh 7:25](#)). Buildings and cities were other common objects of burning: Men of Ephraim threatened to burn down Jephthah's house with fire ([Judg 12:1](#)). Less frequently, this word refers to the process of firing bricks ([Gen 11:3](#)).

OT:8314 – **Fiery Serpent**

**8314.** [ר\*ט\* ׳ר^]: A masculine noun meaning a serpent. This word generally refers to a poisonous snake, deriving its origin from the burning sensation of the serpent's bite (see [Deut 8:15](#)). It is used specifically of the fiery serpents that were sent as judgment. The likeness of a serpent was made of brass at the Lord's command ([Num 21:8](#)). The word is used twice by Isaiah to apparently denote a dragon ([Isa 14:29; 30:6](#)).

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**Burnt**

1. The Hebrew words translated **burnt** and **fiery serpent** :
  - a. Are one number apart in the Hebrew Lexicon (8313, 8314)
  - b. Are constructed from the same Hebrew letters, which appear in the same order in both words
  - c. Differ only in one vowel, which appears under the middle letter
2. Two prefixes precede the Hebrew word translated **burnt** (8313)
  - a. Vav = and
  - b. Tet = serpent/Satan

3. If we assume that the Hebrew word translated **burnt** in verse 24, should really be the Hebrew word translated **fiery serpent**, and include the word **Satan**, a legitimate translation of the prefix **tet**, the Alternate Translation of verse 24 would look like this:

Gen. 38:24

And it came to pass in about three months, that it was reported to Judah, saying, your daughter-in-law, Tamar, has prostituted herself; indeed, look, the widow (prefix lamed) is pregnant [as a result of] adultery.

And Judah said, the fiery serpent [?????] Satan, [so] let her go into exile.

4. The translations of the first four Hebrew words of verse 25, are “she; captivity (brought forth); she; let go(sent)” = she is captured, she; to let go.
5. When we integrate these first four words of verse 25 into the last sentence of verse 24, it reads like this:

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## WITNESS:

1 Tim 5:11-16

<sup>11</sup> But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;

<sup>12</sup> Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

<sup>13</sup> And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

<sup>14</sup> I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

<sup>15</sup> For some are already turned aside after Satan.

<sup>16</sup> If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

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4. Verse 26 says that Judah never saw Tamar again, which would indicate that Tamar did, indeed, go into exile.

Gen 38:26

<sup>26</sup> And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

KJV

## CONCLUSIONS

1. Leviticus 20:10 says that adultery is punishable by death, but **death** is not defined.
2. The Pharisees interpreted **death** to be physical death by stoning.
3. The King James Translators interpret **death** to mean, **burned alive**.
4. The legend of King Arthur interprets **death** to mean **burned alive**, based upon the KJV of the Scripture.
5. The Alternate Translation Bible finds **death** to be **the spiritual death of separation** – not only from family and friends, but from God.
6. Separation from God is spiritual death, which always results, ultimately, in physical death.

Num 9:13

<sup>13</sup> But the man that is clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among

\_\_\_\_\_ : because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

KJV

Ezek 18:4

<sup>4</sup> Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

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7. The Scripture does not say who raised Pharez and Zereh, Judah's royal grandchildren, since their mother was cut off from her people.

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