

Unlike my lectures, Q & A sessions are "lightly" edited. I do not take out my stutters, etc. Also, the **titles** give the question that **prompted** my ramblings, but the titles are more loosely connected to what I am talking about in the Q & A sessions than they are in the formal lectures.

### Questions: Session 1

**Remarks, 1.** Death of Abimelech by Millstone.

**Remarks, 2.** The mother of Samson was "barren." Remarks on ancient biology.

[Post-lecture note: **inspiration does not overcome biological ignorance**]

**Question 1.** Is there a parallel between Jesus and the "sacrifice" of Isaac?

*mono-genēs* does not mean "only-begotten." It means "unique, only, only-sort"

See, e.g., KJV and Douay for John 1:14,18; 3:16,18; Hebrews 11:17; 1 John 4:9

### Questions: Session 2

**Question 1.** What does "Benjamin" have to do with the story of the rape of the Levite's concubine in Judges 19?

In Judges 20, all the men from Jabesh Gilead are killed--because they did not answer call to battle.

Ancient Folklore -- similar to the Roman story of "The Rape of the Sabine Women."

**Question 2.** Refrain: "In those days there was no king in Israel" (Judg 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25). How did they get kings?

### Questions: Session 3 [after my Lecture 36 ]

**Question 1.** Are the Sons of Jacob in order of age?

Sons of Jacob / Israel	Mother	Reference	Notes
Reuben	Leah	Gen 29:32	
Simeon	Leah	Gen 29:33	
Levi	Leah	Gen 29:34	
Judah	Leah	Gen 29:35	
Dan	Bilhah	Gen 30:5-6	Rachel's maid
Naphtali	Bilhah	Gen 30:7-8	Rachel's maid
Gad	Zilpah	Gen 30:10-11	Leah's maid
Asher	Zilpah	Gen 30:12-13	Leah's maid
Issachar	Leah	Gen 30:18	
Zebulun	Leah	Gen 30:20	
Joseph	Rachel	Gen 30: 23-24	
Benjamin	Rachel	Gen 35:18	

**Question 2.** You discussed concubines. What about the morality of masters having sexual relations with female slaves?

"Thou shalt not commit adultery" does not demand absolute fidelity on the part of husbands -- according to Moses.

Modern Jewish Law -- it is not legally possible for a husband to commit adultery **against his wife**.

Jesus was the **only Jew ever** to suggest a man could commit adultery **against his wife**.

OT: Adultery is always a crime against a **male**.

Polygamy in Christian Tradition.

Martin Luther (Catholic) advised King Henry VIII to marry as many wives as necessary for offspring.

There was no need to **divorce** any of them. The Bible is comfortable with kings having many wives.

**Question 3.** What about the Noahide laws (Genesis 9) regarding sexual morality?

Concubine (*pallakis, pallakē*) does not occur in NT. (Searched on a Greek word using *BibleWorks*)

Roman law about adultery

### Questions: Session 4 [after my Lecture 37]

**Observation.** We don't have child sacrifice, but we send ours off to war.

"Who's Next." Tom Lehrer, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wvs\\_qTnUHMI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wvs_qTnUHMI)

**Question 1.** Why didn't you list Hagar among the notable concubines?

**I misspoke in the answer!** Hagar is mentioned in a genealogy (Gen 25:12) **but she is never called a concubine!**

Rather she is called a "**wife**" in Gen 16:3. More next week.