

THE OLD TESTAMENT ON DIVORCE & REMARRIAGE

- A. **THOUGH HE PROHIBITS DIVORCE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES (DEUT. 22), MOSES NEVER GIVES A BLANKET PROHIBITION OF DIVORCE**

- B. **MOSES PROHIBITS REMARRIAGE TO A SPOUSE AFTER AN INTERVENING MARRIAGE (Deut. 24:1-4)**
 - 1. To prevent a “legalized affair”?
 - 2. To prevent financial gain from a divorce & remarriage?
 - 3. Because this would constitute incest?

- C. **GOD DIVORCED ISRAEL FOR INFIDELITY (Isa. 50:1, Jer. 3:8)**

- D. **GOD HATES DIVORCE OF AN INNOCENT SPOUSE (Mal. 2:10-16)**
 - 1. God hates all divorce?
 - 2. Men hate their wives & divorce them without a just cause?
 - 3. If you hate your wife, then divorce her before taking a second wife (i.e. don’t engage in polygamy)? (unlikely translation)