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## **What the Bible Teaches About Sodomy (Homosexuality and Bestiality)**

(Scripture References from the NIV)

### *SODOMITE, SODOMY*

*[SAHD um ite, SAHD uh me]-one who practices sodomy; unnatural sexual intercourse, especially that between two males. These English words are derived from SODOM, an ancient city in the land of Canaan noted for such depraved activities. All the men of Sodom came to Lot's house, demanding that he allow them to have sexual relations with two people inside (Gen 19:5). But Lot refused. The next day Lot escaped from Sodom and God destroyed the city because of its great sin (Gen 19). Sodomy was prohibited by the law of Moses (Deut 23:17) and condemned by the apostle Paul (Rom 1:27; 1 Cor 6:9).*

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Leviticus 18:22-23

22 "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.

23 "Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.

Leviticus 20:13

13 "If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

Leviticus 20:15-16

15 "If a man has sexual relations with an animal, he must be put to death, and you must kill the animal. 16 "If a woman approaches an animal to have sexual relations with it, kill both the woman and the animal. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

Romans 1:24

24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

Romans 1:26-27

26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.