

**Bible Study 11 20 2014 End Times Signs of Cannibalism by
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Scripture: Luke 21:28

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Question: "What does the Bible say about cannibalism? Is there cannibalism in the Bible?"

1. Answer: Cannibalism is mentioned in the Bible. Although there is no direct statement such as, "Thou shalt not eat human flesh," the obvious indication from Scripture is that cannibalism is a terrible evil.

Punishments for Disobedience

Leviticus 26: 28-30

...28then I will act with wrathful hostility against you, and I, even I, will punish you seven times for your sins. 29'Further, you will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters you will eat. 30'I then will destroy your high places, and cut down your incense altars, and heap your remains on the remains of your idols, for My soul shall abhor you....

1. After the global flood, God gave Noah permission to eat meat. "Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything" (Genesis 9:3)/ 3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything However, God specifies that the "food for you" does not include fellow human beings.

People are treated much differently from animals: “Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind” (Genesis 9:6). 3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.

Genesis 9:6). 6 “Whoever sheds the blood of man,
by man shall his blood be shed,
for God made man in his own image.

2. Eating Human is cause by SIN

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Deuteronomy 28

53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, [1] the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

54 So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:

55 So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.

56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,

57 And toward her young one [2] that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

**** Eating Family member is also wrong

3. Cannibalism has been ritualized in some pagan cultures as part of a religious ceremony or cultural superstition. Thus, not only is the act itself wrong, but also the reason behind the act is wrong. For example, some cultural groups would eat the flesh of dead family members, believing that doing so would allow the spirits of those who had died to live on. Such cannibalistic rites have no biblical justification. The Bible teaches that the spirit does not remain in the body, nor does it wander around at liberty. A spirit either goes to be with the Lord immediately upon death. (2 Corinthians 5:8)

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 3a. Or goes to hades/hell to be kept until the judgment (Luke 16:19-26; Revelation 20:11-15).

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke 16: 19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

In summary Foot Notes

Deuteronomy 28:53-57; Jeremiah 19:9; Lamentations 2:20; 4:10;
Ezekiel 5:10)