Polygamy and Covenant Unity

- Is the Old Covenant unified with the New?
- FTAP Teaching | Genesis 2 through apostolic instruction

Why Study This Question?

- Some Hebrew Bible accounts include multiple wives
- The speaker asks whether description equals endorsement

A Question of Continuity

- Malachi 3:6 is the speaker's starting principle
- Compare texts carefully before judging a contradiction

Genesis 2:24

- A man leaves father and mother and joins his wife
- The two become one flesh

Marriage as Covenant

- Leaving and cleaving establish a primary bond
- The Teaching stresses loyalty, care and unity

Ephesians 5 and Messiah

- Paul quotes Genesis 2:24
- Marriage points toward Messiah and His people

The First Explicit Example

- Genesis 4:19 names Lamech's two wives
- His story appears amid violence and boasting

Narrative Is Not Command

- Biblical stories report human decisions
- Readers must assess context and consequences

Abram, Sarai and Hagar

- Genesis 16 records household distress
- The speaker sees rivalry, not marital harmony

Jacob, Leah and Rachel

- Genesis 29 narrates unequal affection
- Favoritism shapes family relationships

Esau, Elkanah and Hannah

- Genesis 26 describes grief to Esau's parents
- First Samuel 1 portrays rivalry and distress

David's Household

- Second Samuel 3 identifies a complex household
- Second Samuel 13 recounts serious family violence

Solomon and Divided Loyalty

- First Kings 11 recounts many marriages
- The text ties his choices to turning toward idols

Does Regulation Mean Approval?

- An existing practice can be legally addressed
- The speaker reads protective rules as accommodation

Exodus 21:10-11

- The woman's basic needs and rights remain protected
- The legal setting matters for interpretation

Deuteronomy 21:15-17

- An unfavored wife's firstborn retains inheritance rights
- The rule guards against favoritism

Leviticus 18:18

- A woman and her sister are named in a rivalry setting
- The scope of the prohibition is disputed

The Hebrew Idiom Argument

- The speaker draws on 119 Ministries' proposal
- Parallels in Exodus 26 and Ezekiel 1 are considered

What Can We Conclude?

- Grammatical parallels do not settle every debate
- Distinguish a proposed reading from explicit wording

Yeshua and Matthew 19

- Yeshua returns to Genesis and one-flesh marriage
- The immediate question concerns divorce

Paul on Married Life

- 1 Corinthians 7 addresses reciprocal marital duties
- Ephesians 5 teaches devoted covenant care

Qualifications for Leaders

- 1 Timothy 3:2 refers to the husband of one wife
- Titus 1:6 sets household standards for elders

The Speaker's Conclusion

- The covenants present one unified marriage ethic
- This is the argument reached in the Teaching

The Fellowship Disagrees

- A participant distinguishes polygyny from polygamy
- Torah prohibitions and marriage imagery are debated

Finding the Ancient Path

- Polygamy - Is the Old Covenant Unified with the New Covenant?
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3z0tLioR8zk