



**Maranatha Baptist Church**  
Destruction of a Nation/  
Purpose and Glory of Marriage & The Tragedy of Divorce  
Malachi 2:8-17

- I. Destruction of a nation (People, Church, Home) comes **subtly** due to unfaithful living by its people (2:8-10)
  - A. **Common** kinship – “have we not all one father?”
  - B. Chosen **Creator** - “hath not one God created us?”
  - C. **Charges** against the People - “why do we deal treacherously every man against his neighbor...?”
- II. Destruction of a nation comes **Severely** through dishonoring marriages (2:11-12)
  - A. Destruction was attributed to a **Marriage** crisis
  - B. Destruction was caused by **Marrying** heathens
  - C. Destruction of the **Covenant** was promised (2:12)
- III. Destruction of a nation comes **Slowly** because of breaking the **marriage** covenant (2:13-16)
  - A. Repentance only **Restores** the marriage **covenant** (12-15)
  - B. **Rejuvenate** the practice of the “**covenant**” concept (14)
  - C. **Review** biblical marriage and God’s view of divorce (16)
    1. Marriage was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord – Genesis 2:18ff; Mk. 10:2-9
    2. Marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ ordained by the Lord – Genesis 2:18f
    3. Marriage was designed by the Lord to be \_\_\_\_\_ (1 woman and 1 man come together)
    4. Marriage was designed by the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ – I Cor. 7:7-9
    5. Marriage is designed by the Lord to provide \_\_\_\_\_:
      - Abraham & \_\_\_\_\_ – Genesis 20:9
      - Ezekiel 16:8 – covenant with \_\_\_\_\_
    6. Marriage is ordained by the Lord for a \_\_\_\_\_ – Romans 7:3; I Cor. 7:39

- Bound as \_\_\_\_\_ as they both shall \_\_\_\_\_
- Christians only marry other Christians (not just in word but in action)

7. Marriage promotes a special \_\_\_\_\_ picture.  
 – Eph. 5:22f; 5:32

Husband is the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife is \_\_\_\_\_

Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church is \_\_\_\_\_

**Transition:** How am I affecting the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and the church in my \_\_\_\_\_?

Luke 16:18: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 10:11-12: \_\_\_\_\_

Deuteronomy 24:1-4: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: What does the word “uncleanness” mean in the texts?

Matthew 5:32 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 19:9 \_\_\_\_\_

Common Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Two Basic Reasons:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - Deut. 23:13-1

2. It \_\_\_\_\_ refer to adultery – Deut. 22 – God made this a  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Consider:**

1. Deut. 24:4 – This is the \_\_\_\_\_

2. Pharisees were forcing; It is not \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:** The matter of marriage matters to the \_\_\_\_\_, to the \_\_\_\_\_, and to the \_\_\_\_\_ for it hinges on the matter of God’s \_\_\_\_\_.