

Deuteronomy 24:1-4 **Divorce & Reconciliation**

¹ "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house, ² when she has departed from his house, and goes and becomes another man's wife, ³ if the latter husband detests her and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her as his wife, ⁴ then her former husband who divorced her must not take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Divorce, Defiled and Return is an Abomination [Deuteronomy 24:1-4]

- ✧ A man chooses to divorce his wife and sends her away.
 - ✧ The woman marries another man, and afterward finds herself divorced again or widowed.
 - ✧ She may not go back to her former husband, because she is viewed as defiled for him.
 - ✧ God says that to return to her former husband would be an abomination before Yehowah.
 - ✧ God says that it would bring sin on the land which Yehowah Eloheyk (the lord your God) is giving you as an inheritance.
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- ✧ To bring sin on the land is to defile the land. [Leviticus 18:24-30]
 - ✧ When the land is defiled, it will vomit out its inhabitants in the same way it did as Israel inherited it from the former inhabitants when the land vomited out the seven nations Yehowah was judging. [Leviticus 18:24-30, 20:22-23, Deuteronomy 6:16-19, 7:1-4, 9:1-5, 29:14-29]

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- ✧ When Paul encourages a divorced couple to be reconciled, it is in the context that they have both remained sexually pure and are not defiled toward each other. [1 Corinthians 7:11]
 - ◇ Therefore the abomination stated in [Deuteronomy 24:1-4] would not apply.
- ✧ However, if either one of them had become defiled by another sexual relationship, the abomination would certainly apply, and it would be sin to return together. [Deuteronomy 24:1-4]