

Israel/Judah as “whores” in the Bible

Isaiah 1.21	How <u>the faithful city</u> has become a whore ! She that was full of justice, righteousness lodged in her-- but now murderers!
Isaiah 57.3	But as for you [Israel], come here, you children of a sorceress, you offspring of an adulterer and a whore .
Jeremiah 2.20	For long ago you broke your yoke and burst your bonds, and you said, "I will not serve!" On every high hill and under every green tree you sprawled and <u>played the whore</u> .
Jeremiah 3.1-2; 6-9	If a man divorces his woman and she goes from him and becomes another man's woman, will he return to her? Would not such a land be greatly polluted? You [Israel] <u>played the whore</u> with many lovers; and would you return to me? says YHWH. Look up to the bare heights and see! Where have you not been lain with? By the waysides you have sat waiting for lovers, like a nomad in the wilderness. You have polluted the land with your whoring and wickedness...YHWH said to me in the days of King Josiah: Have you seen what she did, that faithless one, Israel, how she went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and <u>played the whore</u> there? And I thought, "After she has done all this she will return to me"; but she did not return, and her false sister Judah saw it. She saw that for all the adulteries of that faithless one, Israel, I had sent her away with a decree of divorce; yet her false sister Judah did not fear, but she too went and <u>played the whore</u> . Because she took her whoredom so lightly, she polluted the land, committing adultery with stone and tree.
Ezekiel 6.9	Those of you [from Judah] who escape shall remember me among the nations where they are carried captive, how I was crushed by their whoring heart that turned away from me, and their whoring eyes that turned after their idols.
Ezekiel 16.15-17; 28-30 (also, 23.5, 19, 30, 43-44)	But you [Jerusalem] trusted in your beauty, and <u>played the whore</u> because of your fame, and lavished your whorings on any passer-by. You took some of your garments, and made for yourself colorful shrines, and on them <u>played the whore</u> ; nothing like this has ever been or ever shall be. You also took your beautiful jewels of my gold and my silver that I had given you, and made for yourself male images, and with them <u>played the whore</u> ...You <u>played the whore</u> with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; you <u>played the whore</u> with them, and still you were not satisfied. You multiplied your whoring with Chaldea, the land of merchants; and even with this you were not satisfied. How sick is your heart, says Lord YHWH, that you did all these things, the deeds of a brazen whore ...
Hosea 1.2ff	When YHWH first spoke [to Israel] through Hosea, YHWH said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a <u>woman of whoredom</u> and have <u>children of whoredom</u> , for <u>the land commits great whoredom</u> by forsaking YHWH."