The Sin of Ba'al Peor

In Bamidbar/Numbers 25:3 we read that Yashra-El "joined themselves to Ba'al Peor" and this was considered such a grievous sin that in verses 4+5 we see that those who did such were to be slain and their heads hung up.

Most; who have studied The Scriptures, know that this was a sexual sin, but often times we fail to look at names and place names as of any significance, but therein lays much understanding that we tend to overlook and therefore fail to understand the full ramifications. So let us look into the name of this place called, "Ba'al Peor".

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Meaning and etymology of the name Baal Peor

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Baal Peor

Baal Peor is a <u>Moabite</u> god, which service specifically included sexual acts. Numbers 25 reports that <u>Israel</u> joined in the worship of Baal Peor, which results in a mass execution of 24,000.

The name Baal Peor consists of two parts: Firstly the word **Baal** meaning owner, husband. The second segment is the name of a mountain in Moab: **Peor**. This name comes from the Hebrew verb (*pa'ar*) meaning open wide. The occurrences of the verb indicate adjunction with strong passion or feeling, usually not very positive (Job 16:10, Isaiah 5:14), and describe the wide opening of the mouth, hence alluding to other body cavities.

Hosea remarks on the Baal Peor event in Hosea 9:10 and it is clear that the Israelites

defiled themselves there with abundant fornication and sexual perversion. All leading translators steer timidly clear from this name, which basically comes down to **Lord Spread'em**, or **Lord Hole**.

One thing needs to be addressed in this above statement. You will notice that their definition for baal is owner, or husband. While it does carry that connotation it also means "lord", as you can easily see by the very last words they list as the full meaning of baal Peor. This may be especially of interest to those of the readers who insist on calling The Almighty One "lord"; as lord is neither a name, nor is it honoring The Almighty One by calling HIM the name of a pagan deity. Although not included in the definition above, "peor" can also be translated to "cleft". When Balaam instructed Balak to have the women seduce the Israelite men, he was actually establishing a system designed to destroy mankind by attacking the very moral fabric of family unity. Because this is perhaps mankind's greatest weaknesses, it has the potential to destroy marital relationships, break up families, and the end result is children growing up in broken homes; often without a father, and little or no male bonding. The consequence of this is weak and effeminate boys who lack the wisdom and guidance of a loving father. Some grow up to hate life itself and thus have little regard for their lives or the lives of others. And it seems; that each succeeding generation falls deeper into the pits of hell.

So we now better understand that baal Peor; besides being just a place name, is actually the name of a place where the worship of sex was held. One of the items of baal worship included the phallic symbol, as the penis was very much a prime tool in this worship. This was true for most pagan practices and can be found in many forms around the world.





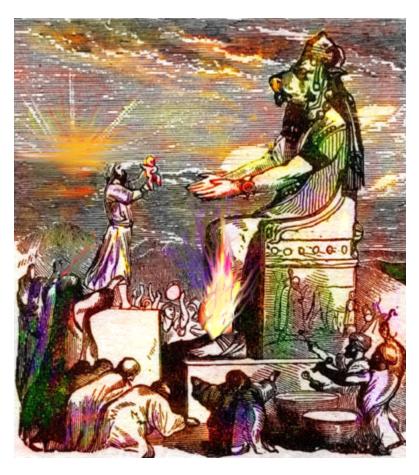
As can be seen from the various pictures above, the phallic symbol takes on many forms. While some may be offended at the inclusion of church steeples; I suggest you search phallic symbols on line; you may be surprised at many of the other symbols you find.

We live in a world today obsessed with sex. From scantly clothed models selling anything imaginable, to the X-rated movies, to internet porn; sex and the selling of it to the public has become a worldwide scourge! You find it in the advertisements for male enhancement, and even children's movies and cartoons are not without their innuendos.

Is it any wonder we see so much adultery; promiscuity; and rape in society today? And lest you think it is only men; see what The Scriptures condemned even in the days of ancient Yashra-El in Ezk. 23: 20.

Sex; in itself, has become an idol of worship, and it is being propagated everywhere in very subliminal ways. Sex; and its many perverted forms, has become a thing of worship for many. Their primary existence seems to be predicated upon how much sex they can have.

One of the outcomes of sex worship is millions of unwanted babies. In ancient times this problem was easily solved;



That's right, offered up to Molek and other false deities. Of course; in those days they had no "clinics" to perform abortions, so it was more convenient for the mother to give birth and then take it to the pagan priest to sacrifice. Nowadays; we have modern "medicine and abortion centers who willingly sacrifice these unwanted children, and sadly; governments who subsidize the costs or pay for it entirely. All of this in the name of "freedom of choice." Hoshea/Hosea 9:13b "...Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer."

The blood of these innocents cries out from the ground; and is only one of the reasons that the world will soon face the judgment of Almighty YHWH/YaHuWaH. The scoffers may scoff and the mockers may mock, but a realistic look at the conditions of the world today will verify that humankind is on the brink of self-destruction: Matt.24:21+22 tells us that YHWH will step in and prevent a total destruction of mankind, and the prophets are full of promises that there will be a remnant who will survive and will be brought back to The Land of Yashra-El. But we are also promised that all evil-doers will be punished.

So the next time you see a male enhancement commercial, or hear someone comparing sizes; (whether man or woman) remember Ba'al Peor, remember how the world worships the phallic symbol. We have been called to: "come out of her MY people. Be not partakers of her sins." Rev 18:4.