

Biblical Words for homosexuals

Lev.18:22; 20:13. — “lie with a male”

Heb. *zakar* (2145) = “a male” (Lev.18:22; 20:13)

“male” Unger and White

Male animal: Gen.6:19; Ex.12:5; Lev.1:3

Adult male human: Gen.1:27; Num.1:2-3; 31:18; Judges 21:12

“The word *zakar* denotes the male of humans or animals...In short it is used of the male sex when sexual distinctions are in view.”

—Harris, Archer, Waltke

“*Zakar* emphasizes ‘maleness’ as over against ‘femaleness’; this word focuses on the sex of the one so named. (Gen.1:27). The word can be used not only of an ‘adult male’ but also of a ‘male child’. In some contexts the word represents a ‘male animal’ (Gen.6:19).”

—W.E. Vine

Romans 1:27 — “men with men”

Gr. *Arsen* AR-sen — Hellenistic [alternative, Attic form: *arren* ARR-hen](730) =(generic) male

Male human (Gal.3:28)

Male animal (LXX Gen.6:19; Ex.12:5)

Adult male: [man] (LXX. Genesis 1:27; 17:23; Lev.27:3; 1 Chron.23:3; Matt.19:4; Rom.1:27

1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:10

Gr. *Arsenokoites* (733)

“It is a [compound] of *arsen*, one of the Greek words for male, and *koite*, the Greek word for bed, echoing the phrasing of the [Septuagint](#) rendering of Leviticus 18:22.

“*Arsenokoites* is extremely rare in ancient Greek - so rare, there is no other extant use predating or contemporary to the Bible (a linguistic phenomenon known as a [hapax legomenon](#)). Philo is often claimed to have used it around 35 [CE](#). Some believe the claim to be false. The context in which it is used in Corinthians suggests that it is the dominant partner of a homosexual relationship (of one who assumes the dominant role in same-sex activity, opp. Μαλακός). Some liberal Christians insist it refers specifically to pimps or pederasts, but there's no more evidence to support this meaning than any other.”

—RationalWiki (<https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Arsenokoites>)

“Late compound for sodomites”

—A.T. Robertson

“a male who practices homosexuality, pederast, sodomite”.

—Bauer Arndt Gingrich

“one who lies with a male as with a female”

—Thayer

Scholarly treatments:

<https://www.tms.edu/m/tmsj3h.pdf>

http://www.williamapercy.com/wiki/images/Homosexuals_or_prostitutes_studies_of_homosexuality_volume_12.pdf

Gr. *Malakos* (3120). Mal-a-KOS

“*effeminate*, esp. of *catamites*, men and boys who allow themselves to be misused homosexually”.
—Bauer Arndt Gingrich

“*effeminate*, of a *catamite*, a male who submits his body to unnatural lewdness”.
—Thayer

Zodhiates gives same definition

1 Cor.6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21 “Fornicators...will not inherit the kingdom of God”

Gr. *porneia*

“...illicit sexual intercourse in general...(all other interpretations of the term, such as of marriages within the prohibited degrees, and the like, are to be rejected)...it is distinguished from [*moicheia*] in Mt.xv.19; Mk.vii.21; and Gal.v.19...used of adultery [(cf.Hos.ii.2(4), etc.)], Mt.v.32; xix.9...”.
—Thayer

“...prostitution, unchastity, fornication, of every kind of unlawful sexual intercourse.”
—Arndt-Bauer-Gingrich

“A. The Non-Jewish World...’porneia means ‘licentiousness’ or ‘fornication’...B. The OT...porneia means ‘fornication’ (sometimes involving adultery)...C. Later Judaism. 1. Later Judaism shows how the use of *porneia* broadens out to include not only fornication or adultery but incest, sodomy, unlawful marriage, and sexual intercourse in general. 2. Sirach issues warnings against fornicating husbands and unlawful wives (23:16ff)...E. The Apostolic Fathers. Hermas Mandates 4.1.1 warns against *porneia* which differs from but also includes adultery (cf.Mandates 8.3; 4.1.5).”
—Kittel & Friedrich

“‘illicit sexual intercourse’...it stands for, or includes, adultery; it is distinguished from it in [Matt.] 15:19 and Mark 7:21...”
—Vine

New Testament usage:

Refers to incest (1 Corinthians 5:1)

Refers to homosexuality (Jude 7)

Refers to prostitution (1 Cor.6:13-15)