



Episode 2: Sex & The Cities

The Bible –
Amazing chronicle of history?
Or a screenplay for an outrageously unbelievable “B” movie?
People have diverse opinions...

Whenever we read the obscene stories, the voluptuous debaucheries, the cruel and torturous executions, the unrelenting vindictiveness, with which more than half the bible is filled, it would seem more consistent that we called it the word of a demon than the Word of God. It is a history of wickedness that has served to corrupt and brutalize mankind.

~Thomas Paine (1737 - 1809)

The Bible gives me a deep, comforting sense that 'things seen are temporal, and things unseen are eternal'.

~Helen Keller

The Old Testament is a chronicle of horrors, describing an egocentric collection of supernatural beings who were always doing rotten things to gentle souls.

~ John Keel

It is time for civilized men to cease their admiration for a book which has produced such frightful fruits, and which has converted millions of human beings into incarnate fiends.

~ Dr. Thomas Inman, British Royal Physician

Believe whatever you want about whether or not a particular story in the Bible happened this way or that way. I want to talk about what the story *means*.

~ Marcus Borg

We cannot find a neutral place on which to stand when it comes to this issue of the Bible's reliability. History and faith need each other.

~ N.T. Wright

The stories of the Bible are some of the most violent and sexually explicit in all of Western literature.

~ Jonathan Kirsch

The Bible contains six admonishments to homosexuals and 362 admonishments to heterosexuals. That doesn't mean that God doesn't love heterosexuals. It's just that they need more supervision.

~Lynn Lavner

OK – that last one got me giggling.

~ Bruxy Cavey

From start to finish, the Bible is a book of wild, shattering behaviour.

~ Michael Ventura

The Bible was written for adults, not for children, and some of its stories may well be said to have been written for adults only.

~ Jack Miles

Perhaps the Bible is filled with stories that are...
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