

What Does The Bible Say About Drinking?

Although the Bible contains many instances of drinking we should remember that **NONE** of these were ever held up to us as examples for us to follow. The Bible and the weight of it's authority is against the evils of alcoholic beverages. We hope and pray that after you have had an opportunity to examine these scriptures and the sobering evidence herein, you will come to recognize alcohol as the "Enemy of every Christian". Total abstinence should be strived for!

Alcohol Facts	Scripture	Commentary
	Genesis 9:20-27	The first "man of distinction" and the tragic consequences of his alcohol abuse.
	Genesis 19:30-38	Drinking contributes to Lot's debauchery of his own daughters.
	Leviticus 10:8-11	God commanded Aaron and his sons not to drink wine nor strong drink while serving God.
	Numbers 6:3	The Nazarite's vow excluded drinking wine or other strong drink
	Deuteronomy 21:20	Drinking alcohol was one of the attributes of a stubborn, rebellious and disobedient son.
	Judges 13:4, 7, 14	Samson's mother was commanded by the angel of the Lord not to drink wine or other strong drink.
	1 Samuel 25:36-38	Nabal, an evil, drinking man was smitten ny the Lord.
	2 Samuel 11:13	David, by the use of strong drink, leads Uriah into a fatal trap.
	2 Samuel 13:28-29	Amnon, is murdered by his brothers servants while on a drinking spree.
	1 Kings 16:8-10	Elah, King of Israel was murdered by one of his captains "While drinking himself drunk".
	1 Kings 20:13-21	Ben-hadad, the King of Syria and 32 other kings were drinking themselves drunk when a small band of Israelites fell upon the Syrians and put them to flight.
	Esther 1:5-22	King Ahasuerus, after a week of feasting and drinking, drunkenly tries to subject Vashti, his queen, to the beastly gaze of the drunken princes and people.
	Proverbs 20:1	No wise person will allow himself to be deceived by wine which is a mocker, or by strong drink which is raging.
	Proverbs 21:17	Drinking Leads to Poverty
	Proverbs 23:21	Admonishes to refrain from even looking upon wine.

	Proverbs 23:29-30	Strong drink produces sorrow, woe, contentions, babbling, wounds without cause and redness of eyes.
	Proverbs 23:32	At the last alcohol bites like a serpent and stings like an adder.
	Proverbs 23:33	Alcohol fills mens minds with impure and perverse thoughts.
	Proverbs 23:24	Alcohol brings on danger, accidents and insecurity.
	Proverbs 23:35	Insensibility follows drinking, rendering man into a clod; and it is habit forming so that the drinker upon awakening seeks it "Yet again".
	Proverbs 31:4-5	Officials with the responsibility of human life on their hands should not imbibe.
	Ecclesiastes 2:3	The writer of Ecclesiastes tried strong drink but in the end admitted that this too was vanity.
	Ecclesiastes 10:17	That nation is blessed whose leaders eat for strength and refrain from drunkenness.
	Isaiah 5:11-12	Woe in pronounced of those who give themselves to strong drink.
	Isaiah 5:22	Further woe is pronounced upon drunkards.
	Isaiah 22:13	Drinking often goes with carnal living.
	Isaiah 28:1	A woe is pronounced upon the drunkards of Ephraim.
	Isaiah 28:3	The drunkards of Ephraim are to be trodden down and destroyed.
	Isaiah 28:7	Prophets and priests become incapable of spiritual leadership because of their drinking.
	Isaiah 56:12	Drinking accompanies foolish optimism and the sinner's vain hope that his sins will not find him out.
	Jeremiah 35:5-8,14,19	Reohabites who steadfastly held to total abstinence assured of God's continued blessings.
	Daniel 1:5, 8, 16; 10:3	Daniel, who refused to drink the king's wine was especially blessed by the Lord.
	Daniel 5:1-2	This is a tragic example of a king who drank and led his people to also.
	Daniel 5:3	Drinking leads to profaning sacred things.
	Daniel 3:25-28	Moral degradation, of which drinking is a symptom, is ultimately punished by God.
	Hosea 4:10-11	Strong drink and immorality go hand in hand.
	Hosea 7:5	The king, by his drinking was not only made sick, but became scornful as well.

	Joel 3:3	Young women were sold for the price of a drink.
	Amos 4:1	Dissolute women, oppressors of the poor, call for their drink.
	Amos 6:3-6	The evil, idle rich who are given uimbibing wine were not concerned about the affliction of the poor.
	Habakkuk 2:5	Arrogance is inflamed by drink.
	Habakkuk 2:15	It is wrong to lead another to drink.
	Habakkuk 2:16	Drink leads to shame and humiliation.
	Matthew 24:48-51	Drinking is not consistent with alertness.
	Luke 1:15	The greatness of John the Baptist is linked with his total abstinence.
	Luke 12:45	Christ warns against drunkenness.
	Luke 21:34	Drinking prevents men from being prepared for the judgement day.
	Romans 13:13	All are admonished to walk honestly, not in rioting and drunkenness.
	Romans 14:21	Christians are admonished not to drink lest a brother be caused to stumble.
	1 Corinthians 5:11	Christians are forbidden to keep company with drunkards.
	1 Corinthians 6:10	No drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God.
	1 Corinthians 11:21	The Lord's Supper is no time for drunkenness.
	Galatians 5:21	Drunkenness prevents men from inheriting the Kingdom of God.
	Ephesians 5:18	Christians are commanded not to be drunk with wine but to be filled with the spirit.
	1 Timothy 3:3, 8	Church leaders must be "not given to wine."