

# Red Flags of Religious Sexual Predators

There is a disturbing trend occurring in the Messianic/Natsari/Hebrew Roots movement that women need to be aware of.

Due to the trend in some fringe facets of the movement that choose to focus on and misrepresenting Torah above exilic law and thus practicing polygamy and the keeping of concubines and due to the fact that Judaism is a strong patriarchal faith, we unfortunately seem to be attracting con men, sexual predators and deviants by the droves.

If you have little experience with con men, even if you have had a lot of experience dealing with them one can easily dismiss the red flags we are about to present and have the wool pulled over your eyes as we have had. So if you have been duped, don't feel bad, you're in good company, it happens to the best of us sometimes.

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- Claims the law of the lands of exile do not apply to Torah obedient believers in Messiah Yeshua.
- Invokes the Name of YHWH to make relational and or marital oaths of love and fidelity.
- Claims YHWH told him he was to marry you.
- Claims your out of the will of God if you do not listen and submit to him or have a relationship with him.

- Continued and persistent requests or demands of a fetish nature to send inappropriate photos of your body and or any of its parts or to send photos or physical items such as hosiery or lingerie. Or undergarments.
- Asks you to be a second wife or concubine.
- Asks to bring in other women into the relationship.
- Will text, email and call but refuses to meet in person.
- Inconsistencies in his life story. Catching him in multiple lies and or contradictions.
- Having more women than men as “friends” on his online social networks and profiles.
- A habit of blocking women who use to be his friends on his online social networks and profiles.
- Telling you not to tell anyone about your relationship or to keep secret from family, friends and trusted authority figures in your life.
- Manipulating or blackmailing you by using your own issues and vices against you to get what he wants.
- If you bring before him your own personal feelings of guilt and inappropriateness regarding your relationship and he tries to convince you that nothing is amiss or he attempts to dismiss or belittle the legitimacy of your concerns.

We had a young man come into our midst here at Abrahams Descendants International full of zeal for Torah, YHWH and His Messiah Yeshua, he came with all the right words, lingo and actions (that we could see anyway) and won us over. So after a time we brought him in under our tutelage and as more time passed we eventually brought him into our inner circle of leadership. How it shocked and saddened us (despite the red flags he was presenting) when we discovered he had preyed upon vulnerable women connected to our and other likeminded ministries as well as in the online community through various social media outlets. As we investigated further it was clear he had done this in the past before coming to us. As it says in Numbers 32:23, be sure your sin will find you out.

It's not that we were totally fooled, we knew the guy had issues, but who doesn't and we dismissed the red flags he had presented over time and gave him the benefit of the doubt that he was dealing with and working on them due to his zeal and apparent sincerity; when in fact we should have acknowledged them when we saw them and addressed them immediately.

Once exposed however we dealt with him according to Messiah's Halacha in Matthew 18:15-17. Despite his agreement to be under our authority and tutelage, he refused to submit and repent, coupled with his arrogance and pride of the maintenance of his innocence despite the physical evidence we had against him and the his downplay of the seriousness of the accusations against him has caused us to bring him before the community and other ministries, the very places he was getting his victims and expose him. All this culminating in this article you are reading now in an effort to protect the women and other ministries in our movement from sexual predators. We can only pray he eventually repents and seeks help for his addiction and problem.