

## New Testament study of the word “Flesh”

Before we get to the New Testament study of the word “flesh,” we must first look at why that word carries so much importance in the Gospel scheme.

Through disobedience, man partook of the forbidden fruit of one of two trees mentioned in the Garden of Eden; he became *as God* “to know good and evil.” (Genesis 3:22) He usurped the knowledge that rightfully belonged solely to his Creator, and subsequently “died,” becoming a mere creature of mortal flesh.

From that day on, every person comes into the world a mortal soul with the need to be born anew in order to receive the Life that was forfeited, *once for all*, by the first man (Adam/Eve). This *Life* has been made available through Jesus Christ, God’s Son, when He offered up His flesh, *once for all*, as the final Sacrifice of shed blood and death to flesh. (A detailed account of this message can be found in *Calling Forth the Remnant by Way of the Cross* [http://www.ekkleisia4him.net/remnant\\_contents.html](http://www.ekkleisia4him.net/remnant_contents.html) ).

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word “bâsâr” is translated “flesh (from its *freshness*); by extension *body, person*; also (by euphemism) the *pudenda* of a man,” according to *Strong’s Hebrew Dictionary*. (*Pudenda* is the “male organ of generation {euphemism}” according to the *Brown-Driver-Briggs’ Hebrew Definitions*). So, when God instructed Abraham to be circumcised, along with all the males of his household, it was to *cut off the flesh of his foreskin* as a sign of the covenant with God, and the righteousness imputed to him because of his complete trust in Him. (Genesis 17:11; Romans 4:11). An article showing how the sin nature is passed on through the male can be found here: [http://www.ekkleisia4him.net/how\\_sin\\_nature\\_handed\\_down.html](http://www.ekkleisia4him.net/how_sin_nature_handed_down.html) (There is more on “circumcision” in the chapter “*Why Circumcision*” in *Calling Forth the Remnant*).

In Genesis chapters 6 and 7, is found the account of the Great Flood of Noah’s day, when God destroyed ‘all flesh.’ As for the human race, He preserved a small remnant—Noah and his family. There are hundreds of verses in the O.T., where the word “flesh” appears, with most being translated from *bâsâr*, which refers to man and animals—all pointing to the eventual, sacrificial death of flesh on the Cross of Jesus Christ.

In this New Testament study, we see in *Thayer’s Greek Definitions* the most prominent meaning and use of the word “flesh.” They are highlighted in bold print in the quoted definitions.

The first one is translated “flesh, carnal(-ly)” and means, primarily: *“the flesh, denotes mere human nature, the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God.”* Of course, the “divine influence” is God’s grace—His Holy Spirit, showing clearly the absolute need to be born anew (from above).

The second one is translated “carnal, fleshly” and means, primarily: *“governed by mere human nature not by the Spirit of God.”*

My prayer is, that through the following bible verses, the Holy Spirit will reveal to you a greater understanding of the reason Jesus died. In simple terms, *“flesh is the reason Jesus came in the ‘likeness of sinful flesh’ to destroy flesh because flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.”*

All bible verses are keyed to the “authorized” King James Version in both Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries. The versions quoted in this study are the *Revised Version (RV)*, *English Majority Text Version (EMTV)*, and *Young’s Literal Translation (YLT)*. Unless otherwise noted, quotes are from the RV.

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    - 2b1) born of natural generation
  - 2c) the sensuous nature of man, “the animal nature”
    - 2c1) without any suggestion of depravity
    - 2c2) the animal nature with cravings which incite to sin
    - 2c3) the physical nature of man as subject to suffering
- 3) a living creature (because possessed of a body of flesh) whether man or beast
- 4) **“the flesh, denotes mere human nature, the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God”**

Translated: “carnal (-ly, + -ly minded), flesh ([-ly])”

## 2. Greek #4559

sarkikos (*sar-kee-kos'*)

### Thayer Definition:

1) fleshly, carnal

1a) having the nature of flesh, i.e. under the control of the animal appetites

1a1) **governed by mere human nature not by the Spirit of God**

1a2) having its seat in the animal nature or aroused by the animal nature

1a3) human: with the included idea of depravity

1b) **pertaining to the flesh**

1b1) to the body: related to birth, lineage, etc

Part of Speech: adjective

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- The word “*carnal(-ly)*” was used in the “authorized” KJV. See below for its use in Young’s Literal Translation.

Romans 8:6-7: “*for the mind of the **flesh** is death, and the mind of the Spirit--life and peace; because the mind of the **flesh** is enmity to God, for to the law of God it doth not subject itself, for neither is it able;*”

Hebrews 9:10: “*only in victuals, and drinks, and different baptisms, and **fleshly** ordinances--till the time of reformation imposed upon them.*”

- The word “*flesh*” was used in the “authorized” KJV, as well as all the following quoted translations.

Matthew 16:17: “*Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, because **flesh** and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.” (EMTV)*

Matthew 19:(4&)5-6: “*And He answered and said to them, Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and He said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one **flesh**’? So then, they are no longer two but one **flesh**. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” (EMTV)*

Matthew 24:22: “*And if those days were not shortened, no **flesh** would have been saved; but because of the chosen, shall those days be shortened.” (YLT)*

Matthew 26:41: “*Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. Indeed the spirit is willing, but the **flesh** is weak.” (EMTV)*

Mark 10:8: “*“and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one **flesh**.” (EMTV)*

Mark 13:20: “*and if the Lord did not shorten the days, no **flesh** had been saved; but because of the chosen, whom He did choose to Himself, He did shorten the days.” (YLT)*

Mark 14:38: “*Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the **flesh** is weak.” (RV)*

Luke 3:6: “*And all **flesh** shall see the salvation of God.” (RV)*

Note: The Greek word for “see” means to “gaze with wide open eyes”

Luke 24:39: “Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have **flesh** and bones as you see I have.” (EMTV)

John 1:13-14: “who--not of blood nor of a will of **flesh**, nor of a will of man but--of God were begotten. And the Word became **flesh**, and did tabernacle among us, and we beheld his glory, glory as of an only begotten of a father, full of grace and truth.” (YLT)

John 3:6: “that which hath been born of the **flesh** is **flesh**, and that which hath been born of the Spirit is spirit.” (YLT)

John 6:51-56, 63: “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My **flesh**, which I shall give for the life of the world. Therefore the Jews were contending with one another, saying, ‘How can this Man give us His **flesh** to eat?’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the **flesh** of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. Whoever eats My **flesh** and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up in the last day. For My **flesh** truly is food, and My blood truly is drink. He who eats My **flesh** and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. . . . It is the Spirit who makes alive; the **flesh** profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.” (EMTV)

John 8:15: “You judge according to the **flesh**; I judge no one.” (EMTV)

John 17:2: “according as Thou didst give to him authority over all **flesh**, that--all that Thou hast given to him--he may give to them life age-during;” (YLT)

Acts 2:17, 26, 30-31: “And it shall be in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all **flesh**, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; . . . because of this was my heart cheered, and my tongue was glad, and yet--my **flesh** also shall rest on hope, . . . a prophet, therefore, being, and knowing that with an oath God did swear to him, out of the fruit of his loins, according to the **flesh**, to raise up the Christ, to sit upon his throne, having foreseen, he did speak concerning the rising again of the Christ, that his soul was not left to hades, nor did his **flesh** see corruption.” (YLT)

Romans 1:3: “concerning His Son, who came of the seed of David according to the **flesh**,” (EMTV)

Romans 2:28 (&29): “For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in **flesh**; but he is a Jew that is one inwardly; and circumcision is of the heart, in spirit, not in the letter, whose praise is not of men but of God.” (EMTV)

Romans 3:20: “wherefore by works of law shall no **flesh** be declared righteous before Him, for through law is a knowledge of sin.” (YLT)

Romans 4:1: “What, then, shall we say Abraham our father, to have found, according to **flesh**?” (YLT)

Romans 6:19: “I speak in human terms on account of the weakness of your **flesh**. For just as you presented your members as slaves to uncleanness, and to lawlessness resulting in more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness resulting in sanctification.” (EMTV)

Romans 7:5, 18, 25: “for when we were in the **flesh**, the passions of the sins, that are through the law, were working in our members, to bear fruit to the death; . . . for I have known that there doth not dwell in me, that is, in my **flesh**, good: for to will is present with me, and to work that which is right I do not find, . . . I thank God--through Jesus Christ our Lord; so then, I myself indeed with the mind do serve the law of God, and with the **flesh**, the law of sin.” (YLT)

Romans 8:1-5, (&6-7) 8-9, 12-13 (&14): “There is, then, now no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the **flesh**, but according to the Spirit; for the law of the Spirit of the life in Christ Jesus did set me free from the law of the sin and of the death; for what the law was not able to do, in that it was weak through the **flesh**, God, His own Son having sent in the likeness of sinful **flesh**, and for sin, did condemn the sin in the **flesh**, that the righteousness of the law may be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the **flesh**, but according to the Spirit. For those who are according to the **flesh**, the things of the **flesh** do mind; and those according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit; [see also ‘carnal’ for vs 6-7] for the mind of the **flesh** is death, and the mind of the Spirit--life and peace; because the mind of the **flesh** is enmity to God, for to the law of God it doth not subject itself, for neither is it able; and those who are in the **flesh** are not able to please God. And ye are not in the **flesh**, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God doth dwell in you; and if any one hath not the Spirit of Christ--this one is not His; So, then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the **flesh**, to live according to the **flesh**; for if according to the **flesh** ye do live, ye are about to die; and if, by the Spirit, the deeds of the body ye put to death, ye shall live; for as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God;” (YLT)

Romans 9:3, 5, (& 6-7) 8: “For I could wish that I myself to be accursed from Christ on behalf of my brothers, my countrymen according to the **flesh**, . . . of whom are the fathers and from whom Christ came, according to the **flesh**, He who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all those of Israel are of Israel, nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, ‘In Isaac your seed shall be called.’ That is, those who are the children of the **flesh**, are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.” (EMTV)

Romans 13:(13 &) 14: “as in day-time, let us walk becomingly; not in revellings and drunkennesses, not in chamberings and lasciviousnesses, not in strife and emulation; but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and for the **flesh** take no forethought--for desires.” (YLT)

1 Corinthians 1:26(& 27-28 &) 29: “for see your calling, brethren, that not many are wise according to the **flesh**, not many mighty, not many noble; but the foolish things of the world did God choose, that the wise He may put to shame; and the weak things of the world did God choose that He may put to shame the strong; and the base things of the world, and the things despised did God choose, and the things that are not, that the things that are He may make useless--that no **flesh** may glory before Him;” (YLT)

1 Corinthians 5:5: “to deliver up such a one to the Adversary for the destruction of the **flesh**, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.” (YLT)

Note: See context for above quote.

1 Corinthians 6:16: “Do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For ‘the two,’ He says, ‘shall become one **flesh**.” (EMTV)

1 Corinthians 7:28: “But even if you should marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin should marry, she has not sinned. But such will have trouble in the **flesh**, and I would spare you.” (EMTV)

1 Corinthians 10:18: “See Israel according to the **flesh!** are not those eating the sacrifices in the fellowship of the altar?” (YLT)

1 Corinthians 15:39, 50: “All flesh is not the same **flesh**, but there is one **flesh** of men, and another **flesh** of beasts, and another of fishes, and another of birds; . . . And this I say, brethren, that **flesh** and blood the reign of God is not able to inherit, nor doth the corruption inherit the incorruption;” (YLT)

2 Corinthians 1:17: “Therefore, when I decided this, did I do it lightly? Or the things I decide, do I decide according to the **flesh**, that there may be with me ‘Yes, Yes,’ and ‘No, No?’” (EMTV)

2 Corinthians 4:11: “For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal **flesh**.” (RV)

2 Corinthians 5:16: “Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the **flesh**. Even though we have known Christ according to the **flesh**, yet now we know Him thus no longer.” (EMTV)

2 Corinthians 7:1, 5: “Having, then, these promises, beloved, may we cleanse ourselves from every pollution of **flesh** and spirit, perfecting sanctification in the fear of God; . . . for also we, having come to Macedonia, no relaxation hath our

**flesh** had, but on every side we are in tribulation, without are fightings, within--fears;" (YLT)

2 Corinthians 10:2-3: "But I beseech you that when I am present I may not be bold with the confidence with which I plan to be bold toward some, who consider us as walking according to the **flesh**. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the **flesh**." (EMTV)

Note: Verse 4 uses the word "carnal" which comes from Greek #4559 and is defined as "pertaining to the flesh." "For the weapons of our warfare are not **carnal**, but mighty by God to the pulling down of strongholds," (EMTV) Young's Literal Translation uses the word "**fleshly**."

2 Corinthians 11:18: "Since many are boasting according to the **flesh**, I also will boast." (EMTV)

2 Corinthians 12:7: "and that by the exceeding greatness of the revelations I might not be exalted overmuch, there was given to me a thorn in the **flesh**, a messenger of the Adversary, that he might buffet me, that I might not be exalted overmuch." (YLT)

Galatians 2:16, 20: "yet knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, save through faith in Jesus Christ, even we believed on Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law: because by the works of the law shall no **flesh** be justified. . . . I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live; and yet no longer I, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the **flesh** I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me." (RV)

Galatians 3:3: "Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, will you now be made perfect in the **flesh**?" (EMTV)

Galatians 4:13-14, 23, 29: "and ye have known that through infirmity of the **flesh** I did proclaim good news to you at the first, and my trial that is in my **flesh** ye did not despise nor reject, but as a messenger of God ye did receive me--as Christ Jesus; . . . but he who is of the maid-servant, according to **flesh** hath been, and he who is of the free-woman, through the promise; . . . but as then he who was born according to the **flesh** did persecute him according to the spirit, so also now;" (YLT)

Galatians 5:13, 16-17 (&18), 19 (&20-21), 24: "For ye--to freedom ye were called, brethren, only not the freedom for an occasion to the **flesh**, but through the love serve ye one another, . . . And I say: In the Spirit walk ye, and the desire of the **flesh** ye may not complete; for the **flesh** doth desire contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit contrary to the **flesh**, and these are opposed one to another, that the things that ye may will--these ye may not do; and if by the Spirit ye are led, ye are not under law. And manifest also are the works of the **flesh**, which are:



*Adultery, whoredom, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, strifes, emulations, wraths, rivalries, dissensions, sects, envyings, murders, drunkennesses, revellings, and such like, of which I tell you before, as I also said before, that those doing such things the reign of God shall not inherit. . . . and those who are Christ's, the **flesh** did crucify with the affections, and the desires;"* (YLT)

Galatians 6:(7&) 8, 12-13: *"Be not led astray; God is not mocked; for what a man may sow--that also he shall reap, because he who is sowing to his own **flesh**, of the **flesh** shall reap corruption; and he who is sowing to the Spirit, of the Spirit shall reap life age-during; . . . as many as are willing to make a good appearance in the **flesh**, these constrain you to be circumcised--only that for the cross of the Christ they may not be persecuted, for neither do those circumcised themselves keep the law, but they wish you to be circumcised, that in your **flesh** they may glory."* (YLT)

Ephesians 2:3, 11, 15: *"among whom also we all did walk once in the desires of our **flesh**, doing the wishes of the **flesh** and of the thoughts, and were by nature children of wrath--as also the others, . . . Wherefore, remember, that ye were once the nations in the **flesh**, who are called Uncircumcision by that called Circumcision in the **flesh** made by hands, . . . the enmity in his **flesh**, the law of the commands in ordinances having done away, that the two he might create in himself into one new man, making peace,"* (YLT)

Ephesians 5:29-31: *"for no one ever his own **flesh** did hate, but doth nourish and cherish it, as also the Lord--the assembly, because members we are of his body, of his **flesh**, and of his bones; 'for this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife, and they shall be--the two--for one **flesh**;"* (YLT)

Ephesians 6:5, 12: *"Servants, be obedient unto them that according to the **flesh** are your masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; . . . For our wrestling is not against **flesh** and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world--rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."* (RV)

Philippians 1:22(&23&)24: *"And if to live in the **flesh** is to me a fruit of work, then what shall I choose? I know not; for I am pressed by the two, having the desire to depart, and to be with Christ, for it is far better, and to remain in the **flesh** is more necessary on your account,"* (YLT)

Philippians 3:3-4: *"For we are the true circumcision, worshipping by the Spirit of God, rejoicing in Christ Jesus, and having no confidence in the **flesh**, although I also am having confidence in the flesh. If any other person thinks to have confidence in the **flesh**, I even more:"* (EMTV)

Colossians 1: (21&)22, 24: “And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His **flesh** through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach before Him-- . . . I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my **flesh** what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for His body, which is the church,” (EMTV)

Colossians 2:1, 5, 11, 13 (&14), 23: “For I would have you know how greatly I strive for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the **flesh**; . . . For though I am absent in the **flesh**, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ. . . . in whom ye were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the **flesh**, in the circumcision of Christ; . . . And you, being dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your **flesh**, you, I say, did he quicken together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses; having blotted out the bond written in ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us: and he hath taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross; . . . Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will-worship, and humility, and severity to the body; but are not of any value against the indulgence of the **flesh**.” (RV)

Colossians 3:22: “The servants! obey in all things those who are masters according to the **flesh**, not in eye-service as men-pleasers, but in simplicity of heart, fearing God;” (YLT)

1 Timothy 3:16: “and, confessedly, great is the secret of piety--God was manifested in **flesh**, declared righteous in spirit, seen by messengers, preached among nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory!” (YLT)

Philemon 1:16: “no more as a servant, but above a servant--a brother beloved, especially to me, and how much more to thee, both in the **flesh** and in the Lord!” (YLT)

Hebrews 2:14: “Therefore since the children have partaken of **flesh** and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same things, in order that through death He might destroy the one having the power of death, that is, the devil,” (EMTV)

Hebrews 5:7(& 8): “who, in the days of His **flesh**, when He had offered up both prayers and supplications, with strong crying and tears to the One who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His fear of God, though He was a Son, He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.” (EMTV)

Hebrews 9:13 (& 14): “For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling those having been defiled, sanctifies for the purity of the **flesh**, by how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, will cleanse your conscience from dead works in order that we might serve the living God?” (EMTV)

Hebrews 10: (19 &) 20 (&21): “Having, therefore, brethren, boldness for the entrance into the holy places, in the blood of Jesus, which way he did initiate for us--new and living, through the veil, that is, his **flesh**--and a high priest over the house of God,” (YLT)

Hebrews 12:9: “Then, indeed, fathers of our **flesh** we have had, chastising us , and we were reverencing them ; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of the spirits, and live?” (YLT)

James 5:(1-2 &) 3: “Listen now, you rich, weep and howl at your miseries which are coming upon you! Your riches have decayed, and your garments have become moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have become corroded, and their poison will be a witness against you and will eat your **flesh** like fire. You stored up treasure in the last days.” (EMTV)

1 Peter 1:24 (& 25): “For ‘All **flesh** is as grass, and all the glory of man is as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the word of the LORD endures forever.’ Now this is the word which was proclaimed to you.” (EMTV)

1 Peter 3:18, 21 (&22): “because also Christ once for sin did suffer--righteous for unrighteous--that he might lead us to God, having been put to death indeed, in the **flesh**, and having been made alive in the spirit, . . . also to which an antitype doth now save us--baptism, (not a putting away of the filth of **flesh**, but the question of a good conscience in regard to God,) through the rising again of Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, having gone on to heaven--messengers, and authorities, and powers, having been subjected to him.” (YLT)

1 Peter 4:1-2, 6: “Christ, then, having suffered for us in the **flesh**, ye also with the same mind arm yourselves, because he who did suffer in the **flesh** hath done with sin, no more in the desires of men, but in the will of God, to live the rest of the time in the **flesh**; . . . for for this also to dead men was good news proclaimed, that they may be judged, indeed, according to men in the **flesh**, and may live according to God in the spirit.” (YLT)

2 Peter 2:10, 18 (& 19-20): “but chiefly them that walk after the **flesh** in the lust of defilement, and despise dominion. Daring, selfwilled, they tremble not to rail at dignities: . . . For, uttering great swelling words of vanity, they entice in the lusts of the **flesh**, by lasciviousness, those who are just escaping from them that live in error, promising them liberty, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he also brought into bondage. For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first.” (RV)

1 John 2:16: “because all that is in the world--the desire of the **flesh**, and the desire of the eyes, and the ostentation of the life--is not of the Father, but of the world,” (YLT)

1 John 4:2-3: “in this know ye the Spirit of God; every spirit that doth confess Jesus Christ in the **flesh** having come, of God it is, and every spirit that doth not confess Jesus Christ in the **flesh** having come, of God it is not; and this is that of the antichrist, which ye heard that it doth come, and now in the world it is already.” (YLT)

2 John 1:7: “Because many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the **flesh**. This is a deceiver and the antichrist.” (EMTV)

Jude 1:7-8, 23: “Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them, having in like manner with these given themselves over to fornication, and gone after strange **flesh**, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire. Yet in like manner these also in their dreamings defile the **flesh**, and set at nought dominion, and rail at dignities. . . . and some save, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear; hating even the garment spotted by the **flesh**.” (RV)

Revelation 17:16: “and the ten horns that thou didst see upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her **flesh**, and shall burn her in fire,” (YLT)

Revelation 19:21: “and the rest were killed with the sword of him who is sitting on the horse, which sword is proceeding out of his mouth, and all the birds were filled out of their **flesh**.” (YLT)

## 2. Greek #4559

sarkikos (sar-kee-kos')

### Thayer Definition:

1) fleshly, carnal

1a) having the nature of flesh, i.e. under the control of the animal appetites

1a1) **governed by mere human nature not by the Spirit of God**

1a2) having its seat in the animal nature or aroused by the animal nature

1a3) human: with the included idea of depravity

1b) **pertaining to the flesh**

1b1) to the body: related to birth, lineage, etc

Part of Speech: adjective

A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number: from Greek #4561

Translated: “carnal, fleshly”

- The word “*carnal*” was used in the “authorized” KJV. See bold words for its use in the other translations.

Romans 7:14: “*For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am **carnal**, sold under sin.*” (RV)

Romans 15:27: “*For they thought it good, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles shared in spiritual things, they are obligated also to minister to them in **material** things.*” (EMTV)

1 Corinthians 3:1, 3-4: “*And I, brethren, was not able to speak to you as to spiritual, but as to **fleshly**--as to babes in Christ; . . . for yet ye are **fleshly**, for where there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not **fleshly**, and in the manner of men do walk? for when one may say, ‘I, indeed, am of Paul;’ and another, ‘I--of Apollos;’ are ye not **fleshly**?” (YLT)*

1 Corinthians 9:11: “*If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your **material** things?*” (EMTV)

2 Corinthians 10:4: “*For the weapons of our warfare are not **carnal**, but mighty by God to the pulling down of strongholds,*” (EMTV)

Hebrews 7:16: “*who came not according to the law of a **fleshly** command, but according to the power of an endless life,*” (YLT)

- The word “*fleshly*” was used in both the “authorized” KJV and *Young’s Literal Translation*.

2 Corinthians 1:12: “*For our glorying is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and sincerity of God, not in **fleshly** wisdom, but in the grace of God, we did conduct ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you;*” (YLT)

1 Peter 2:11: “*Beloved, I call upon you, as strangers and sojourners, to keep from the **fleshly** desires, that war against the soul,*” (YLT)