



**BROKE
WOKE
BESPOKE**

**DECONSTRUCTING
THE GLOBBER TEXTS**



HOUSEKEEPING

- We respect each other
- Anything Tom & Catherine says is public
Anything else, especially participant names, is confidential
- Any questions of clarification: use the raise hand button
- We will have pauses for more questions
- All questions will be answered, if possible live, but definitely in a video later.



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Broke: Scots is a dialect of English.

Woke: Scots is a separate language in its own right.

Bespoke: English is a dialect of Scots.



Corona

@LisaTheSadLesbo

ATTACK MIDIANITES WITH 32,000 MEN

ATTACK MIDIANITES WITH 10,000 MEN

ATTACK MIDIANITES WITH 300 MEN

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broke: using gay as an insult

woke: using gay as a normal adjective

bespoke: using gay as a compliment



THE GLOBBER TEXTS

Leviticus

Leviticus 18:22, 20:13

Sodom

Genesis 19:1–38, Jude 6–7

Paul

Romans 1:25–27, 1 Corinthians 6:9–11, 1 Timothy 1:9–10



OUR QUESTIONS TO UNDERSTAND THE TEXT

What does the text mean?

→ *What exactly is the text about?*

What is the context about?

→ *Why is the author saying these things?*

How can we interpret this passage?

→ *Are their reasons/thinking still valid for us?*



**READING THE BIBLE IS
HARD**



EXAMPLE!



THE LAW

44 As for the male and female slaves whom you may have, it is from the nations around you that you may acquire male and female slaves. 45 You may also acquire them from among the aliens residing with you, and from their families that are with you, who have been born in your land; and they may be your property. 46 You may keep them as a possession for your children after you, for them to inherit as property. These you may treat as slaves, but as for your fellow Israelites, no one shall rule over the other with harshness.

LEVITICUS 25:44-46



THE LAW

21:2 When you buy a male Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, but in the seventh he shall go out a free person, without debt. **3** If he comes in single, he shall go out single; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him. **4** If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's and he shall go out alone. **5** But if the slave declares, "I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out a free person," **6** then his master shall bring him before God. He shall be brought to the door or the doorpost; and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him for life.

EXODUS 21:2-6



THE LAW

21:7 When a man sells his daughter as a slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do. **8** If she does not please her master, who designated her for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed; he shall have no right to sell her to a foreign people, since he has dealt unfairly with her. **9** If he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her as with a daughter. **10** If he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish the food, clothing, or marital rights of the first wife. **11** And if he does not do these three things for her, she shall go out without debt, without payment of money.


EXODUS 21:7-11



THE LAW

21:20 When a slaveowner strikes a male or female slave with a rod and the slave dies immediately, the owner shall be punished.
21 But if the slave survives a day or two, there is no punishment; for the slave is the owner's property.

EXODUS 21:20-21



JESUS

12:47 That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. **48** But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

LUKE 12:47-48



PAUL

6:1 Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. 2 Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties.

6:5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ;

1 TIMOTHY 6:1-2 | EPHESIANS 6:5



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**WHY IS THIS
STATEMENT
INCORRECT?**



BROKE

The Bible supports slavery

WOKE

In the context, the Bible's view of slavery is much less bad than other cultures

The Bible seems to support slavery, but actually it only tolerates it

BESPOKE

The Bible may say this, but I still disagree, even in context



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**CAN WE BELIEVE THINGS THAT THE BIBILCAL
AUTHORS WOULD DISAGREE WITH?**



BROKE

The Bible forbids homosexuality.

WOKED

The Bible doesn't mention homosexuality as the concept of sexuality was foreign to them. Nevertheless, the Bible is against homo-eroticism in certain situations.

BESPOKE

The Bible may be against homo-eroticism, I disagree, even in context



INSPIRATION?!



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BROKE

Reading the Bible literally.

WOKED

Reading the Bible in historical context.

BESPOKE

Struggling and disagreeing with the Bible to discover God's real message.



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SLIDES is.gd/brokewokebespoke

NEXT TIME It's over :(