

*Scenes from a faith-based future:*

# “The Bible Taken Literally Is a Horror!”



“Suppose a man marries a woman, but after sleeping with her, he turns against her and publicly accuses her of shameful conduct, saying, ‘When I married this woman, I discovered she was not a virgin.’ Then the woman’s father and mother must bring the proof of her virginity to the elders as they hold court at the town gate.... But suppose the man’s accusations are true, and he can show that she was not a virgin. The woman must be taken to the door of her father’s home, and there the men of the town must stone her to death, for she has committed a disgraceful crime in Israel by being promiscuous while living in her parents’ home. In this way, you will purge this evil from among you.” **Deuteronomy 22:13-15, 20-21**

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She was married shortly after her 21st birthday. But she had little time to prepare for a life of obedience, a life of submitting to her husband “as to the lord” and less time to regret the fact that she had not led a chaste life. The wedding night would seal her fate. After three days of fearing that her husband had reported her, two sheriffs showed up at the front door. Unable to prove she was a virgin, she was put in solitary confinement, then convicted and executed for her carnal sins. At the public execution, the men of the city stoned her and neighbors and strangers came to watch, clutching their bibles. Some even took photographs so they could show others how God’s law had been carried out.