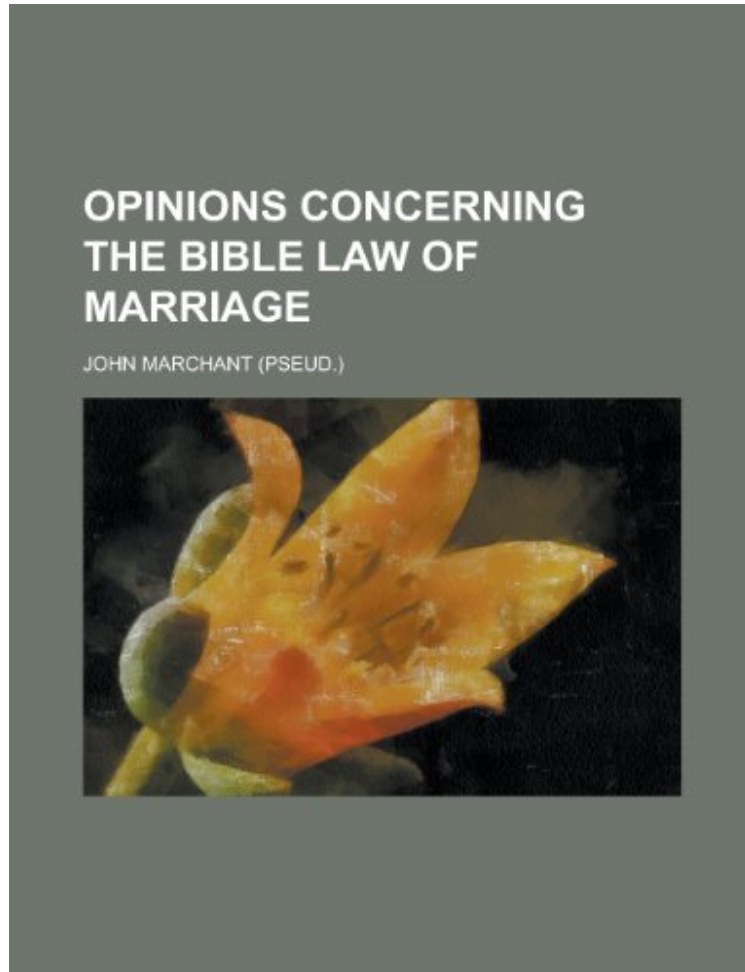


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to reprove or warn. And he entered on that life of polygamy, so mean and miserable for himself, so disgraceful to the Church of the Old Covenant. A few years passed, and then Saul and his three eldest sons were all slain on Mount Gilboa, in battle with the Philistines. David became King of Judah. He was chosen by that tribe to which he belonged, and he began his reign at Hebron, where he resided seven years and six months. Then all the tribes chose him for their ruler, and he was made king over all Israel. Saul had but one wife. He had kept the letter of the law, but he had broken its spirit in taking one or two concubines, and from these sinful connections resulted the total ruin of his house, and the transfer of the allegiance of the tribes, of Israel from Ish-bosheth, the last son of Saul, to David, of the rival house.-- See 2 Samuel iii., iv. So perished the family of Saul. Yet King David did not heed the lesson. It is recorded that, while he dwelt at Hebron, "there were sons born" to him; six sons, and each son had a different mother; so his harem was fast increasing. Six sons! What became of them? The fate of three is on the Bible record. Amnon...