

~KISS (368)

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- **In Biblical times the act of kissing or touching ones lips to those of another.**
- **Lips will he kiss who is replying in a straightforward way. (Proverbs 24:26)**
- **To another person's cheek, or, in an exceptional case, even to his feet.**
- **And, look! A woman who was known in the city to be a sinner learned that he was reclining at a meal in the house of the Pharisee, and she brought an alabaster case of perfumed oil. (Luke 7:37)**
- **And, taking a position behind at his feet, she wept and started to wet his feet with her tears and she would wipe them off with the hair of her head. Also, she tenderly kissed his feet and greased them with the perfumed oil. (Luke 7:38)**
- **With that he turned to the woman and said to Simon; Do you behold this woman? I entered into your house; You gave me no water for my feet. But this woman wet my feet with her tears and wiped them off with her hair. (Luke 7:44)**
- **You gave me no kiss, but this woman, from the hour that I came in, did not leave off tenderly kissing my feet. (Luke 7:45)**
- **Served as a token of affection or respect. Kissing was common not only between male and female relatives.**
- **Then Jacob kissed Rachel and raised his voice and burst into tears. (Genesis 29:11)**
- **And you did not give me a chance to kiss my children and my daughters. Now you have acted foolishly. (Genesis 31:28)**

- **But also between male relatives.**
- **Then Isaac his father said to him; Come near, please, and **kiss** me, my son. ([Genesis 27:26](#))**
- **So he came near and **kissed** him, and he could smell the scent of his garments. And he proceeded to bless him and to say; See, the scent of my son is like the scent of the field which Yehowah has blessed. ([Genesis 27:27](#))**
- **And he proceeded to **kiss** all his brothers and to weep over them, and after that his brothers spoke with him. ([Genesis 45:15](#))**
- **At once Moses went on out to meet his father-in-law, and he proceeded to prostrate himself and to **kiss** him, and they each one began asking how the other was getting along. After that they went into the tent. ([Exodus 18:7](#))**
- **Subsequently Joab came in to the king and told him. Then he called Absalom, who now came in to the king and prostrated himself to him, falling upon his face to the earth before the king, after which the king **kissed** Absalom. ([2 Samuel 14:33](#))**
- **It was likewise a gesture of affection between close friends.**
- **The attendant went. As for David, he rose up from nearby to the south. Then he fell on his face to the earth and bowed three times, and they began **kissing** each other and weeping for each other, until David had done it the most. ([1 Samuel 20:41](#))**
- **And Jonathan went on to say to David; Go in peace, since we have sworn, both of us, in the name of Yehowah, saying; May Yehowah himself prove to be between me and you and between my offspring and your offspring to time indefinite. Accordingly David rose up and went his way, and Jonathan himself came into the city. ([1 Samuel 20:42](#))**
- **All the people now began to cross the Jordan, and the king himself crossed, but the king **kissed** Barzillai and blessed him, after which he returned to his place. ([2 Samuel 19:39](#))**

•• **Kissing Might Accompany A Blessing**

- **However, Laban got up early in the morning and **kissed** his**

children and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban got on his way that he might return to his own place. ([Genesis 31:55](#))

- Aged Israel, or Jacob, **kissed** and embraced Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, before blessing their father and them.
- Then Israel saw Joseph's sons and said; Who are these? ([Genesis 48:8](#))
- So Joseph said to his father; They are my sons whom God has given me in this place. At this he said; Bring them, please, to me that I may bless them. ([Genesis 48:9](#))
- Now the eyes of Israel were dull from old age. He was unable to see. Accordingly he brought them close to him, and he then **kissed** them and embraced them. ([Genesis 48:10](#))
- And Israel went on to say to Joseph; I had no idea of seeing your face, but here God has let me see also your offspring. ([Genesis 48:11](#))
- After that Joseph brought them out away from his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth. ([Genesis 48:12](#))
- Joseph now took the two of them, Ephraim by his right hand to Israel's left, and Manasseh by his left hand to Israel's right, and brought them close to him. ([Genesis 48:13](#))
- However, Israel put out his right hand and placed it on Ephraim's head, although he was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head. He purposely laid his hands so, since Manasseh was the firstborn. ([Genesis 48:14](#))
- And he proceeded to bless Joseph and to say; The true God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked; The true God who has been shepherding me during all my existence until this day. ([Genesis 48:15](#))
- The angel who has been recovering me from all calamity, bless the boys. And let my name be called upon them and the name of my fathers, Abraham and Isaac. And let them increase to a multitude in the midst of the earth. ([Genesis 48:16](#))
- When Joseph saw that his father kept his right hand placed on

Ephraim's head, it was displeasing to him, and he tried to take hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. (**Genesis 48:17**)

- Hence Joseph said to his father; Not so, my father, because this is the firstborn. Put your right hand on his head. (**Genesis 48:18**)
- But his father kept refusing and said; I know it, my son, I know it. He too will become a people and he too will become great. But, just the same, his younger brother will become greater than he will, and his offspring will become the full equivalent of nations. (**Genesis 48:19**)
- And he continued to bless them on that day, saying; By means of you let Israel repeatedly pronounce blessing, saying; May God constitute you like Ephraim and like Manasseh. Thus he kept putting Ephraim before Manasseh. (**Genesis 48:20**)
- When the patriarch later finished giving commands to his 12 sons he expired, and Joseph fell upon the face of his father and burst into tears over him and **kissed** him.
- Thus Jacob finished giving commands to his sons. Then he gathered his feet up onto the couch and expired and was gathered to his people. (**Genesis 49:33**)
- Then Joseph fell upon the face of his father and burst into tears over him and **kissed** him. (**Genesis 50:1**)
- Samuel **kissed** Saul when anointing him as Israel's first king.
- Samuel then took the flask of oil and poured it out upon his head and **kissed** him and said; Is it not because Yehowah has anointed you as a leader over his inheritance? (**1 Samuel 10:1**)
- A fond greeting included **kissing**, perhaps accompanied by weeping and embracing.
- And Esau went running to meet him, and he began to embrace him and fall upon his neck and **kiss** him, and they burst into tears. (**Genesis 33:4**)
- The father of the returning prodigal of Jesus Christ's illustration fell upon his sons neck and tenderly **kissed** him.

- So he rose and went to his father. While he was yet a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was moved with pity, and he ran and fell upon his neck and tenderly **kissed** him. ([Luke 15:20](#))
- **Kissing** also went with a loving farewell.
- However, Laban got up early in the morning and **kissed** his children and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban got on his way that he might return to his own place. ([Genesis 31:55](#))
- May Yehowah make a gift to you, and do you find a resting-place each one in the house of her husband. Then she **kissed** them, and they began to raise their voices and weep. ([Ruth 1:9](#))
- At that they raised their voices and wept some more, after which Orpah **kissed** her mother-in-law. As for Ruth, she stuck with her. ([Ruth 1:14](#))
- When the apostle Paul was about to depart from Miletus, the older men of the Ephesian congregation were so moved that they wept and fell upon Paul's neck and tenderly **kissed** him.
- However, from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the older men of the congregation. ([Acts of Apostles 20:17](#))
- Indeed, quite a bit of weeping broke out among them all, and they fell upon Paul's neck and tenderly **kissed** him. ([Acts of Apostles 20:37](#))
- The Bible makes brief reference to **kisses** associated with love between the sexes.
- May he **kiss** me with the kisses of his mouth, for your expressions of endearment are better than wine. ([Song of Solomon 1:2](#))
- O that you were like a brother of mine, sucking the breasts of my mother! Should I find you outside, I would **kiss** you. People would not even despise me. ([Song of Solomon 8:1](#))
- In giving advice to guard against the devices of a wicked woman, the book of Proverbs warns of the seductive **kiss** of a prostitute.

- And she has grabbed hold of him and given him a **kiss**. She has put on a bold face, and she begins to say to him: (**Proverbs 7:13**)

• Kisses Could Be Hypocritical

- Absalom, shrewdly seeking power, **kissed** men who drew near to bow down to him.
- It also occurred that, when a man drew near to bow down to him, he thrust his hand out and grabbed hold of him and **kissed** him. (**2 Samuel 15:5**)
- And Absalom kept doing a thing like this to all Israelites that would come in for judgment to the king, and Absalom kept stealing the hearts of the men of Israel. (**2 Samuel 15:6**)
- Treacherous Joab's **kiss** meant death to unsuspecting Amasa.
- And Joab proceeded to say to Amasa; Is it all right with you, my brother? Then Joab's right hand took hold of Amasa's beard so as to **kiss** him. (**2 Samuel 20:9**)
- As for Amasa, he was not on guard against the sword that was in Joab's hand, so that he struck him with it in the abdomen, and his intestines spilled out to the earth, and he did not have to do it to him again. So he died. And Joab and Abishai his brother, for their part, chased after Sheba the son of Bichri. (**2 Samuel 20:10**)
- Also, it was with a deceitful **kiss** that Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus Christ.
- Now his betrayer had given them a sign, saying; Whoever it is I **kiss**, this is he. Take him into custody. (**Matthew 26:48**)
- And going straight up to Jesus he said; Good day, Rabbi! And **kissed** him very tenderly. (**Matthew 26:49**)
- Now his betrayer had given them an agreed sign, saying, Whoever it is I **kiss**, this is he. Take him into custody and lead him away safely. (**Mark 14:44**)
- And he came straight up and approached him and said; Rabbi! And **kissed** him very tenderly. (**Mark 14:45**)

.. False Worship

- **Kissing** as an act of adoration toward false gods was forbidden by Yehowah, who mentions 7,000 men who did not bend the knee to Baal and **kiss** him.
- And I have let seven thousand remain in Israel, all the knees that have not bent down to Baal, and every mouth that has not **kissed** him. (**1 Kings 19:18**)
- Ephraim was reproved for making idols and saying; Let the sacrificers who are men **kiss** mere calves.
- When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling, he himself carried weight in Israel. But he proceeded to become guilty in regard to Baal and die. (**Hosea 13:1**)
- And now they commit additional sin and make for themselves a molten statue from their silver, idols according to their own understanding, the work of craftsmen, all of it. To them they are saying; Let the sacrificers who are men **kiss** mere calves. (**Hosea 13:2**)
- Therefore they will become like the clouds of morning and like the dew that early goes away, like chaff that is stormed away from the threshing floor and like smoke from the roof hole. (**Hosea 13:3**)
- The Greeks and Romans had the practice of throwing a **kiss** with the hand to their idols, if these were inaccessible, and in this way they also greeted the rising sun.
- And my heart began to be enticed in secrecy and my hand proceeded to **kiss** my mouth. (**Job 31:27**)
- May allude to a similar idolatrous practice.
- The **Holy Kiss**. Among early Christians there was the **holy kiss**.
- Greet one another with a holy **kiss**. All the congregations of the Christ greet you. (**Romans 16:16**)
- All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a **holy kiss**. (**1 Corinthians 16:20**)

- Greet one another with a **holy kiss**. (2 Corinthians 13:12)
- Greet all the brothers with a **holy kiss**. (1 Thessalonians 5:26)
- Or **kiss** of love,
- Greet one another with a **kiss of love**. May all of you who are in union with Christ have peace. (1 Peter 5:14)
- Possibly bestowed on individuals of the same sex. This early Christian form of greeting may correspond to the ancient Hebrew practice of greeting one with a **kiss**.
- Though the Scriptures provide no details, the **holy kiss** or **kiss of love** evidently reflected the wholesome love and unity prevailing in the Christian congregation.
- I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. (John 13:34)
- By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love among yourselves. (John 13:35)

•• Figurative Use

- **Kissing**, as representing a demonstration of respect and devotion, is mentioned in the inspired advice to serve Yehowah with fear and **kiss** the son, that He may not become incensed and you may not perish from the way.
- Serve Yehowah with fear and be joyful with trembling. (Psalms 2:11)
- **Kiss** the son, that He may not become incensed and you may not perish from the way, for his anger flares up easily. Happy are all those taking refuge in him. (Psalms 2:12)
- Persons responding favorably and submitting to the one God appoints as King and his Kingdom will realize great blessings when it can be said; Righteousness and peace they have **kissed** each other, because the connection of the two will be as evident to all as is the close association of affectionate friends.

- **As for loving-kindness and trueness, they have met each other, righteousness and peace, they have **kissed** each other. (**Psalms 85:10**)**