

WASTED HIS SEED ON THE GROUND

Gen. 38:8-10 *“Then Judah said to Onan, “Go in to your brother’s wife, and perform your duty as a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother.” Onan knew that the offspring would not be his; so when he went in to his brother’s wife, **he wasted his seed on the ground in order not to give offspring to his brother.** But what he did was displeasing in the sight of the LORD; so He took his life also.*

I have seen people take this verse and try to use it to show that spilling semen is a sin. They then try to use it to show that masturbation is also an abomination. Neither are true. The reason Yah took Onan’s life was not because he spilled his seed on the ground, but because he didn’t perform his duty as Er’s brother. Onan’s obligation was to have intercourse with his dead brothers wife and conceive a child to carry on his brothers name. Onan didn’t like Er’s wife so he spilled his seed in a spiteful manner. That’s why Onan was killed.

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