

What Is Entertainment

A Torah & Tanakh Understanding

First what “Entertainment” Actually Is

In simple terms, entertainment is anything designed to:

- Occupy your attention
- Distract your mind
- Stir emotion
- Shape desire
- Pass time without purpose

Entertainment is not just fun it is influence.

Proverbs 4:23

“Guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it flow the issues of life.”

Whatever consistently entertains you is training your heart.

Does the Torah Forbid Enjoyment

No. The Torah is not anti-joy.

Ecclesiastes 3:12–13

“There is nothing better than to rejoice... for it is the gift of Elohim.”

Deuteronomy 16: feasts

Psalms 104:15: music and celebration

YAHUAH created:

- Music
- Rhythm
- Celebration
- Storytelling

So the issue is not pleasure it is direction.

Where Entertainment Becomes a Problem

Entertainment goes against Torah when it:

- Replaces instruction
- Dulls discernment
- Glorifies sin
- Reshapes values
- Trains people to desire what YAHUAH forbids

Isaiah 5:20

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil...”

Hosea 4:11

“Whoredom, wine, and new wine take away the heart.”

Entertainment can take away the heart quietly.

Music in the Tanakh vs Music Today

Music in the Tanakh served purpose:

- Worship
- Instruction
- Warning
- Unity
- Healing (1 Samuel 16:23)

Music functioned as guidance not ego.

Much modern music:

- Centers lust
- Promotes pride
- Celebrates violence
- Glorifies rebellion
- Normalizes lawlessness

Psalm 101:3

“I will set no wicked thing before my eyes.”

Music teaches whether we realize it or not.

Visual Entertainment: What the Eyes Consume

The Tanakh repeatedly warns about guarding the eyes and heart.

Numbers 15:39

“Do not follow after your eyes...”

Job 31:1

“I made a covenant with my eyes.”

Modern visual entertainment often:

- Overstimulates
- Sexualizes
- Desensitizes
- Trains comparison
- Feeds envy and lust

This weakens:

- Self-control
- Family bonds
- Attention span
- Spiritual sensitivity

Entertainment as Modern “Egypt”

Egypt represents:

- Comfort without covenant
- Abundance without obedience
- Distraction leading to bondage

Exodus 16:3

“We sat by the meat pots...”

Entertainment can function similarly:

- Pacifying discomfort
- Numbing reflection
- Replacing seeking with scrolling
- Turning community into spectatorship

A distracted people struggle to reunite.

How Entertainment Affects Restoration

For a people trying to remember identity, constant distraction causes:

Loss of memory

Psalm 106:13

“They soon forgot His works...”

Loss of language

Vulgarity replaces wisdom

Zephaniah 3:9

“I will restore to the peoples a pure language...”

Loss of direction

Judges 21:25

“Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

Entertainment trains living by feeling instead of instruction.

Is All Entertainment Forbidden

No but it must be governed.

1 Corinthians 10:23

“All things are lawful, but not all things are helpful.”

Torah-aligned enjoyment:

- Strengthens family
- Builds skill
- Teaches wisdom
- Honors YAHUAH
- Refreshes without dulling

Torah-opposed entertainment:

- Normalizes sin
- Promotes lust and pride
- Mocks righteousness
- Replaces discipline

The Torah Standard a Simple Test

Ask:

1. Does this draw me closer to YAHUAH or dull me?
2. Does this train righteousness or appetite?
3. Does this strengthen community or isolate me?
4. Does this glorify order or chaos?
5. Does this make obedience easier or harder?

Psalm 1:1–2

Why This Matters Now

For Israelite awakening:

- Attention is currency
- Memory is fragile
- Unity requires discipline
- Restoration requires clarity

Unchecked entertainment keeps people:

- Emotionally reactive
- Mentally scattered
- Spiritually shallow

A scattered mind struggles to restore identity.

Torah Conclusion

Entertainment is not evil but unchecked entertainment is dangerous.

It slowly:

- Replaces Torah
- Reshapes desire
- Weakens discipline
- Fractures identity

YAHUAH does not call His people to boredom he calls them to purpose.

Strong Closing

What we consistently entertain eventually enters us.

What enters us shapes how we think, love, and obey.

If Israel is to reunite, we must choose:

Instruction over distraction

Purpose over pleasure

Torah over unchecked entertainment.