

Need another word that means the same as “apologetic”? Find 10 synonyms and 30 related words for “apologetic” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Apologetic” are: excusatory, regretful, full of regret, sorry, contrite, remorseful, penitent, repentant, rueful, deprecatory**

## **Apologetic as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Apologetic" as an adjective**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “apologetic” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

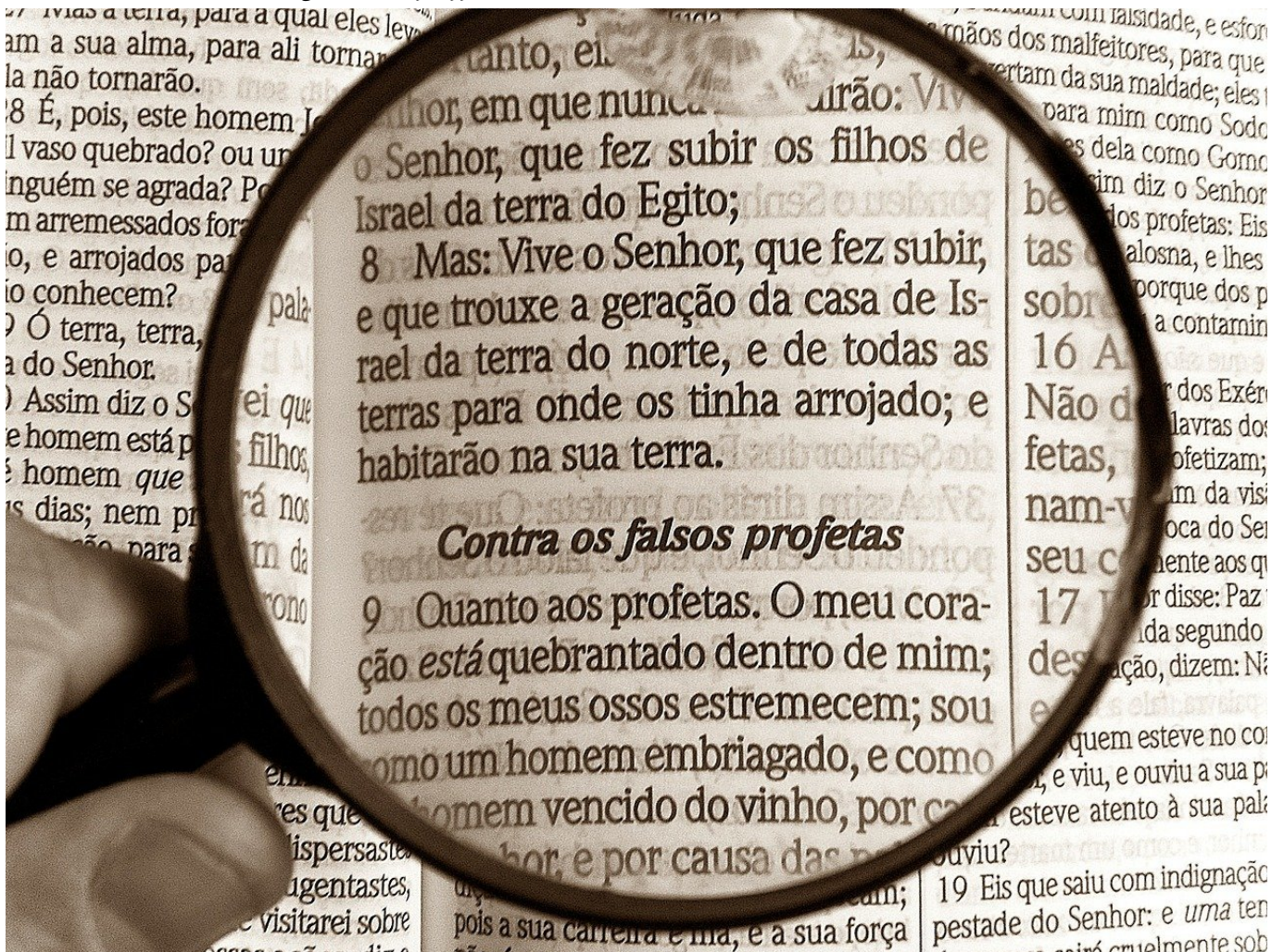
- *Expressing or showing regretful acknowledgement of an offence or failure.*
- *Constituting a formal defence or justification of a theory or doctrine.*
- *Offering or expressing apology.*



## Synonyms of "Apologetic" as an adjective (10 Words)

- contrite** Feeling or expressing remorse at the recognition that one has done wrong.  
A **contrite** tone.
- deprecatory** Tending to diminish or disparage.  
A **deprecatory** smile.
- excusatory** Seeking to excuse or justify a fault or offence.  
His **excusatory** version of events.
- full of regret** Constituting the full quantity or extent; complete.
- penitent** Feeling or expressing remorse for misdeeds.  
A **penitent** expression.

- regretful** Feeling or expressing regret or sorrow or a sense of loss over something done or undone.  
**Regretful** over mistakes she had made.
- remorseful** Filled with remorse; sorry.  
The defendant was **remorseful** for what he had done.
- repentant** Feeling or expressing remorse for misdeeds.  
He is truly **repentant** for his incredible naivety and stupidity.
- rueful** Feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses.  
She gave a **rueful** grin.
- sorry** Feeling sad or distressed through sympathy with someone else's misfortune.  
A **sorry** state of affairs.



## Usage Examples of "Apologetic" as an adjective

- *She was very apologetic about the whole incident.*
- *The apologetic proposition that production for profit is the same thing as production for need.*
- *An apologetic note.*
- *An apologetic manner.*
- *An apologetic smile.*

## Associations of "Apologetic" (30 Words)

<b>apologize</b>	Express regret for something that one has done wrong. <i>He <b>apologized</b> for the many typos.</i>
<b>atonement</b>	The action of making amends for a wrong or injury. <i>An annual ceremony of confession and <b>atonement</b> for sin.</i>
<b>bemoan</b>	Regret strongly. <i>It was no use <b>bemoaning</b> her lot.</i>
<b>compunction</b>	A feeling of guilt or moral scruple that prevents or follows the doing of something bad. <i>They used their tanks without <b>compunction</b>.</i>
<b>confess</b>	Confess to God in the presence of a priest as in the Catholic faith. <i>He wants to <b>confess</b> to Caroline s murder.</i>
<b><u>confession</u></b>	The religious body or Church sharing a confession of faith. <i>Proof of this crime must be established by <b>confession</b>.</i>
<b>confessor</b>	A priest who hears confession and gives absolution. <i>If one prisoner confesses and implicates the other the <b>confessor</b> will go free as a reward.</i>
<b>contrite</b>	Feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses. <i>A <b>contrite</b> tone.</i>
<b>contrition</b>	The state of feeling remorseful and penitent. <i>Prayers of <b>contrition</b>.</i>
<b>expiate</b>	Make amends for. <i><b>Expiate</b> one s sins.</i>
<b>forgive</b>	Stop blaming or grant forgiveness. <i>She cannot <b>forgive</b> him for forgetting her birthday.</i>
<b>penance</b>	Impose a penance on. <i>He had done public <b>penance</b> for those hasty words.</i>

<b>penitence</b>	Remorse for your past conduct. <i>A public display of <b>penitence</b>.</i>
<b>penitent</b>	(Roman Catholic Church) a person who repents for wrongdoing (a Roman Catholic may be admitted to penance under the direction of a confessor). <i>A <b>penitent</b> expression.</i>
<b>penitential</b>	Showing or constituting penance. <i>Wrote a <b>penitential</b> letter apologizing for her hasty words.</i>
<b>regret</b>	Express with regret. <i>She expressed her <b>regret</b> at Virginia's death.</i>
<b>regretful</b>	Feeling or expressing regret or sorrow or a sense of loss over something done or undone. <i>He sounded <b>regretful</b> but pointed out that he had committed himself.</i>
<b>regretfully</b>	It is regrettable that. <i><b>Regretfully</b> mounting costs forced the branch to close.</i>
<b>remorse</b>	A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed). <i>They were filled with <b>remorse</b> and shame.</i>
<b>remorseful</b>	Feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses. <i>The defendant was <b>remorseful</b> for what he had done.</i>
<b>repent</b>	View or think of (an action or omission) with deep regret or remorse. <i>I <b>repent</b> me of all I did.</i>
<b>repentance</b>	The action of repenting; sincere regret or remorse. <i>Each person who turns to God in genuine <b>repentance</b> and faith will be saved.</i>
<b>repentant</b>	Feeling or expressing remorse for misdeeds. <i>He is truly <b>repentant</b> for his incredible naivety and stupidity.</i>
<b>rue</b>	(French) a street or road in France. <i>Ferguson will <b>rue</b> the day he turned down that offer.</i>
<b>rueful</b>	Feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses. <i>She gave a <b>rueful</b> grin.</i>
<b>sceptic</b>	A person who doubts the truth of Christianity and other religions; an atheist.
<b>scruple</b>	Raise scruples. <i>He lied and did not even <b>scruple</b> about it.</i>
<b>sin</b>	Commit a sin violate a law of God or a moral law. <i>The human capacity for <b>sin</b>.</i>

sinner

A person who transgresses against divine law by committing an immoral act or acts.

*God forgives repentant **sinner**s.*

sorry

Feeling regret or penitence.

*I m **sorry** if I was a bit brusque.*