

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:

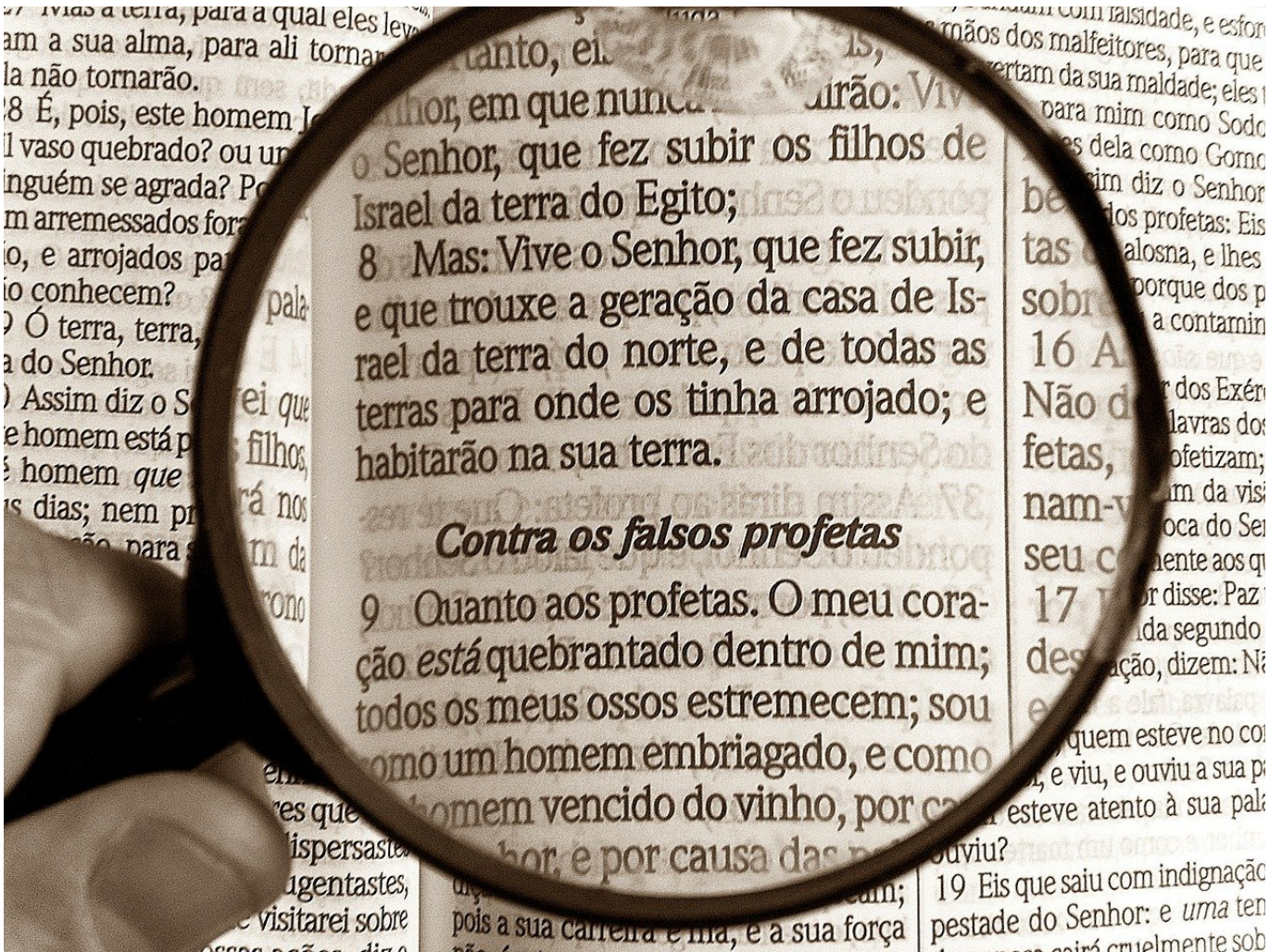
- *Expressing or showing regretful acknowledgement of an offence or failure.*
- *Constituting a formal defence or justification of a theory or doctrine.*
- *Offering or expressing apology.*



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)

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

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