

# Deuteronomy 13:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

## Analysis

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The execution method: 'And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.' Stoning was community execution, requiring multiple participants. The crime: 'sought to thrust thee away' (nadach, נָדַך, drive away, seduce) from Yahweh. This active seduction, not mere personal apostasy, merits death. The reminder of redemption—'brought thee out of Egypt, from the house of bondage'—emphasizes ingratitude's enormity. God delivered you from slavery; leading you back to spiritual slavery (idolatry) is ultimate betrayal. Covenant faithfulness demands capital response to covenant violation.

## Historical Context

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Stoning executed many Old Testament judgments: blasphemy (Leviticus 24:14-16), Sabbath-breaking (Numbers 15:32-36), adultery (Deuteronomy 22:21-24), idolatry (Deuteronomy 17:2-7). The method ensured community participation and made death certain. Stephen's martyrdom by stoning (Acts 7:58-60) ironically fulfilled this law illegally—mob violence, not proper trial. Jesus prevented an adulteress's stoning (John 8:3-11), not abolishing law but exposing accusers' hypocrisy and

offering grace. His sacrifice satisfies law's demands, enabling mercy for repentant sinners.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does remembering God's redemption (salvation from sin) motivate faithfulness and expose apostasy's ingratitude?
2. What does it mean that Christ was 'stoned' (crucified) bearing the penalty for our spiritual adultery (idolatry)?
3. How should gratitude for salvation affect our resolve against compromise with false teaching?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּקַרְבָּן שׁ  
בְּאָבִן יִמְתַּחַת  
כִּי יִמְתַּחַת  
וְסַלְלָתִים  
And thou shalt stone him with stones that he die H3588 because he hath sought  
H5619 H68 H4191 H1245

הַמּוֹצִיאָךְ  
אֱלֹהָיךְ יְהֹוָה מַעַל  
לְפַדְיָךְ מִעַל  
from the LORD thy God which brought thee out  
H5921 H3068 H430 H3318

עֲבָדִים:  
מִצְבָּה יְהֹוָה מִצְבָּה יְהֹוָה  
מִמְּצָבָה מִמְּצָבָה  
מִמְּצָבָה מִמְּצָבָה  
of the land of Egypt from the house of bondage  
H776 H4714 H1004 H5650

## Additional Cross-References

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**Joshua 7:25** (References Lord): And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

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