

Deuteronomy 32:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures?

Analysis

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(כל־אֲהוֹא קָמֵס עַמְּדֵי חָתוֹם בָּאָזְרָתִי). God declares that Israel's transgressions are kamus (laid up, stored) and chatum (sealed) in His treasury—a forensic metaphor of divine record-keeping. Every sin is documented, preserved as evidence for the coming day of judgment. Paul quotes this principle in Romans 12:19, showing that divine vengeance isn't vindictive but judicial—God keeps perfect accounts.

The imagery parallels ancient Near Eastern practice of sealing legal documents in jars for preservation. Nothing is forgotten; all will be brought to account. Yet this same God who stores up judgment also remembers their sins no more when He forgives (Hebrews 8:12)—the sealed record can be opened or cancelled. The Song of Moses balances divine justice with covenant mercy, judgment with restoration.

Historical Context

The Song of Moses (Deuteronomy 32:1-43) is one of Scripture's oldest poems, composed circa 1406 BCE as Moses' prophetic-poetic farewell. Ancient treaty documents similarly recorded covenant violations for future adjudication. This verse begins the section (vv. 34-43) describing God's judgment on Israel's enemies after disciplining His people, demonstrating that God's covenant faithfulness includes both chastening His children and vindicating them against oppressors.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the reality that God keeps accounts of both sin and faithfulness affect your daily choices?
2. What comfort does Romans 12:19 offer when you're tempted to take personal revenge?

Interlinear Text

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Is not this laid up in store

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Additional Cross-References

Job 14:17 (Parallel theme): My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.

Hosea 13:12 (Parallel theme): The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hid.

Jeremiah 2:22 (Parallel theme): For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much sope, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD.

Romans 2:5 (Parallel theme): But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

