

# Exodus 21:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

## Analysis

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**Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.**

This judgment (mishpat) from the Book of the Covenant applies moral law to civil society. God's justice is comprehensive—addressing economic disputes, family relations, and community welfare. The case laws teach covenant people how to love God and neighbor practically. Through detailed ordinances, God shapes Israel as holy nation, distinct from pagan neighbors. These laws reveal God's character: just, merciful, concerned with details of everyday life.

## Historical Context

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The Book of the Covenant (Exodus 20:22-23:33) is Israel's foundational legal code, predating later expansions in Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. It addresses civil, criminal, and ceremonial matters.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this law reveal God's character—His justice, mercy, or holiness?
2. What New Testament principles build upon or fulfill this Old Testament regulation?

## Interlinear Text

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בָּרָק	תַּחַת	בָּרָק	פַּצַּע	תַּחַת	פַּצַּע	חֲבוּרָה:	תַּחַת
<b>Burning</b>	H8478	<b>Burning</b>	<b>for wound</b>	H8478	<b>for wound</b>	<b>for stripe</b>	H8478
H3555		H3555	H6482		H6482	H2250	

חֲבוּרָה:  
**for stripe**  
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