

Ezekiel 18:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.' The wicked son's fate: certain death. The emphatic Hebrew mot yumat ('die, he shall die') mirrors the righteous person's chayah chayah ('live, he shall live'). 'His blood shall be upon him'—he bears responsibility for his own judgment. His father's righteousness cannot save him.

Historical Context

This principle is demonstrated throughout Scripture: Korah's rebellion (Numbers 16), Achan's sin (Joshua 7), Gehazi's greed (2 Kings 5). Each person's sin brings their own judgment. In the New Covenant, only Christ's righteousness can save, which we receive through faith alone.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does this passage inform our understanding of judgment and personal accountability?
2. What is the relationship between generational patterns and individual responsibility?

Interlinear Text

לֹא	יָחִי	וְלָקַח	וְיִתְרַב	יָת	נָתַן	בְּנֵי שֹׁר
	shall he then live	and hath taken	increase		Hath given forth	upon usury
H3808	H2425	H3947	H8636		H5414	H5392
עָשָׂה	הָיָה	הַתּוֹעֵב	וְכָל	אֵת	יָחִי	ה
he hath done		all these abominations			he shall not live	
H6213	H428	H8441	H3605	H853	H2421	
יְהִי:	בּוֹ	דָּמָיו	יוֹמָת	יוֹמָת	ת	ת
	his blood	die	die	die		
H1961	H0	H1818	H4191	H4191	H4191	

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 22:25 (Parallel theme): If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

Ezekiel 18:8 (Parallel theme): He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man,

Ezekiel 3:18 (Blood): When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Leviticus 20:9 (Blood): For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.

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