

# Ezekiel 18:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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## Historical Context

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This principle is stated in Deuteronomy 24:16 ('fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers') and demonstrated in 2 Kings 14:6 when Amaziah spared the children of his father's assassins. Personal responsibility is a consistent biblical theme.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

- ## Interlinear Text

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