

# Ezekiel 20:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and shall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.

## Analysis

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## Historical Context

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Child sacrifice occurred in the Valley of Hinnom (Tophet) outside Jerusalem. Kings Ahaz and Manasseh participated (2 Kings 16:3, 21:6). Though Josiah defiled the site (2 Kings 23:10), the practice evidently continued. Archaeological evidence from Carthage and other Phoenician sites confirms widespread ancient child sacrifice.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

## Study Questions

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1. What modern practices parallel ancient child sacrifice in sacrificing children for adult convenience or ideology?
2. How does harboring known sin while seeking God's guidance demonstrate spiritual schizophrenia?

## Interlinear Text

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וּבְשֵׂא ת	מִתְּנִיתֶיךָ מִ	בְּהַעֲבִיר	בְּנֵיכָם	בָּא שֶׁ
For when ye offer	your gifts	to pass through	when ye make your sons	the fire
H5375	H4979	H5674	H1121	H784
אֶתְּם	יִם נִטְמָא	לְכֹל	גְּלוּלֵיכֶם	עַד
H859	ye pollute	H3605	yourselves with all your idols	H5704
	H2930		H1544	even unto this day
				H3117
וְאֲנִי	אֲדַר שֶׁ	לְךָ מִ	בְּיָת	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל
H589	I will not be enquired	H0	of by you O house	of Israel
	H1875		H1004	H3478
				As I live
				H2416
אֶנִּי	נֹאֵם	אֲדַר יְיָ	אֵלֵינוּ	אֲדַר שֶׁ
H589	saith	the Lord	GOD	H518
	H5002	H136	H3069	I will not be enquired
				H1875
				H0

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 7:31** (Parallel theme): And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart.

**Ezekiel 20:26** (References Lord): And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD.

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