

# Isaiah 59:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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'According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.' Divine retribution is proportional - 'according to deeds.' The scope is universal: even distant islands (coastlands representing remote nations) will receive appropriate judgment.

## Historical Context

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This universal judgment extends God's sovereignty beyond Israel to all nations. No adversary escapes appropriate recompense for opposition to God and His people.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does proportional judgment ('according to deeds') reflect God's justice?
2. What comfort or warning does universal judgment provide?

## Interlinear Text

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| כַּעַל ל                  | גְּמָלוֹת   | כַּעַל ל       | יְשַׁלֵּם:                | חֵמָה      |
| According to              | their deeds | According to   | accordingly he will repay | fury       |
| H5921                     | H1578       | H5921          | H7999                     | H2534      |
| לְצַדִּיק יוֹ             | גָּמ וּלְ   | לְאֹיֵב יוֹ    | לְאִיִּים                 | גָּמ וּלְ  |
| to his adversaries        | recompence  | to his enemies | to the islands            | recompence |
| H6862                     | H1576       | H341           | H339                      | H1576      |
| יְשַׁלֵּם:                |             |                |                           |            |
| accordingly he will repay |             |                |                           |            |
| H7999                     |             |                |                           |            |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 17:10** (Parallel theme): I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

**Isaiah 63:6** (Parallel theme): And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

**Romans 2:6** (Parallel theme): Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

**Matthew 16:27** (Parallel theme): For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

**Nahum 1:2** (Parallel theme): God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

**Isaiah 66:15** (Parallel theme): For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

**Isaiah 1:24** (Parallel theme): Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:

**Isaiah 63:3** (Parallel theme): I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

**Psalms 62:12** (Parallel theme): Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

**Job 34:11** (Parallel theme): For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.