

Joshua 2:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.

Analysis

The warning that blood guilt falls on those leaving Rahab's house establishes personal responsibility for receiving offered salvation. Rejecting provided refuge brings self-imposed judgment.

Historical Context

This verse appears in the Jordan crossing narrative, one of Joshua's most significant events demonstrating God's power and faithfulness in bringing Israel into the Promised Land.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does this passage demonstrate God's faithfulness to His covenant promises?
2. What application does this truth have for your walk with Christ today?

Interlinear Text

כָּל יְהוָה H1961	אֲשֶׁר H3605	יֵצֵא H834	מִדֹּלֵת י H3318	וְהָיָה H1817
And it shall be that whosoever shall go out of the doors				
וְהָיָה H1004	אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה H2351	בְּבֵיתְךָ H1818	וְהָיָה H1818	וְהָיָה H1818
and whosoever shall be with thee in the house into the street his blood				
וְהָיָה H7218	אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה H587	וְהָיָה H5355	וְהָיָה H3605	וְהָיָה H3605
shall be on our head and we will be guiltless				
וְהָיָה H834	אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה H1961	וְהָיָה H854	וְהָיָה H854	וְהָיָה H854
And it shall be that whosoever shall be with thee in the house his blood shall be on our head				
וְהָיָה H1004	אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה H2351	וְהָיָה H1818	וְהָיָה H7218	וְהָיָה H518
and whosoever shall be with thee in the house his blood shall be on our head				
וְהָיָה H3027	אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה H1961	וְהָיָה H0	וְהָיָה H0	וְהָיָה H0
if any hand shall be with thee in the house his blood shall be on our head				

Additional Cross-References

Acts 27:31 (Parallel theme): Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.

Acts 18:6 (Blood): And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

Exodus 12:13 (Blood): And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:23 (Blood): For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

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