

Leviticus 18:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Unlawful Sexual Relations**. Prohibitions against various sexual sins, distinguishing Israel from Canaanite practices and protecting family sanctity.

Every sacrifice and ritual in Leviticus points forward to Jesus Christ, who fulfills the entire sacrificial system as both perfect sacrifice and eternal high priest.

Historical Context

Prohibitions against various sexual sins, distinguishing Israel from Canaanite practices and protecting family sanctity. Chapters 17-27, often called the 'Holiness Code,' expand covenant obligations beyond ritual to encompass all of life—sexuality, economics, justice, and relationships. The repeated refrain 'I am the LORD' grounds these laws in God's character and covenant relationship with Israel. Israel received these laws while encamped at Sinai, before entering Canaan. The laws prepared them for life in the promised land, distinguishing them from Canaanite practices and establishing their identity as God's holy nation. The portable tabernacle, central to Levitical worship, accompanied them through wilderness wanderings and eventually found permanent form in Solomon's temple.

Ancient texts like the Code of Hammurabi show that law codes were common in the ancient Near East, but biblical law uniquely grounded ethics in God's character rather than merely social convention.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
2. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

Interlinear Text

וַתִּטְמָא אֶ	הָאֶרֶץ	וְאֶפְקֹד ד	עֲוֹנֶיהָ	עַל יָדָהּ
is defiled	And the land	therefore I do visit	the iniquity	H5921
H2930	H776	H6485	H5771	
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itself vomiteth out	And the land	H853	her inhabitants	
H6958	H776		H3427	

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 18:28 (Parallel theme): That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you.

Jeremiah 2:7 (Parallel theme): And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

Psalms 106:38 (Parallel theme): And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

Jeremiah 9:9 (Parallel theme): Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

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