

Leviticus 18:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you.

Analysis

That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you.

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

The access to God's presence that Leviticus carefully regulated is now freely available through Christ's blood, tearing the veil and opening the way to God.

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 sacrificial texts from cultures surrounding Israel demonstrate the widespread practice of animal sacrifice, but Israel's system uniquely emphasized moral atonement over magical efficacy.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
2. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

Interlinear Text

אַתָּה בְּטַמֵּא כִּי קָרָא הָרָץ מִתְּחִזְקָה נָאצָה
H3808 it as it spued out H6958 That the land H776 also when ye defile H2930 H853 H853

לֹפְנֵיכֶם: אֲשֶׁר רָגַב וְאֶת קָרָא הָרָץ מִתְּחִזְקָה נָאצָה
H834 it as it spued out H6958 H853 the nations H1471 H834 that were before H6440

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 3:16 (Parallel theme): So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

