

Leviticus 20:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Penalties for Disobedience**. Punishments for violations of sexual and religious laws, emphasizing the seriousness of sin in God's holy community.

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

Punishments for violations of sexual and religious laws, emphasizing the seriousness of sin in God's holy community. 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. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?
2. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

Interlinear Text

עִינֵּיהֶם אֲתָּה כִּי עַם יְשִׁלִּים יְשִׁלִּים וְאַתָּה
H518 do any ways H5956 do any ways H5971 And if the people H776 of the land H853 their eyes H5869

לְבָלִת יְהִי לֹמַד מִזְרָע וְבָתְתָה וְבָהָא וְבָא יְשִׁמְעָן מִן
H4480 from the man H1931 when he giveth H5414 of his seed H2233 unto Molech H4432 him not H1115

וְאַתָּה כִּי יְתַהַּרְתָּ
H4191 and kill H853

Additional Cross-References

Acts 17:30 (Parallel theme): And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

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