

# Leviticus 24:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Oil, Bread, and Blasphemy**. Instructions for tabernacle maintenance and the account of a blasphemer's punishment, showing reverence for God's name.

The New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

## Historical Context

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Instructions for tabernacle maintenance and the account of a blasphemer's punishment, showing reverence for God's name. 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**

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## **Study Questions**

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1. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
2. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?
3. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?

## Interlinear Text

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| בְּנִקְבוֹ               | שֵׁם                           | יְהוָה                  | יוֹמָת:         | יוֹמָת:                  |
| And he that blasphemeth  | the name                       | of the LORD             | be put to death | be put to death          |
| H5344                    | H8034                          | H3068                   | H4191           | H4191                    |
| יִרְגְּמוּ               | יִרְגְּמוּ                     | בֹּ                     | כָּל            | הָעֵדָה                  |
| shall certainly          | shall certainly                | H0                      | H3605           | and all the congregation |
| H7275                    | H7275                          |                         |                 | H5712                    |
| כֵּן                     | כְּאֶזְרָח                     | בְּנִקְבוֹ              |                 |                          |
| him as well the stranger | as he that is born in the land | And he that blasphemeth |                 |                          |
| H1616                    | H249                           | H5344                   |                 |                          |
| שֵׁם                     | יוֹמָת:                        |                         |                 |                          |
| the name                 | be put to death                |                         |                 |                          |
| H8034                    | H4191                          |                         |                 |                          |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 12:31** (Parallel theme): Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

**James 2:7** (Parallel theme): Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

**1 Timothy 1:13** (Parallel theme): Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.