

Leviticus 26:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Blessings and Curses**. Covenant blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience, establishing consequences of Israel's covenant relationship.

What Leviticus portrayed through types and shadows, Christ fulfilled in reality through His incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection.

Historical Context

Covenant blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience, establishing consequences of Israel's covenant relationship. 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

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. In what ways does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ's atoning sacrifice and the seriousness of sin?
2. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
3. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?

Interlinear Text

לֹא תָּשַׂמְךָ עַל־אָמֵן תָּבֹא וְאִם עַמְּנִי תַּלְכֵד אֶל־אָמֵן
H518 H1980 H5973 contrary H7147 H3808 unto me and will H14 not hearken H8085 H0

פְּתֻפְתָּאָתִיכֶם: שׁבע מִכְהָן עַלְיכֶם יִסְפְּתָא
more H5921 plagues seven times upon you according to your sins H4347 H7651 H2403

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 26:18 (Sin): And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

Leviticus 26:27 (Parallel theme): And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

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