

# Leviticus 26:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.**

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

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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

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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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

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וְאִם	תִּלְכּוּ	וְעַמִּי	קִרְיָ	וְלֹא	תֵאבֹדוּ	לִשְׁמִעַ	לִי
H518	H1980	H5973	contrary H7147	H3808	unto me and will H14	not hearken H8085	H0
וְיִסְפְּתוּ	עֲלֵיכֶם	מַכָּה	שֶׁבַע	כַּחַטֹּאתֵיכֶם:			
more H3254	H5921	plagues H4347	seven times H7651	upon you according to your sins H2403			

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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