

# Leviticus 26:25

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

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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. 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**

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## **Study Questions**

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1. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
2. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהֵבֵאתִי י	עָלֶיךָ ׀	חֶרֶב	נִקְמָת	נֶקֶם
And I will bring	H5921	a sword	upon you that shall avenge	the quarrel
H935		H2719	H5358	H5359
בְּרִית	וְנִאָּסַפְתָּ ׀	אֶל	עָרֶיךָ ׀	וְשָׁלַחְתִּי
of my covenant	and when ye are gathered together	within	your cities	I will send
H1285	H622	H413	H5892	H7971
דָּבָר	בֵּת וְכָךְ ׀	וְנִתַּתָּ ׀	בְּיַד	
the pestilence	among	you and ye shall be delivered	into the hand	
H1698	H8432	H5414	H3027	
אֹיֵב:				
of the enemy				
H341				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 14:12** (Parallel theme): I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

**Ezekiel 5:17** (Word): So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it.

**Jeremiah 24:10** (Word): And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

**Deuteronomy 32:25** (Word): The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.

**Deuteronomy 28:21** (Parallel theme): The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

**Ezekiel 33:2** (Word): Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:

**Ezekiel 14:17** (Word): Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it:

**Ezekiel 29:8** (Word): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee.

**Ezekiel 20:37** (Covenant): And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

**Ezekiel 6:3** (Word): And say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.