

Leviticus 26:34

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.

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

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
2. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
3. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?

Interlinear Text

אֶזְ	וְהִרְצָ	תָּ	אֶת	שַׁבְּתֹתֶיהָ:	כָּ	לְ	יָמֵי	הַשָּׁמָה
H227	and enjoy	' land	H853	her sabbaths	H3605		as long	as it lieth desolate
	H7521	H776		H7676			H3117	H8074

וְאֵת	תָּ	אֶת	אֹיְבֵיכֶם	וְתִשְׁבּוּ	תָּ	אֶת	הַשָּׁמָה
H859	' land	and ye be in your enemies	H341	H227	rest	' land	H776
	H776				H7673		

וְהִרְצָ	תָּ	אֶת	שַׁבְּתֹתֶיהָ:
and enjoy	H853	her sabbaths	
H7521		H7676	

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 36:21 (Parallel theme): To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

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