

# Leviticus 26:45

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.

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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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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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

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

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

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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

## Interlinear Text

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וְזָכַרְתִּי י	לָהֶם	בְּרִית	רְאֲשֵׁנִי	אֲשֶׁר
But I will for their sake remember	H0	the covenant	of their ancestors	H834
H2142		H1285	H7223	
הוֹצֵאתִי	אֹתָם	מֵאֶרֶץ	מִצְרַיִם	לְעֵינַי
whom I brought forth	H853	out of the land	of Egypt	in the sight
H3318		H776	H4714	H5869
הַגּוֹיִם	לְהִי	לָהֶם	לֵאלֹהֵי	אֲנִי
of the heathen	H1961	H0	that I might be their God	H589
H1471			H430	I am the LORD
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 25:38** (References God): I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

**Ezekiel 20:9** (References Egypt): But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

**Ezekiel 20:22** (Parallel theme): Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

**Leviticus 22:33** (References God): That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD.