

Leviticus 26:8

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. The Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
2. How does this verse reveal God's character, and how should that revelation shape your relationship with Him?
3. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?

Interlinear Text

וְיָרֵד פֹּה	מִכָּהֶם	חֲמִשָּׁה	וּמֵאָה ה	וּמֵאָה ה	מִכָּהֶם
of you shall chase	H4480	And five	an hundred	an hundred	H4480
H7291		H2568	H3967	H3967	
רַבָּה ה	וְיָרֵד פֹּה	וְנָפְלוּ	אֹיְבֶיךָ		
of you shall put ten thousand	of you shall chase	shall fall	and your enemies		
H7233	H7291	H5307	H341		
לִפְנֵיכָם	לְחַרְבִּי:				
before	you by the sword				
H6440	H2719				

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 23:10 (Parallel theme): One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

Deuteronomy 28:7 (Parallel theme): The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

Deuteronomy 32:30 (Light): How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

1 Chronicles 11:20 (Parallel theme): And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew them, and had a name among the three.

Numbers 14:9 (Parallel theme): Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

1 Chronicles 11:11 (Parallel theme): And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, an Hachmonite, the chief of the captains: he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain by him at one time.