

# Numbers 15:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

## Analysis

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The congregation executed God's command 'as the LORD commanded Moses.' Their obedience demonstrated submission to divine authority even when the judgment was difficult. This wasn't mob violence but ordered justice, fulfilling covenant obligations. The man's death preserved Israel's holiness and served as perpetual warning against presuming on God's grace.

## Historical Context

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This execution occurred in the wilderness, witnessed by the entire camp. The public nature ensured maximum teaching effect: God's commands were serious, His holiness inviolable, and presumptuous sin deadly. This event stood as warning throughout Israel's subsequent history.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do you balance God's mercy with His holiness and justice?

2. What warnings from Scripture do you tend to minimize or ignore?

## Interlinear Text

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לְפָנָי הָמָחָז אֶל יְצָא אֶת כָּל הַעֲדָה  
brought H853 H3605 And all the congregation H5712 H413 him without H2351 the camp H4264  
H3318

צִוָּה רְאֵשׁ יְמִינָה תְּמִימָה אֶת בְּאָבִת יִם  
and stoned H853 him with stones H68 and he died H4191 H834 commanded H6680  
H7275

מֹשֶׁה אֶת יְהִי הָמָשָׁה  
as the LORD H853 Moses H4872

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