

Leviticus 20:1-27 The Death Penalty

YeHoVaH called His people to be a Holy people as He is a Holy God. **The Laws they were given were for His Holy, set apart people to live Holy unto YeHoVaH!** The grace of YeHoVaH took into account that man was a fallen creature with immoral tendencies, so His Laws contained Ordinances, Statutes, and Judgments for certain behaviors. However, for some behaviors, the death penalty was required.

In this portion of Leviticus, we will examine **certain sins that resulted in the death of the offender.**

Lev 20:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

YeHoVaH spoke, Moses wrote.

Lev 20:2 Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever *he be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth *any* of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

In this passage, the Judgment for those who violate this Law is death.

There are sins that are not unto death as stated in 1st John.

1Jn 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

1Jn 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

1Jn 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

1Jn 5:19 *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

1Jn 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

1Jn 5:21 Little children, **keep yourselves from idols.** Amen.

Idolatry invoked the death penalty.

The first Commandment YeHoVaH gave His people, after introducing Himself to them, was forbidding idolatry, to worship or serve no other god but Him.

Ex 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Molech – **04432** מֹלֶךְ Molek {mo'-lek}

Meaning: Molech = "**king**" 1) the god of the Ammonites and Phoenicians to whom some Israelites sacrificed their infants in the valley of Hinnom

Usage: AV - Molech 8; 8

Molech - king, the name of the national god of the Ammonites, to whom children were sacrificed by fire. He was the consuming and destroying, and also at the same time, the purifying fire.

- In Amos 5:26, "your Moloch" of the Authorized Version is "your king" in the Revised Version (Act 7:43).

- Solomon (1Ki 11:7) erected a high place for this idol on the Mount of Olives, and from that time till the days of Josiah, his worship continued (2Ki 23:10,13).
- In the days of Jehoahaz, it was partially restored, but after the Captivity it wholly disappeared.
- He is also called Molech (Lev 18:21; 20:2-5, etc.).
- Milcom (1Ki 11:5,33, etc.)
- Malcham (Zep 1:5)
- This god became Chemosh among the Moabites.

Easton Bible Dictionary

Molech and abortion; there is No connection.

Molech sacrifices required children who had been **born**.

Abortion is murdering the **unborn**.

The only way a Molech sacrifice could be tied to abortion is the one who was sacrificed to Molech was pregnant .

Lev 20:3 And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.

When YeHoVaH's people sin, they defile His Sanctuary and profane His Holy Name.

How?

His Sanctuary is in the midst of them, and His Name has been put upon them via the Aaronic Blessing.

This is why the people and the Sanctuary had to be atoned for: Leviticus 16:16 and Numbers 6:22-27.

The Land Covenant

Genesis 8:21-22

Psalm 24

The people who hide their eyes or act as if they do not see, they and their family will be dealt with in the same way as the man who sinned.

Lev 20:4 And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not:

Lev 20:5 Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a-whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.

Go a whoring – **02181** זָנָה zānah {zaw-naw'}

Meaning: 1) to commit fornication, be a harlot, play the harlot 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to be a harlot, act as a harlot, commit fornication 1a2) to commit adultery 1a3) to be a cult prostitute 1a4) to be unfaithful (to God) (fig.) 1b) (Pual) to play the harlot 1c) (Hiphil) 1c1) to cause to commit adultery 1c2) to force into prostitution 1c3) to commit fornication

Usage: AV - ...harlot 36, go a whoring 19, ...whoredom 15, whore 11, commit fornication 3, whorish 3, harlot + 0802 2, commit 1, continually 1, great 1, whore's + 0802 1; 93

Familiar spirits and wizards are forbidden.

Lev 20:6 And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a-whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

Set yourself apart and be Holy, for we are sanctified by YeHoVaH.

Lev 20:7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God.

Lev 20:8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I *am* the LORD which sanctify you.

Cursing Father or Mother

Lev 20:9 For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood *shall be* upon him.

Curseth – **07043** לָלַץ qalal {kaw-lal'}

Meaning: 1) to be slight, be swift, be trifling, be of little account, be light 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to be slight, be abated (of water) 1a2) to be swift 1a3) to be trifling, be of little account 1b) (Niphal) 1b1) to be swift, show oneself swift 1b2) to appear trifling, be too trifling, be insignificant 1b3) to be lightly esteemed 1c) (Piel) 1c1) to make despicable 1c2) to curse 1d) (Pual) to be cursed 1e) (Hiphil) 1e1) to make light, lighten 1e2) to treat with contempt, bring contempt or dishonour 1f) (Pilpel) 1f1) to shake 1f2) to whet 1g) (Hithpalpel) to shake oneself, be moved to and fro

Usage: AV - curse 39, swifter 5, light thing 5, vile 4, lighter 4, despise 3, abated 2, ease 2, light 2, lighten 2, slightly 2, misc 12; 82

- A child can curse their parents, without ever saying a word, by their behavior and actions.
- How does your child contribute to your family?
- What do they bring to the table?
- How do they make life easier for you or add to you and the family?
- Are they takers and give nothing?
- Are they a blessing, or a pain, or a problem?

The reason why most people have difficult times upholding YeHoVaH's Law when it comes to their children, is because the people make the mistake in thinking the children belong to them. **Parents roles are to teach the children the Law of YeHoVaH!**

Dt 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

Dt 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Dt 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

Dt 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Committing Adultery With Another Man's Wife

Lev 20:10 And the man that committeth adultery with *another* man's wife, *even he* that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

Lev 20:11 And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

Lev 20:12 And if a man lie with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood *shall be* upon them.

Homosexuality

Lev 20:13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

Forbidden Relationships

Lev 20:14 And if a man take a wife and her mother, it *is* wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.

Bestiality

Lev 20:15 And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the **beast**.

Lev 20:16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

Incest

Lev 20:17 And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it *is* a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people; he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.

Niddah Sex

Lev 20:18 And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

Aunts, Off-Limits

Lev 20:19 And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister: for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity.

Lev 20:20 And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.

Iniquity – 05771 יִיֵּץ `avon {aw-vone'} or יִיֵּץ `avown (2 Ki 7:9, Ps 51:5 [7]) {aw-vone'}

Meaning: 1) perversity, depravity, iniquity, guilt or punishment of iniquity 1a) iniquity 1b) guilt of iniquity, guilt (as great), guilt (of condition) 1c) consequence of or punishment for iniquity

Usage: AV - iniquity 220, punishment 5, fault 2, Iniquities + 01697 1, mischief 1, sin 1; 230

Sister In-Laws, Off Limits

Lev 20:21 And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it *is* an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

Lev 20:22 Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spew you not out.

Lev 20:23 And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

The Canaanites and Other Nations Committed These Abominations

Lev 20:24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I *am* the LORD your God, which have separated you from *other* people.

Clean and Unclean

Lev 20:25 Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.

More Emphasis on Being Holy

Lev 20:26 And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD *am* holy, and have severed you from *other* people, that ye should be mine.

Lev 20:27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood *shall be* upon them.

People talk about George Washington and his prayers, but don't talk about his use of a psychic. George Washington, the first President, received the vision for the United States from an unnamed psychic according to his friend and confidant Anthony Sherman in 1778.

- Abraham Lincoln, and his wife Mary Todd, held several séances in the White House.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944, called a famous clairvoyant named Jeane Dixon into the Oval Office.
- Richard Nixon also used Jeane Dixon.
- Ronald Reagan survived his controversial term thanks to the help of a psychic named Joan Quigley, whom Nancy Reagan used to consult daily.
- Bill Clinton's Pentagon paid psychics to gather intelligence via ESP.

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