

Leviticus 26:21-46 Curses for Disobeying the Law Pt 2

The Law of YeHoVaH is inclusive of blessings and curses, life and death. Those who obey YeHoVaH's Law experience the life of YeHoVaH and the benefits, blessings, and privileges thereof. Disobeying the Law of YeHoVaH produces death and the curses associated with disobedience.

In the second portion of Leviticus 26, YeHoVaH instructs Moses to warn the Children of Israel, and those who joined themselves to the Commonwealth of Israel, of what they had to look forward to if they rejected His Law or failed to carry out all His Commands and violated His Covenant.

As stated in Part 1, there is a progression of curses after each failed opportunity to repent. Their lives would get worse, not better.

Several things will be covered in this portion.

- Four times YeHoVaH mentions punishment seven times more in verses 18, 21, 24, and 28.
- YeHoVaH would walk contrary to Israel as Israel walked contrary to Him.
- YeHoVaH's Covenant with Israel was conditional.
- YeHoVaH would not forsake Israel.
- If you believe in the blessings of God's promises, remember the curses for disobedience are also promises.

Wisdom, even logic, should respond to YeHoVaH in obeying His Law when He makes it crystal clear what would happen if we do not.

- One would think that it would be foolish, irresponsible, and reckless to go against His Instructions knowing the consequences of what would happen if we did not, unless we did not believe He would do what He said He would do.
- Most Believers believe and confess that YeHoVaH is a Promise Keeper.
- YeHoVaH's threats and warnings are also promises!
- If He tell us what He will do if we don't do what He says, should we be surprised or mad at Him for doing what He said He would do if we don't do what He said to do?

Lev 26:21 And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.

Lev 26:22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your *high ways* shall be desolate.

Wild beasts will rob them of their children. Later in this Chapter, they will eat the flesh of their sons and daughters.

The wild animals will kill their children and cattle and their population will decrease.

Lev 26:23 And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me;

If the people did not repent, YeHoVaH would walk in opposition to them and punish them seven times for their sins.

Contrary – **07147** קָרִי qeriy
{ker-ee'}

Meaning: 1) opposition, contrariness, encounter, contrary or hostile encounter

Usage: AV - contrary 7; 7

Lev 26:24 Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will **punish** you yet seven times for your sins.

In verse 18, YeHoVaH said He would bring seven times more plagues on Israel.

In verses 21 and 24, YeHoVaH will punish them seven times for their sin.

Later, He said He would chastise them seven times.

Punish – **05221** נָכַח nakah {naw-kaw'}

Meaning: 1) to strike, smite, hit, beat, slay, kill 1a) (Niphal) to be stricken or smitten 1b) (Pual) to be stricken or smitten 1c) (Hiphil) 1c1) to smite, strike, beat, scourge, clap, applaud, give a thrust 1c2) to smite, kill, slay (man or beast) 1c3) to smite, attack, attack and destroy, conquer, subjugate, ravage 1c4) to smite, chastise, send judgment upon, punish, destroy 1d) (Hophal) to be smitten 1d1) to receive a blow 1d2) to be wounded 1d3) to be beaten 1d4) to be (fatally) smitten, be killed, be slain 1d5) to be attacked and captured 1d6) to be smitten (with disease) 1d7) to be blighted (of plants)

Usage: AV - smite 348, slay 92, kill 20, beat 9, slaughter 5, stricken 3, given 3, wounded 3, strike 2, stripes 2, misc 13; 500

Lev 26:25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

Quarrel – **05359** נָקַם naqam {naw-kawm'}

Meaning: 1) vengeance 1a) vengeance (by God, by Samson, by enemies of Judah)

Usage: AV - vengeance 15, quarrel 1, avenge 1; 17

Lev 26:26 *And* when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

This verse indicates that they would not have enough food.

Lev 26:26 When I break your staff of bread *and* cut off your supply of food, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall ration your bread *and* deliver it again by weight; and you shall eat, and not be satisfied. [Hag. 1:6] **AMP**

Lev 26:26 I will completely destroy your food supply, so the bread from one oven will have to be stretched to feed ten families. They will ration your food by weight, and even if you have food to eat, you will not be satisfied. **NLT**

Lev 26:27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

Lev 26:28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

Chastise – **03256** יָסַר yasar {yaw-sar'}

Meaning: 1) to chasten, discipline, instruct, admonish 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to chasten, admonish 1a2) to instruct 1a3) to discipline 1b) (Niphal) to let oneself be chastened or corrected or admonished 1c) (Piel) 1c1) to discipline, correct 1c2) to chasten, chastise 1d) (Hiphil) to chasten 1e) (Nithpael) to teach

Usage: AV - chastise 21 instruct 8, correct 7, taught 2, bound 1, punish 1, reformed 1, reproveth 1, sore 1; 43

The people would resort to cannibalism.

The children that were not killed by wild beasts, as indicated in verse 22, would be subjected to being eaten.

Lev 26:29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

Lev 26:30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

The people would establish high places and set up images against the Instructions of YeHoVaH, but He would destroy them.

Deuteronomy 28 states:

Dt 28:52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

Dt 28:53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

Dt 28:54 So *that* the man *that is* tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:

Lev 26:31 And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.

Sanctuaries – **04720** שְׁטִימָה miqdash {mik-dawsh'} or שְׁטִימָה miqqedash (Ex. 15:17) {mik-ked-awsh'}

Meaning: 1) sacred place, sanctuary, holy place 1a) sanctuary 1a1) of the temple 1a2) of the tabernacle 1a3) of Ezekiel's temple 1a4) of Jehovah

Usage: AV - sanctuary 69, holy place 3, chapel 1, hallowed part 1; 74

The Offerings of the people would be rejected by YeHoVaH.

Lev 26:32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

Lev 26:33 And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

Lev 26:34 Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye *be* in your enemies' land; *even* then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.

Lev 26:35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

Lev 26:36 And upon them that are left *alive* of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth.

Lev 26:37 And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

Lev 26:38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.

Lev 26:39 And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

Lev 26:40 If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;

Confess – **03034** הָיָה יָדָאֵחַ {yaw-daw'}

Meaning: 1) to throw, shoot, cast 1a) (Qal) to shoot (arrows) 1b) (Piel) to cast, cast down, throw down 1c) (Hiphil) 1c1) to give thanks,, laud, praise 1c2) to confess, confess (the name of God) 1d) (Hithpael) 1d1) to confess (sin) 1d2) to give thanks

Usage: AV - praise 53, give thanks 32, confess 16, thank 5, make confession 2, thanksgiving 2, cast 1, cast out 1, shoot 1, thankful 1; 114

Lev 26:41 And *that* I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:

YeHoVaH commanded Israel to circumcise their hearts:

Dt 10:16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.

YeHoVaH would also circumcise Israel's heart.

Dt 30:6 The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.

The circumcised heart is the heart YeHoVaH put in us to Obey Him.

EZE 11:19 "And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

EZE 11:20 that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and do them. Then they will be My people, and I shall be their God.

A circumcised heart is a heart that keeps the righteousness of God's Law! Paul spoke of the circumcised heart in this manner:

Ro 2:25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

Ro 2:26 Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

Ro 2:27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

Ro 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

Ro 2:29 But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

Lev 26:42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

The Land would have its Sabbaths.

Lev 26:43 The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.

Lev 26:44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I *am* the LORD their God.

Although YeHoVaH would carry them away into the land of their enemies:

- In the multitude of Israel's wickedness, He would not cast Israel away while they were in the land of their enemies.
- YeHoVaH would not abhor them while they were captives in the land of their enemies, nor destroy them while they were in the land of their enemies.

YeHoVaH would not forsake Israel or break His Covenant, although Israel broke Covenant with Him.

Lev 26:45 But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I *am* the LORD.

YeHoVaH would remember His Covenant with Jacob/Israel, Isaac, and Abraham.

The Covenant YeHoVaH made with Israel at Sinai was repeatedly, over time, broken by Israel. And yet, Father never completely destroyed Israel because of the Covenant He made with Abraham, Isaac, and Israel.

While in exile in Babylon, YeHoVaH used Jeremiah to chasten Israel because they broke Covenant with Him. But YeHoVaH also promised that a New Covenant with them would be made.

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Jer 31:32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

Jer 31:33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Like the Old Covenant, the New Covenant would be conditional.

Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Heb 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

Heb 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

YeHoVaH will be a God to the people.

The people will be YeHoVaH's people.

Lev 26:46 These *are* the statutes and judgments and laws, which the LORD made between him and the children of Israel in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.