

## ~BAN (83)

[Hebrew, *che'rem* ]

- This word is used in certain modern translations (JB, NE, NW) to render the Hebrew *che'rem*, also rendered in the New World Translation as thing devoted to destruction. The Hebrew word refers to that **which is irrevocably and irredeemably devoted to God and thus separated out for sacred use**, but is most frequently used with reference to things thus separated for complete destruction. It can apply to an individual person.
- One who sacrifices to any gods but Yehowah alone is to be **devoted to destruction**. (Exodus 22:20)
- Here JB reads; Anyone who sacrifices to other gods shall come under the **ban**, be devoted to destruction, NW.
- No **devoted person** who might be **devoted to destruction** from among mankind may be redeemed. He should be put to death without fail. (Leviticus 27:29)
- Or it may apply to his possessions,
- And anyone that did not come in three days time according to the counsel of the princes and the older men, all his goods would be put under a **ban** and he himself be separated from the congregation of the exiled people. (Ezra 10:8)
- To an animal, to a field, or to any article so devoted to sacred use,
- And the field when it goes out in the Jubilee must become something holy to Yehowah, as a field that is **devoted**. The possession of it will become the priests. (Leviticus 27:21)
- Only no sort of **devoted thing** that a man might **devote** to Yehowah for **destruction** out of all that is his, whether from mankind or beasts or from the field of his possession, may be sold, and **no sort of devoted thing may be bought back**. It is something most holy to Yehowah. (Leviticus 27:28)
- Or to an entire city and all things therein.

- You should without fail strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword. **Devote it and everything that is in it**, and its domestic animals, to destruction at the edge of the sword. (**Deuteronomy 13:15**)
- And all its spoil you should collect into the middle of its public square, and you must burn in the fire the city and all its spoil as a whole offering to Yehowah your God, and it must **become a heap of ruins to time indefinite**. It should never be rebuilt. (**Deuteronomy 13:16**)
- And nothing at all should stick to your hand of the thing made sacred by **ban**, in order, that Yehowah may turn from his burning anger and may indeed give you mercy and he may certainly show you mercy and multiply you, just as he has sworn to your forefathers. (**Deuteronomy 13:17**)
- And the city must become a thing **devoted to destruction**, it with everything that is in it belongs to Yehowah. Only Rahab the prostitute may keep on living, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers whom we sent out. (**Joshua 6:17**)
- Sacred **bans** figured in certain prophecies.
- Get up and thresh, O daughter of Zion, for your horn I shall change into iron, and your hoofs I shall change into copper, and you will certainly pulverize many peoples, and by a **ban** you will actually devote to Yehowah their unjust profit, and their resources to the true Lord of the whole earth. (**Micah 4:13**)
- And people will certainly inhabit her, and there will occur no more any **banning** to destruction, and Jerusalem must be inhabited in security. (**Zechariah 14:11**)

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