

~EXECUTION, EXECUTIONER (431)

- For laws, commandments, and commissions to have vitality and worth, they must be legally enforced. Execution usually has to do with enforcing the penalties, especially the death penalty, imposed for violation of laws. Supreme Law not only has a Lawgiver, it also has a Law Enforcer; Yehowah is our Judge, Yehowah is our Statute-giver, Yehowah is our King. One there is that is lawgiver and judge.
- For Yehowah is our Judge, Yehowah is our Statute-giver, Yehowah is our King. He himself will save us. ([Isaiah 33:22](#))
- One there is that is lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But you, who are you to be judging your neighbor? ([James 4:12](#))
- So Yehowah himself is an **executioner** of judgment and vengeance upon violators of His law.
- And I must pass through the land of Egypt on this night and strike every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from man to beast, and on all the gods of Egypt I shall execute judgments. I am Yehowah. ([Exodus 12:12](#))
- For Yehowah your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the God great, mighty and fear-inspiring, who treats none with partiality nor accepts a bribe. ([Deuteronomy 10:17](#))
- **Executing** judgment for the fatherless boy and the widow and loving the alien resident so as to give him bread and a mantle. ([Deuteronomy 10:18](#))
- And in Moab I shall **execute** acts of judgment, and they will have to know that I am Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 25:11](#))
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; For the reason that Edom has acted in taking vengeance upon the house of Judah and they kept doing wrong extensively and avenged themselves on them. ([Ezekiel 25:12](#))
- Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; I will also stretch out my hand against Edom and cut off from it

man and domestic animal, and I will make it a devastated place from Teman, even to Dedan. By the sword they will fall. (**Ezekiel 25:13**)

- And I will bring my vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people Israel, and they must do in Edom according to my anger and according to my rage, and they will have to know what my vengeance is, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 25:14**)
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; For the reason that the Philistines have acted with vengeance and they kept avenging themselves with a vengeance with scorn in the soul, in order to cause ruin, with an indefinitely lasting enmity. (**Ezekiel 25:15**)
- Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am stretching out my hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites and destroy the rest of the seacoast. (**Ezekiel 25:16**)
- And I will execute in them great acts of vengeance, with raging reproofs, and they will have to know that I am Yehowah when I bring my vengeance on them. (**Ezekiel 25:17**)
- This takes into account that it is righteous on God's part to repay tribulation to those who make tribulation for you. (**2 Thessalonians 1:6**)
- But, to you who suffer tribulation, relief along with us at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his powerful angels (**2 Thessalonians 1:7**)
- In a flaming fire, as he brings vengeance upon those who do not know God and those who do not obey the Good News about our Lord Jesus. (**2 Thessalonians 1:8**)
- These very ones will undergo the judicial punishment of everlasting destruction from before the Lord and from the glory of his strength. (**2 Thessalonians 1:9**)
- Yes, the seventh one in line from Adam, Enoch, prophesied also regarding them, when he said; Look! Yehowah came with his holy myriads. (**Jude 1:14**)

- To **execute** judgment against all, and to convict all the ungodly concerning all their ungodly deeds that they did in an ungodly way, and concerning all the shocking things that ungodly sinners spoke against him. (**Jude 1:15**)
- Yehowah also delegated certain power of **execution** to others.
For example;
 - And, besides that, your blood of your souls shall I ask back. From the hand of every living creature shall I ask it back, and from the hand of man, from the hand of each one who is his brother, shall I ask back the soul of man. (**Genesis 9:5**)
 - Anyone shedding man's blood, by man will his own blood be shed, for in God's image he made man. (**Genesis 9:6**)
 - In this regard certain responsibilities as **executioner** fell upon the avenger of blood.
 - The avenger of blood is the one who will put the murderer to death. When he chances upon him he himself will put him to death. (**Numbers 35:19**)
 - Depending upon the circumstances, the authority as **executioner** was sometimes invested in the priests of Israel.
 - Then the man must bring his wife to the priest and bring her offering along with her, a tenth of an ephah of barley flour. He must not pour oil upon it nor put frankincense upon it, because it is a grain offering of jealousy, a memorial grain offering bringing error to remembrance. (**Numbers 5:15**)
 - And the priest must bring her forward and make her stand before Yehowah. (**Numbers 5:16**)
 - And the priest must take holy water in an earthenware vessel, and the priest will take some of the dust that happens to be on the floor of the tabernacle, and he must put it in the water. (**Numbers 5:17**)
 - And the priest must make the woman stand before Yehowah and loosen the hair of the woman's head and put upon her palms the memorial grain offering, that is, the grain offering of jealousy,

and in the hand of the priest there should be the bitter water that brings a curse. (**Numbers 5:18**)

- And the priest must make her swear, and he must say to the woman; If no man has lain down with you and if while under your husband you have not turned aside in any uncleanness, be free of the effect of this bitter water that brings a curse. (**Numbers 5:19**)
- But you, in case you have turned aside while under your husband and in case you have defiled yourself and some man has put in you his seminal emission, besides your husband. (**Numbers 5:20**)
- The priest must now make the woman swear with an oath involving cursing, and the priest must say to the woman; May Yehowah set you for a cursing and an oath in the midst of your people by Yehowah's letting your thigh fall away, and your belly swell. (**Numbers 5:21**)
- And this water that brings a curse must enter into your intestines to cause your belly to swell and the thigh to fall away. To this the woman must say; Amen! Amen! (**Numbers 5:22**)
- And the priest must write these cursings in the book and must wipe them out into the bitter water. (**Numbers 5:23**)
- And he must make the woman drink the bitter water that brings a curse, and the water that brings a curse must enter into her as something bitter. (**Numbers 5:24**)
- And the priest must take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand and wave the grain offering to and fro before Yehowah, and he must bring it near the altar. (**Numbers 5:25**)
- And the priest must grasp some of the grain offering as a remembrancer of it and must make it smoke upon the altar, and afterward he will make the woman drink the water. (**Numbers 5:26**)
- When he has made her drink the water, it must also occur that if she has defiled herself in that she committed an act of unfaithfulness toward her husband, the water that brings a curse must then enter into her as something bitter, and her belly must swell, and her thigh must fall away, and the woman must

become a cursing in among her people. (**Numbers 5:27**)

- However, if the woman has not defiled herself but she is clean, she must then be free from such punishment, and she must be made pregnant with semen. (**Numbers 5:28**)
- This is the Law about jealousy, where a woman may turn aside while under her husband, and she does defile herself. (**Numbers 5:29**)
- Or in the case of a man where the spirit of jealousy may pass upon him, and he does suspect his wife of unfaithfulness, and he must make the wife stand before Yehowah, and the priest must carry out toward her all this Law. (**Numbers 5:30**)
- And the man must be innocent of error, but that wife will answer for her error. (**Numbers 5:31**)
- Or in the entire congregation, with the eyewitnesses taking the lead in executing an offender.
- Bring forth the one who called down evil to the outside of the camp, and all those who heard him must lay their hands upon his head, and the entire assembly must pelt him with stones. (**Leviticus 24:14**)
- And you should speak to the sons of Israel, saying; In case any man calls down evil upon his God, he must then answer for his sin. (**Leviticus 24:15**)
- So the abuser of Yehowah's name should be put to death without fail. The entire assembly should without fail pelt him with stones. The alien resident the same as the native should be put to death for his abusing the Name. (**Leviticus 24:16**)
- In case there should be found in your midst in one of your cities that Yehowah your God is giving you a man or a woman who should practice what is bad in the eyes of Yehowah your God so as to overstep his covenant. (**Deuteronomy 17:2**)
- And he should go and worship other gods and bow down to them or to the sun or the moon or all the army of the heavens, a thing that I have not commanded. (**Deuteronomy 17:3**)

- **And it has been told you and you have heard it and have searched thoroughly, and, look! The thing is established as the truth, this detestable thing has been done in Israel! (Deuteronomy 17:4)**
- **You must also bring that man or that woman who has done this bad thing out to your gates, yes, the man or the woman, and you must stone such one with stones, and such one must die. (Deuteronomy 17:5)**
- **At the mouth of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one dying should be put to death. He will not be put to death at the mouth of one witness. (Deuteronomy 17:6)**
- **The hand of the witnesses first of all should come upon him to put him to death, and the hand of all the people afterward, and you must clear out what is bad from your midst. (Deuteronomy 17:7)**
- **The power of execution was also in the hands of the judges and kings or someone whom they appointed.**
- **The hand of the witnesses first of all should come upon him to put him to death, and the hand of all the people afterward, and you must clear out what is bad from your midst. (Deuteronomy 17:7)**
- **So Zebah and Zalmunna said; Get up yourself and assault us, for as a man is, so is his mightiness. Accordingly Gideon got up and killed Zebah and Zalmunna and took the moon-shaped ornaments that were on the necks of their camels. (Judges 8:21)**
- **With that David called one of the young men and said; Go near. Smite him. Accordingly he struck him down so that he died. (2 Samuel 1:15)**
- **So David did just as the true God had commanded him, and they went striking down the camp of the Philistines from Gibeon to Gezer. (1 Chronicles 14:16)**
- **So he got up and came into the house, and he proceeded to pour the oil out upon his head and say to him; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; I do anoint you as king over Yehowah's people, that is, over Israel. (2 Kings 9:6)**

- **And you must strike down the house of Ahab your lord, and I must avenge the blood of my servants the prophets and the blood of all the servants of Yehowah at the hand of Jezebel. (2 Kings 9:7)**
- **And the whole house of Ahab must perish, and I must cut off from Ahab anyone urinating against a wall and any helpless and worthless one in Israel. (2 Kings 9:8)**
- **And I must constitute the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. (2 Kings 9:9)**
- **Finally they came in to render up sacrifices and burnt offerings, and Jehu himself stationed eighty men outside at his disposal and went on to say; As for the man that escapes from the men whom I am bringing into your hands, the ones soul will go for the others soul. (2 Kings 10:24)**
- **And it came about that as soon as he finished rendering up the burnt offering, Jehu immediately said to the runners and the adjutants; Come in, strike them down! Do not let a single one go out. And the runners and the adjutants began to strike them down with the edge of the sword and to throw them out, and they kept going as far as the city of the house of Baal. (2 Kings 10:25)**
- **Then they brought out the sacred pillars of the house of Baal and burned each one. (2 Kings 10:26)**
- **Further, they pulled down the sacred pillar of Baal and pulled down the house of Baal, and they kept it set aside for privies down to this day. (2 Kings 10:27)**
- **Thus Jehu annihilated Baal out of Israel. (2 Kings 10:28)**
- **O house of David, this is what Yehowah has said; Every morning render sentence in justice, and deliver the one being robbed out of the hand of the defrauder, that my rage may not go forth just like a fire and actually burn and there be no one to extinguish it because of the badness of your dealings. (Jeremiah 21:12)**
- **This is what Yehowah has said; Render justice and**

righteousness, and deliver the one that is being robbed out of the hand of the defrauder, and do not maltreat any alien resident, fatherless boy or widow. Do them no violence. And do not shed any innocent blood in this place. ([Jeremiah 22:3](#))

See Also AVENGER OF BLOOD

- Ancient rulers were surrounded by trusted bodyguards to whom execution of their masters edicts could be entrusted. Potiphar was one who held this position.
- However, the Midianites sold him into Egypt to Potiphar a court official of Pharaoh, the chief of the bodyguard. ([Genesis 37:36](#))
- And there was with us there a young man, a Hebrew, a servant of the chief of the bodyguard. When we related them to him, he proceeded to interpret our dreams to us. He interpreted to each according to his dream. ([Genesis 41:12](#))
- It was one of Herod's body guardsmen who beheaded John the Baptizer.
- So the king immediately dispatched a body guardsman and commanded him to bring his head. And he went off and beheaded him in the prison. ([Mark 6:27](#))
- Execution of the death penalty in Israel was either by stoning or by the sword.
- You are to say to the sons of Israel; Any man of the sons of Israel, and any alien resident who resides as an alien in Israel, who gives any of his offspring to Molech, should be put to death without fail. The people of the land should pelt him to death with stones. ([Leviticus 20:2](#))
- With that David called one of the young men and said; Go near. Smite him. Accordingly he struck him down so that he died. ([2 Samuel 1:15](#))
- Yehowah's Messianic King, the Lord Jesus Christ, and other loyal heavenly associates of his are legal executioners, authorized as such by the Judge of all the earth.
- It is unthinkable of you that you are acting in this manner to put

to death the righteous man with the wicked one so that it has to occur with the righteous man as it does with the wicked! It is unthinkable of you. Is the Judge of all the earth not going to do what is right? (**Genesis 18:25**)

- Let the songs extolling God be in their throat, and a two-edged sword be in their hand. (**Psalms 149:6**)
- To execute vengeance upon the nations, rebukes upon the national groups. (**Psalms 149:7**)
- To bind their kings with shackles and their glorified ones with fetters of iron. (**Psalms 149:8**)
- To execute upon them the judicial decision written. Such splendor belongs to all his loyal ones. Praise Yah, you people! (**Psalms 149:9**)
- And war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels battled with the dragon, and the dragon and its angels battled (**Revelation 12:7**)
- But it did not prevail, neither was a place found for them any longer in heaven. (**Revelation 12:8**)
- So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth. He was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. (**Revelation 12:9**)
- And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (**Revelation 19:11**)
- His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. (**Revelation 19:12**)
- And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is The Word of God. (**Revelation 19:13**)
- Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. (**Revelation 19:14**)

- **And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. (Revelation 19:15)**
- **And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)**
- **And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven with the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. (Revelation 20:1)**
- **And he seized the dragon, the original serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:2)**
- **And he hurled him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, that he might not mislead the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After these things he must be let loose for a little while. (Revelation 20:3)**