

~KIDNAPPING (70)

- Seizing, carrying away, and detaining a person against his will through unlawful force, fraud, or intimidation. Kidnapping was a crime carrying the penalty of capital punishment under the Mosaic Law.
- If a person were to steal or kidnap a man and sell him, or if the kidnapped individual was found with him, the kidnapper was to be put to death.
- And one who **kidnaps** a man and who actually sells him or in whose hand he has been found is to be put to death without fail. (**Exodus 21:16**)
- In case a man is found **kidnapping** a soul of his brothers of the sons of Israel, and he has dealt tyrannically with him and sold him, that **kidnapper** must also die. And you must clear away what is bad from your midst. (**Deuteronomy 24:7**)
- Prior to the giving of this Law to Israel, Jacob's son Joseph, sold into slavery, was a victim of **kidnapping**.
- Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and do not let our hand be upon him. After all, he is our brother, our flesh. So they listened to their brother. (**Genesis 37:27**)
- Now men, Midianite merchants, went passing by. Hence they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the water-pit and then sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty silver pieces. Eventually these brought Joseph into Egypt. (**Genesis 37:28**)
- For I was in fact **kidnapped** from the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing at all for which they should put me in the prison hole. (**Genesis 40:15**)
- God later turned this act into a blessing for Joseph in Egypt, and Joseph forgave his brothers for their wicked deed.
- So Joseph said to his brothers; Come close to me, please. With that they came close to him. Then he said; I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. (**Genesis 45:4**)

- But now do not feel hurt and do not be angry with yourselves because you sold me here, because for the preservation of life God has sent me ahead of you. (**Genesis 45:5**)
- In writing to Timothy, the apostle Paul made the observation that, Law is promulgated, not for a righteous man, but for lawless persons, including **kidnappers**.
- Now we know that the Law is fine provided one handles it lawfully. (**1 Timothy 1:8**)
- In the knowledge of this fact, that Law is promulgated, not for a righteous man, but for persons lawless and unruly, ungodly and sinners, lacking loving-kindness, and profane, murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, manslayers. (**1 Timothy 1:9**)
- Fornicators, men who lie with males, **kidnappers**, liars, false swearers, and whatever other thing is in opposition to the healthful teaching. (**1 Timothy 1:10**)
- According to the glorious Good News of the happy God, with which I was entrusted. (**1 Timothy 1:11**)