

## ~RETRIBUTION (760)

[Hebrew - *sha-lam'*, *ga-mal'*, Greek, *a-po-di'do-mi*, *an-ti-mi-sthi'*, *mi-stha-po-do-si'a*]

- To The Nations That Oppressed Israel
- Under The Law
- On The Jewish Nation In The First Century
- On Disobedient Christians

· The dispensing or receiving of reward or punishment according to the just deserts of the individual or the group, that given or exacted in recompense, especially for evil.

· Variants of, or words drawn from, the Hebrew root verbs *sha-lam'* and *ga-mal'* are translated, reward, recompense, retribution, due treatment, repay, pay back, and so forth.

· The Greek *a-po-di'do-mi*, *an-ti-mi-sthi'*, *mi-stha-po-do-si'a*, and related words are similarly translated.

### · To The Nations That Oppressed Israel

· In the song Moses gave to Israel on the Plains of Moab just before his death, he described Yehowah as one who **pays back vengeance** to His adversaries and who renders **retribution** to those that intensely hate Him.

· Vengeance is mine, and **retribution**. At the appointed time their foot will move unsteadily, for the day of their disaster is near, and the events in readiness for them do make haste.  
(Deuteronomy 32:35]

· If I do indeed sharpen my glittering sword, and my hand takes hold on judgment, I will pay back vengeance to my adversaries and render **retribution** to those who intensely hate me.  
(Deuteronomy 32:41)

· For we know him that said; Vengeance is mine. I will **recompense**. And again; Yehowah will judge his people.  
(Hebrews 10:30)

· The **vengeance** and the **retribution** are executed by God in complete self-control, in full harmony with his justice and never

**without abundant cause. For example, he punished Israel for disobedience, sometimes using pagan nations such as Assyria and Babylon as his instruments.**

- **And it must occur that if you will not listen to the voice of Yehowah your God by taking care to do all his commandments and his statutes that I am commanding you today, all these maledictions must also come upon you and overtake you: (Deuteronomy 28:15)**
- **Cursed will you be in the city, and cursed will you be in the field. (Deuteronomy 28:16)**
- **Cursed will be your basket and your kneading trough. (Deuteronomy 28:17)**
- **Cursed will be the fruit of your belly and the fruitage of your ground, the young of your cattle and the progeny of your flock. (Deuteronomy 28:18)**
- **Cursed will you be when you come in, and cursed will you be when you go out. (Deuteronomy 28:19)**
- **Yehowah will send upon you the curse, confusion and rebuke in every undertaking of yours that you try to carry out, until you have been annihilated and have perished in a hurry, because of the badness of your practices in that you have forsaken me. (Deuteronomy 28:20)**
- **Yehowah will cause the pestilence to cling to you until he has exterminated you from off the ground to which you are going to take possession of it. (Deuteronomy 28:21)**
- **Yehowah will strike you with tuberculosis and burning fever and inflammation and feverish heat and the sword and scorching and mildew, and they will certainly pursue you until you have perished. (Deuteronomy 28:22)**
- **Your skies that are over your head must also become copper, and the earth that is beneath you iron. (Deuteronomy 28:23)**
- **Yehowah will give powder and dust as the rain of your land. From the heavens it will come down upon you until you have been annihilated. (Deuteronomy 28:24)**

- **Yehowah will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. By one way you will go out against them, but by seven ways you will flee before them, and you must become a frightful object to all the earth's kingdoms. (Deuteronomy 28:25)**
- **And your dead body must become food for every flying creature of the heavens and to the beast of the field, with no one to make them tremble. (Deuteronomy 28:26)**
- **Yehowah will strike you with the boil of Egypt and piles and eczema and skin eruption, from which you will not be able to be healed. (Deuteronomy 28:27)**
- **Yehowah will strike you with madness and loss of sight and bewilderment of heart. (Deuteronomy 28:28)**
- **And you will indeed become one who gropes about at midday, just as a blind man gropes about in the gloom, and you will not make your ways successful, and you must become only one who is always defrauded and robbed, with no one to save you. (Deuteronomy 28:29)**
- **You will become engaged to a woman, but another man will rape her. You will build a house, but you will not dwell in it. You will plant a vineyard, but you will not begin to use it. (Deuteronomy 28:30)**
- **Your bull slaughtered there before your eyes, but you will not eat any of it. Your ass taken in robbery from before your face, but it will not return to you. Your sheep given to your enemies, but you will have no savior. (Deuteronomy 28:31)**
- **Your sons and your daughters given to another people and your eyes looking on and yearning for them always, but your hands will be without power. (Deuteronomy 28:32)**
- **The fruitage of your ground and all your production a people will eat whom you have not known, and you must become one who is only defrauded and crushed always. (Deuteronomy 28:33)**
- **And you will certainly become maddened at the sight of your eyes that you will see. (Deuteronomy 28:34)**

- **Yehowah will strike you with a malignant boil upon both knees and both legs, from which you will not be able to be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head. (Deuteronomy 28:35)**
- **Yehowah will march you and your king whom you will set up over you to a nation whom you have not known, neither you nor your forefathers, and there you will have to serve other gods, of wood and of stone. (Deuteronomy 28:36)**
- **And you must become an object of astonishment, a proverbial saying and a taunt among all the peoples to whom Yehowah will lead you away. (Deuteronomy 28:37)**
- **A lot of seed you will take out to the field, but little will you gather, because the locust will devour it. (Deuteronomy 28:38)**
- **Vineyards you will plant and certainly cultivate, but you will drink no wine and gather nothing in, because the worm will eat it up. (Deuteronomy 28:39)**
- **You will come to have olive trees in all your territory, but you will rub yourself with no oil, because your olives will drop off. (Deuteronomy 28:40)**
- **Sons and daughters you will bring forth, but they will not continue yours, because they will go off into captivity. (Deuteronomy 28:41)**
- **All your trees and the fruitage of your ground whirring insects will take in possession. (Deuteronomy 28:42)**
- **The alien resident who is in your midst will keep ascending higher and higher above you, while you, you will keep descending lower and lower. (Deuteronomy 28:43)**
- **He will be the one to lend to you, while you, you will not lend to him. He will become the head, while you, you will become the tail. (Deuteronomy 28:44)**
- **And all these maledictions will certainly come upon you and pursue you and overtake you until you have been annihilated, because you did not listen to the voice of Yehowah your God by keeping his commandments and his statutes that he commanded**

- you. (**Deuteronomy 28:45**)
- **And they must continue on you and your offspring as a sign and a portent to time indefinite. (**Deuteronomy 28:46**)**
  - **Due to the fact that you did not serve Yehowah your God with rejoicing and joy of heart for the abundance of everything. (**Deuteronomy 28:47**)**
  - **And you will have to serve your enemies whom Yehowah will send against you with hunger and thirst and nakedness and the want of everything, and he will certainly put an iron yoke upon your neck until he has annihilated you. (**Deuteronomy 28:48**)**
  - **Yehowah will raise up against you a nation far away, from the end of the earth, just as an eagle pounces, a nation whose tongue you will not understand. (**Deuteronomy 28:49**)**
  - **A nation fierce in countenance, who will not be partial to an old man or show favor to a young man. (**Deuteronomy 28:50**)**
  - **And they will certainly eat the fruit of your domestic animals and the fruitage of your ground until you have been annihilated, and they will let no grain, new wine or oil, no young of your cattle or progeny of your flock, remain for you until they have destroyed you. (**Deuteronomy 28:51**)**
  - **And they will indeed besiege you within all your gates until your high and fortified walls in which you are trusting fall in all your land, yes, they will certainly besiege you within all your gates in all your land, which Yehowah your God has given you. (**Deuteronomy 28:52**)**
  - **Then you will have to eat the fruit of your belly, the flesh of your sons and your daughters, whom Yehowah your God has given you, because of the tightness and stress with which your enemy will hem you in. (**Deuteronomy 28:53**)**
  - **As for the very delicate and dainty man among you, his eye will be evil-inclined toward his brother and his cherished wife and the remainder of his sons whom he has remaining. (**Deuteronomy 28:54**)**
  - **So as not to give one of them any of the flesh of his sons that he**

- will eat, because he has nothing at all remaining to him because of the tightness and stress with which your enemy will hem you in within all your gates. ([Deuteronomy 28:55](#))
- **As for the delicate and dainty woman among you who never attempted to set the sole of her foot upon the earth for being of dainty habit and for delicateness, her eye will be evil-inclined toward her cherished husband and her son and her daughter. ([Deuteronomy 28:56](#))**
  - **Even toward her afterbirth that comes out from between her legs and toward her sons whom she proceeded to bear, because she will eat them in secrecy for the want of everything because of the tightness and stress with which your enemy will hem you in within your gates. ([Deuteronomy 28:57](#))**
  - **If you will not take care to carry out all the words of this Law that are written in this book so as to fear this glorious and fear-inspiring name, even Yehowah, your God. ([Deuteronomy 28:58](#))**
  - **Yehowah also will certainly make your plagues and the plagues of your offspring especially severe, great and long-lasting plagues, and malignant and long-lasting sicknesses. ([Deuteronomy 28:59](#))**
  - **And he will indeed bring back upon you all the diseases of Egypt before which you got scared, and they will certainly hang onto you. ([Deuteronomy 28:60](#))**
  - **Also, any sickness and any plague that is not written in the book of this law, Yehowah will bring them upon you until you have been annihilated. ([Deuteronomy 28:61](#))**
  - **And you will indeed be left with very few in number, although you have become like the stars of the heavens for multitude, because you did not listen to the voice of Yehowah your God. ([Deuteronomy 28:62](#))**
  - **And it must occur that just as Yehowah exulted over you to do you good and to multiply you, so Yehowah will exult over you to destroy you and to annihilate you, and you will simply be torn away from off the soil to which you are going to take possession of it. ([Deuteronomy 28:63](#))**

- **And Yehowah will certainly scatter you among all the peoples from the one end of the earth to the other end of the earth, and there you will have to serve other gods whom you have not known, neither you nor your forefathers, wood and stone. (Deuteronomy 28:64)**
- **And among those nations you will have no ease, nor will there prove to be any resting-place for the sole of your foot, and Yehowah will indeed give you there a trembling heart and a failing of the eyes and despair of soul. (Deuteronomy 28:65)**
- **And you will certainly be in the greatest peril for your life and be in dread night and day, and you will not be sure of your life. (Deuteronomy 28:66)**
- **In the morning you will say; If it only were evening! And in the evening you will say; If it only were morning! Because of the dread of your heart with which you will be in dread and because of the sight of your eyes that you will see. (Deuteronomy 28:67)**
- **And Yehowah will certainly bring you back to Egypt by ships by the way about which I have said to you, You will never see it again, and you will have to sell yourselves there to your enemies as slave men and maidservants, but there will be no buyer. (Deuteronomy 28:68)**
- **And it came about because the sons of Israel had sinned against Yehowah their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and they began to fear other gods. (2 Kings 17:7)**
- **And they kept walking in the statutes of the nations whom Yehowah had driven out from before the sons of Israel, and in the statutes of the kings of Israel that they had made. (2 Kings 17:8)**
- **And the sons of Israel went searching into the things that were not right toward Yehowah their God and kept building themselves high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen clear to the fortified city. (2 Kings 17:9)**
- **And they kept setting up for themselves sacred pillars and sacred poles upon every high hill and under every luxuriant tree. (2 Kings 17:10)**

- **And there on all the high places they continued to make sacrificial smoke the same as the nations whom Yehowah had taken into exile because of them, and they kept doing bad things to offend Yehowah. (2 Kings 17:11)**
- **And they continued to serve dungy idols, concerning which Yehowah had said to them; You must not do this thing. (2 Kings 17:12)**
- **And Yehowah kept warning Israel and Judah by means of all his prophets and every visionary, saying; Turn back from your bad ways and keep my commandments, my statutes, according to all the Law that I commanded your forefathers and that I have sent to you by means of my servants the prophets. (2 Kings 17:13)**
- **And they did not listen but kept hardening their necks like the necks of their forefathers that had not exercised faith in Yehowah their God. (2 Kings 17:14)**
- **And they continued rejecting his regulations and his covenant that he had concluded with their forefathers and his reminders with which he had warned them, and they went following vain idols and became vain themselves, even in imitation of the nations that were all around them, concerning whom Yehowah had commanded them not to do like them. (2 Kings 17:15)**
- **And they kept leaving all the commandments of Yehowah their God and proceeded to make for themselves molten statues, two calves, and to make a sacred pole, and they began to bow down to all the army of the heavens and to serve Baal. (2 Kings 17:16)**
- **And they continued to make their sons and their daughters pass through the fire and to practice divination and to look for omens, and they kept selling themselves to do what was bad in the eyes of Yehowah, to offend him. (2 Kings 17:17)**
- **Therefore Yehowah got very incensed against Israel, so that he removed them from his sight. He did not let any remain but the tribe of Judah alone. (2 Kings 17:18)**
- **Even Judah itself did not keep the commandments of Yehowah their God, but they went walking in the statutes of Israel that they had made. (2 Kings 17:19)**



- **Consequently Yehowah rejected all the seed of Israel and kept afflicting them and giving them into the hand of pillagers, until he had cast them away from before him. (2 Kings 17:20)**
- **For he ripped Israel off from the house of David, and they proceeded to make Jeroboam the son of Nebat king, and Jeroboam proceeded to part Israel from following Yehowah, and he caused them to sin with a great sin. (2 Kings 17:21)**
- **And the sons of Israel went walking in all the sins of Jeroboam that he had done. They did not depart from them. (2 Kings 17:22)**
- **Until Yehowah removed Israel from his sight, just as he had spoken by means of all his servants the prophets. So Israel went off its own soil into exile in Assyria down to this day. (2 Kings 17:23)**
- **Look! Yehowah is dealing a great blow to your people and to your sons and to your wives and to all your goods. (2 Chronicles 21:14)**
- **And you will be with many sicknesses, with a malady of your intestines, until your intestines have come out because of the sickness day by day. (2 Chronicles 21:15)**
- **Accordingly Yehowah aroused against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and the Arabs that were by the side of the Ethiopians. (2 Chronicles 21:16)**
- **So they came up into Judah and forced it open and took captive all the goods that were to be found in the king's house and also his sons and his wives, and there was not left to him a son but Jehoahaz, his youngest son. (2 Chronicles 21:17)**
- **And after all this Yehowah plagued him in his intestines with a sickness for which there was no healing. (2 Chronicles 21:18)**
- **And it came about that in the days to come, even when the term of two full years had expired, his intestines came out during his sickness, and he gradually died in his bad maladies, and his people did not make a burning for him like the burning for his forefathers. (2 Chronicles 21:19)**

- **Thirty-two years old he happened to be when he began to reign, and for eight years he reigned in Jerusalem. Finally he went away without being desired. So they buried him in the City of David, but not in the burial places of the kings. (2 Chronicles 21:20)**
- **But, on their part, these pagan nations acted out of hatred for Yehowah and his true worship, and they went too far in exulting over Israel's defeat and in oppressing Israel. Consequently God uttered judgments of **retribution** upon them.**
- **And it must occur that when Yehowah terminates all his work in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, I shall make an accounting for the fruitage of the insolence of the heart of the king of Assyria and for the self-importance of his loftiness of eyes. (Isaiah 10:12)**
- **Come up close, you nations, to hear, and you national groups, pay attention. Let the earth and that which fills it listen, the productive land and all its produce. (Isaiah 34:1)**
- **For Yehowah has indignation against all the nations, and rage against all their army. He must devote them to destruction, he must give them to the slaughter. (Isaiah 34:2)**
- **For Yehowah has a day of vengeance, a year of **retributions** for the legal case over Zion. (Isaiah 34:8)**
- **Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and provide escape each one for his own soul. Do not be rendered inanimate through her error. For it is the time of vengeance belonging to Yehowah. There is treatment that he is paying back to her. (Jeremiah 51:6)**
- **For there must come upon her, upon Babylon, the despoiler, and her mighty men will certainly be captured. Their bows must be shattered, for Yehowah is a God of recompenses. Without fail he will repay. (Jeremiah 51:56)**
- **Will it not be in that day, is the utterance of Yehowah? And I shall certainly destroy the wise ones out of Edom, and discernment out of the mountainous region of Esau. (Obadiah 1:8)**
- **And your mighty men must become terrified, O Teman, for the**

reason that each one will be cut off from the mountainous region of Esau, because of a killing. (**Obadiah 1:9**)

- Because of the violence to your brother Jacob, shame will cover you, and you will have to be cut off to time indefinite. (**Obadiah 1:10**)
- In the day when you stood off on the side, in the day when strangers took his military force into captivity and when outright foreigners entered his gate and over Jerusalem they cast lots, you also were like one of them. (**Obadiah 1:11**)
- And you ought not to watch the sight in the day of your brother, in the day of his misfortune, and you ought not to rejoice at the sons of Judah in the day of their perishing, and you ought not to maintain a big mouth in the day of their distress. (**Obadiah 1:12**)
- You ought not to come into the gate of my people in the day of their disaster. You, even you, ought not to peer at his calamity in the day of his disaster, and you ought not to thrust out a hand upon his wealth in the day of his disaster. (**Obadiah 1:13**)
- And you ought not to stand at the parting of the ways, in order to cut off his escapees, and you ought not to hand over his survivors in the day of distress. (**Obadiah 1:14**)
- For the day of Yehowah against all the nations is near. In the way that you have done, it will be done to you. Your sort of treatment will return upon your own head. (**Obadiah 1:15**)
- For in the way that you people have drunk upon my holy mountain, all the nations will keep drinking constantly. And they will certainly drink and gulp down and become as though they had never happened to be. (**Obadiah 1:16**)
- With great indignation I am feeling indignant against the nations that are at ease, because I, for my part, felt indignant to only a little extent, but they, for their part, helped toward calamity. (**Zechariah 1:15**)
- Babylon in particular suffered **retribution** for her age-old enmity against Yehowah and his people. Downfall and complete desolation were prophesied against her.

- She was overthrown by Cyrus the Persian in **539 B.C.E.**, but continued to exist as a city for centuries, finally falling into utter desolation, never to be rebuilt. (**Jeremiah Chapters 50,51**) Symbolic Babylon the Great is to suffer like retribution, being thrown down never to be found again.
- And he cried out with a strong voice, saying; She has fallen! Babylon the Great has fallen, and she has become a dwelling place of demons and a lurking place of every unclean exhalation and a lurking place of every unclean and hated bird! (**Revelation 18:2**)
- Render to her even as she herself rendered, and do to her twice as much, yes, twice the number of the things she did, in the cup in which she put a mixture put twice as much of the mixture for her. (**Revelation 18:6**)
- Be glad over her, O heaven, also you holy ones and you apostles and you prophets, because God has judicially exacted punishment for you from her! (**Revelation 18:20**)
- And a strong angel lifted up a stone like a great millstone and hurled it into the sea, saying; Thus with a swift pitch will Babylon the great city be hurled down, and she will never be found again. (**Revelation 18:21**)

**See Also BABYLON THE GREAT**

### •• Under The Law

- God's Law to Israel given through Moses was one of exact **retribution**, although mercy was extended to the unwitting and repentant sinner.
- Or in case a soul swears to the extent of speaking thoughtlessly with his lips to do evil or to do good as respects anything at all that the man might speak thoughtlessly in a sworn statement, although it had been hidden from him, and yet he himself has come to know it, then he has become guilty as respects one of these things. (**Leviticus 5:4**)
- And it must occur that in case he becomes guilty as respects one of these things, then he must confess in what way he has sinned. (**Leviticus 5:5**)

- **And he must bring his guilt offering to Yehowah for his sin that he has committed, namely, a female from the flock, a female lamb or a female kid of the goats, for a sin offering, and the priest must make an atonement for him for his sin. (Leviticus 5:6)**
- **And if a soul sins in that he does do one of all the things that Yehowah commands should not be done, although he did not know it, yet he has become guilty and must answer for his error. (Leviticus 5:17)**
- **And he must bring a sound ram from the flock according to the estimated value, for a guilt offering, to the priest, and the priest must make an atonement for him for his mistake that he committed unintentionally, although he himself did not know it, and so it must be forgiven him. (Leviticus 5:18)**
- **It is a guilt offering. He has positively become guilty against Yehowah. (Leviticus 5:19)**
- **And Yehowah went on to speak to Moses, saying; (Leviticus 6:1)**
- **In case a soul sins in that he does behave unfaithfully toward Yehowah and does deceive his associate about something in his charge or a deposit in hand or a robbery or he does defraud his associate. (Leviticus 6:2)**
- **Or he does find something lost and is actually deceptive about it and does swear falsely over any of all the things that the man might do to sin by them. (Leviticus 6:3)**
- **Then it must occur that in case he sins and indeed becomes guilty, he must return the robbed thing which he has robbed or the extorted thing which he has taken by fraud or the thing in his charge which was put in his charge or the thing lost that he has found. (Leviticus 6:4)**
- **Or anything at all over which he might swear falsely, and he must make compensation for it in its full amount, and he will add to it a fifth of it. To the one whose it is he will give it on the day his guilt is proved. (Leviticus 6:5)**
- **And as his guilt offering he will bring to Yehowah a sound ram**

- from the flock according to the estimated value, for a guilt offering, to the priest. (**Leviticus 6:6**)
- **And the priest must make an atonement for him before Yehowah, and so it must be forgiven him regarding any of all the things that he might do resulting in guiltiness by it. (**Leviticus 6:7**)**
  - **But if it was unexpectedly without enmity that he has pushed him or has thrown any article toward him without lying in wait. (**Numbers 35:22**)**
  - **Or any stone by which he could die without seeing him or he should cause it to fall upon him, so that he died, while he was not at enmity with him and was not seeking his injury. (**Numbers 35:23**)**
  - **The assembly must then judge between the striker and the avenger of blood according to these judgments. (**Numbers 35:24**)**
  - **And the assembly must deliver the manslayer out of the hand of the avenger of blood, and the assembly must return him to his city of refuge to which he had fled, and he must dwell in it until the death of the High Priest who was anointed with the holy oil. (**Numbers 35:25**)**
  - **But if the manslayer without fail goes out of the boundary of his city of refuge to which he may flee. (**Numbers 35:26**)**
  - **And the avenger of blood does find him outside the boundary of his city of refuge, and the avenger of blood does slay the manslayer, he has no bloodguilt. (**Numbers 35:27**)**
  - **For he ought to dwell in his city of refuge until the High Priest's death, and after the High Priest's death the manslayer may return to the land of his possession. (**Numbers 35:28**)**
  - **And these must serve as a statute of judgment for you throughout your generations in all your dwelling places. (**Numbers 35:29**)**
  - **But the Law of **retribution** applied fully to the deliberate and unrepentant violator.**
  - **But the soul that does something deliberately, whether he is a**

native or an alien resident, he speaking abusively of Yehowah, in that case that soul must be cut off from among his people. **(Numbers 15:30)**

- In cases in which a man acted as a false witness, giving lying testimony against a fellowman before the judges, he was to receive **retribution**, the exact punishment that he would have caused the innocent man to receive. Yehowah said;
- In case a witness scheming violence should rise up against a man to bring a charge of revolt against him. **(Deuteronomy 19:16)**
- The two men who have the dispute must also stand before Yehowah, before the priests and the judges who will be acting in those days. **(Deuteronomy 19:17)**
- And the judges must search thoroughly, and if the witness is a false witness and has brought a false charge against his brother. **(Deuteronomy 19:18)**
- You must also do to him just as he had schemed to do to his brother, and you must clear away what is bad from your midst. **(Deuteronomy 19:19)**
- So those who remain will hear and be afraid, and they will never again do anything bad like this in your midst. **(Deuteronomy 19:20)**
- And your eye should not feel sorry, soul will be for soul, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. **(Deuteronomy 19:21)**

## •• On The Jewish Nation In The First Century

- The Jewish nation manifested a selfish viewpoint in accepting God's undeserved kindnesses and favors to them. Yehowah allowed this selfish course and attitude to bring **retribution** upon them. They went about trying to establish their own righteousness instead of subjecting themselves to the righteousness of God.
- Brothers, the goodwill of my heart and my supplication to God for them are, indeed, for their salvation. **(Romans 10:1)**
- For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not

according to accurate knowledge. (**Romans 10:2**)

- For, because of not knowing the righteousness of God but seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. (**Romans 10:3**)
- **As a result, the majority of the nation stumbled over Jesus Christ and rejected him, sharing bloodguilt in connection with his death, thereby bringing destruction to their city and temple and ruin to their nation.**
- **At that all the people said in answer; His blood come upon us and upon our children. (**Matthew 27:25**)**
- **And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah will be cut off, with nothing for himself. And the city and the holy place the people of a leader that is coming will bring to their ruin. And the end of it will be by the flood. And until the end there will be war, what is decided upon is desolations. (**Daniel 9:26**)**
- **The apostle Paul quotes from,**
- **Let their table before them become a trap, and what is for their welfare a snare. (**Psalms 69:22**)**
- **And applies it to them when he writes.**
- **Also, David says; Let their table become for them a snare and a trap and a stumbling block and a **retribution**. (**Romans 11:9**)**

## •• **On Disobedient Christians**

- **The apostle Paul refers back to retributive justice under the Law in emphasizing the seriousness of Christians obeying the Son of God:**
- **For if the word spoken through angels proved to be firm, and every transgression and disobedient act received a **retribution** in harmony with justice. (**Hebrews 2:2**)**
- **How shall we escape if we have neglected a salvation of such greatness in that it began to be spoken through our Lord and was verified for us by those who heard him. (**Hebrews 2:3**) Footnote**
- **Any man that has disregarded the Law of Moses dies without**



compassion, upon the testimony of two or three. (**Hebrews 10:28**)

- Of how much more severe a punishment, do you think, will the man be counted worthy who has trampled upon the Son of God and who has esteemed as of ordinary value the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and who has outraged the spirit of undeserved kindness with contempt? (**Hebrews 10:29**)
- For we know him that said; Vengeance is mine. I will recompense. And again; Yehowah will judge his people. (**Hebrews 10:30**)
- It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (**Hebrews 10:31**)
- The judgment of destruction upon the apostate man of lawlessness furnishes an example of such **retribution**.
- Let no one seduce you in any manner, because it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness gets revealed, the son of destruction. (**2 Thessalonians 2:3**)
- But the lawless ones presence is according to the operation of Satan with every powerful work and lying signs and portents. (**2 Thessalonians 2:9**)
- And with every unrighteous deception for those who are perishing, as a **retribution** because they did not accept the love of the truth that they might be saved. (**2 Thessalonians 2:10**)

**See Also MAN OF LAWLESSNESS**