

# BURNING ALIVE

*The Sinner's Fate?*







- a woman and her daughter who marry the same man (Lev. 20:14)
- the daughter of a priest who 'plays the whore' (Lev. 21:9)
- Achan and the accursed thing (Josh.7:15)

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wickedness (KJV), depravity (ESV), and iniquity (LXX)

“zaman” (זָמַן – 2161)

“to have a thought, a plan, or a purpose”.

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“sha’arah” (שְׂאֵרָה – 7608)

“near kin, what remains”

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<sup>LXE</sup> **Genesis 34:2** And Sychem the son of Emmor the Evite, the ruler of the land, saw her, and took her and lay with her, and **humbled** (Heb. “anah” – 6031) her.

**Genesis 34:31** But they said, "Should he treat our sister like a prostitute (Heb. “zanah”)?"

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<sup>ESV</sup> **Isaiah 53:5** But he was **wounded** (chalal) for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

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<sup>ESV</sup> **Genesis 49:3** "Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the firstfruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power. <sup>4</sup> Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father's bed; then you **defiled** (chalal) it- he went up to my couch!"

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<sup>ESV</sup> **Psalm 109:21-22** But you, O GOD my Lord, deal on my behalf for your name's sake; because your steadfast love is good, deliver me! <sup>22</sup> For I am poor and needy, and my heart is **stricken** (chalal) within me.

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<sup>ESV</sup> **Deuteronomy 22:28-29** "If a man meets a virgin who is not betrothed, and seizes her and lies with her, and they are found, <sup>29</sup> then the man who lay with her shall give to the father of the young woman fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife, because he has violated her. He may not divorce her all his days.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 22:16-17** "If a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged to be married and lies with her, he shall give the bride-price for her and make her his wife. <sup>17</sup> If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money equal to the bride-price for virgins.

What Does it Mean – “Burn them with Fire”?

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<sup>ESV</sup> **Deuteronomy 12:31** You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, **for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.**

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*How did the Molech work in the valley of Ben-Hinnom? It was built outside of Jerusalem. It was an idol with the face of a calf and open hands like someone who wants to take something from another. They would light this idol on fire until his hands were scorching. There were seven chambers before him and according to the quality of the sacrifice that is how close one could come to him. If one came with a bird, then chamber one; goat, chamber two; sheep, chamber three; calf, chamber four; cow, chamber five; and ox, chamber six.*

*He who brought his child, the priests would say that he is offering the greatest sacrifice. He would enter the innermost chamber and go kiss the Molech . . .*

*The priests would then take the child and place it near the Molech. They would then bang with drums to drown out the cries.*

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## Burning Alive – Never Came to His Mind

<sup>ESV</sup> **Jeremiah 19:5** (You) and have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, **which I did not command or decree, nor did it come into my mind** -

<sup>ESV</sup> **Jeremiah 32:35** They built the high places of Baal in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to offer up their sons and daughters to Molech, though **I did not command them, nor did it enter into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.**

## Burning Alive – Not a Punishment for Sin

<sup>ESV</sup> **Leviticus 20:2** "Say to the people of Israel, Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death. **The people of the land shall stone him with stones.**



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<sup>NKJ</sup> **Joshua 7:10 - 8:1** ... "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? <sup>11</sup> "Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. ...<sup>14</sup> 'In the morning therefore you shall be brought according to your tribes. And it shall be *that* the tribe which the LORD takes shall come according to families; and the family which the LORD takes shall come by households; and the household which the LORD takes shall come man by man. <sup>15</sup> 'Then it shall be *that* he who is taken with the accursed thing shall be **burned with fire**, he and all that he has, **because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has done a disgraceful thing in Israel.**' " ...

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<sup>19</sup> ... "My son, I beg you, give glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession to Him, and tell me now what you have done; do not hide *it* from me." <sup>20</sup> And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done: ... <sup>25</sup> And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day.

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" **So all Israel stoned him with stones;** and they burned them with fire **after they had stoned them with stones.** <sup>26</sup> Then they raised over him a great heap of stones, still there to this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Achor to this day.

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<sup>NKJ</sup> **Genesis 3:19** In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you *are*, And to dust you shall return."

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*Many of the very worst execution methods ever devised involve fire — from burning witches at the stake in medieval Britain to roasting criminals alive in the searing metal insides of the brazen bull in Ancient Greece — but few match the sheer lack of humanity as the Roman Candle. A rumored favorite of the mad Roman Emperor Nero, this method saw the subject tied to a stake and smeared with flammable pitch (tree or plant resin), then set ablaze, slowly burning to death from the feet up.*



<sup>ESV</sup> **2 Samuel 24:14** ... "I am in great distress. Let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is great; but let me not fall into the hand of man."

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**Shalom Alechim**

*Peace be Unto You*