

- 26 אָרוּר אֱשֶׁר לֹא-יָקִים אֶת-דְּבָרֵי הַתּוֹרָה-הַזֹּאת
לַעֲשׂוֹת אוֹתָם וְאָמַר כָּל-הָעָם אָמֵן:
- 7 וַיֹּאמֶר יִצְחָק אֶל-אַבְרָהָם אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי
וַיֹּאמֶר הַנְּנִי בְנִי וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה הָאֵשׁ וְהָעֵצִים
וְאֵיךְ תֵּשֶׁה לַעֲלֹה:
- 8 וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֱלֹהִים יִרְאֶה-לוֹ הַשָּׂה לַעֲלֹה
בְנֵי וַיִּלְכוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם יַחְדָּו:
- 11 כִּי נֶפֶשׁ הַבֶּשֶׂר בַּדָּם הוּא וְאֲנִי נֹחַתִּיו לָכֶם
עַל-הַמִּזְבֵּחַ לְכַפֵּר עַל-נַפְשֹׁתֵיכֶם כִּי-הַדָּם הוּא
בְּנַפְשׁ יִכָּפֵר:
- 17 וּמֵעַץ הַדַּעַת טוֹב וְרַע לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ כִּי
בַיּוֹם אֲכַלְהָ מִמֶּנּוּ מוֹת תָּמוּת:
- 17 וּלְאָדָם אָמַר כִּי שָׁמַעְתָּ לְקוֹל אִשְׁתְּךָ וַתֹּאכַל
מִן-הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִיךָ לֵאמֹר לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ
אֲרוּרָה הָאֲדָמָה בְּעִבְרֹתֶיךָ בְּעִצְבוֹן תֹּאכַלְנָה כֹּל
יְמֵי חַיֶּיךָ:
- 18 וְקוֹץ וְדַרְדַּר תַּצְמִיחַ לָהּ וְאֲכַלְתָּ אֶת-עֵשֶׂב הַשָּׂדֶה:
- 19 בּוֹעֵת אֶפְיָהּ תֹאכַל לֶחֶם עַד שׁוֹבָה אֶל-הָאֲדָמָה
כִּי מִמֶּנָּה לְקַחְתָּ כִּי-עָפַר אֶתָּה וְאֶל-עָפָר תָּשׁוּב:

Deuteronomy 27:26. Cursed be whoever does not confirm [uphold] the words of the Torah by carrying them out. Then all the people said, Amen.

Genesis 22:7-8

7. And Isaac spoke unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

8. And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Leviticus 17:11. For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Genesis 2:17; 3:17-19

2:17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

3:17. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast listened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life:

18. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

[Those who do not comprehend the full rigor of Deuteronomy 27:26 and of the Torah itself, think, by their zeal or pedigree or ethical attainment, that they can pass unscathed under the curse pronounced here. Or else those who read this verse so light-heartedly think that God will make the threat idle by casual mercy of some imagined sort. But the Word of God, who threatened sinful Man with the curse of death, promised mercy only through the provision he will provide (Genesis 22:7-8; Leviticus 17:11; Isaiah 53:10—see note #10) and only by faith (Habakuk 2:4—see note #113). The Word of God, who pronounced on fallen humanity the curse of death (Genesis 2:17; 3:17-19), demanded a new heart and a new spirit as well as faith in the Messiah. And this same Word gives absolutely no assurance at all that Man with his dead, unregenerated, stony heart can uphold the Torah or keep it. See notes #68 and #82.]