

Leviticus 20:1-5 **Penalty for Worshiping Molech**

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Again, you shall say to the children of Israel: 'Whoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who gives any of his descendants to Molech, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones.

³ I will set My face against that man, and will cut him off from his people, because he has given some of his descendants to Molech, to defile My sanctuary and profane My holy name. ⁴ And if the people of the land should in any way hide their eyes from the man, when he gives some of his descendants to Molech, and they do not kill him, ⁵ then I will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Death by stoning is prescribed for the one who gives any of his descendants to Molech.
- ✧ Molech is the chief deity of the Ammonites who were descended from Lot the nephew of Abraham, and of the Phoenicians in neighboring Syria, to whom human sacrifices were offered.
- ✧ The death sentence was to be carried out by the people of the land.
- ✧ If the people of the land do not kill the idolater, then God will set His face against the man and his family, along with all who side with him.
- ✧ God views the worship of Molech as prostitution and harlotry with Molech.
- ✧ God often uses the terms of prostitution and harlotry when it comes to people turning to idolatry, because it represents their level of unfaithfulness toward Himself, and their preference for a useless substitute as their god. [[Leviticus 20:5](#), [Ezekiel 6:9](#), [16:36](#), [23:37](#), [Hosea 4:12](#)]