

# Capital Punishment in the Old Testament

## MURDER

Genesis 9:16  
Exodus 21:12  
Deuteronomy 19:11-13

## KIDNAPPING

Exodus 21:16  
Deuteronomy 24:7

## DEATH BY NEGLIGENCE

Exodus 21:28-29

## SMITTING OR CURSING A PARENT

Exodus 21:15-17

## IDOLATRY

Deuteronomy 20:1-5

## SORCERY

Exodus 22:18

## FALSE PROPHECY

Deuteronomy 18:10,  
11, 20

## BLASPHEMY

Leviticus 24:15-16

## PROFAINING THE SABBATH DAY

Exodus 31:14

## ADULTERY

Leviticus 21:10  
Deuteronomy 22:22

## RAPE

Deuteronomy 22:23-27

## ANTE-CONNUBIAL IMMORALITY

Deuteronomy 22:13-21

## SODOMY

Leviticus 20:13

## SEX WITH ANIMALS

Leviticus 20:15-16

## INCESTUOUS MARRIAGE

Leviticus 20:11-14

"Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin."  
Deuteronomy 24:16

Sometimes capital punishment was not always carried out.

Sometimes other punishments were substituted.

Two key words in the Old Testament:

1. "Vengeance"
2. "Justice"

Two key words in the New Testament:

1. "Mercy"
2. "Forgiveness"

God has always determined the standard of right and wrong.

