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AND  
OVERCOMING  
VIOLENCE  
AGAINST  
WOMEN**



## Deuteronomy 32:33

Their wine is the venom of serpents, the deadly poison of cobras

## 35-37

<sup>35</sup> It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them.' <sup>36</sup> The LORD will vindicate his people and relent concerning his servants when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free. <sup>37</sup> He will say: 'Now where are their gods, the rock they took refuge in,

## Deuteronomy 32:39-43

<sup>39</sup> “See now that I myself am he! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand. <sup>40</sup> I lift my hand to heaven and solemnly swear: As surely as I live forever, <sup>41</sup> when I sharpen my flashing sword and my hand grasps it in judgment, I will take vengeance on my adversaries and repay those who hate me. <sup>42</sup> I will make my arrows drunk with blood, while my sword devours flesh: the blood of the slain and the captives, the heads of the enemy leaders.”

<sup>43</sup> Rejoice, you nations, with his people, for he will avenge the blood of his servants; he will take vengeance on his enemies and make atonement for his land and people.

## Romans 12:19-21

<sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Revelation 6:9-11

<sup>9</sup> When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. <sup>10</sup> They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” <sup>11</sup> Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.

## Revelation 18:20

<sup>20</sup> “Rejoice over her, you heavens!

Rejoice, you people of God!

Rejoice, apostles and prophets!

For God has judged her with the judgment she imposed on you.”

We should pray that our enemies be converted and become our friends and, if not, that their doing and designing be bound to fail and have no success and that their persons perish rather than the Gospel and the kingdom of Christ.

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