

In Exodus, we read that God tried to kill Moses on his way back to Egypt, even though he had been chosen to be instrumental in the deliverance of the children of Israel.

It was only through the wise actions of his wife Zipporah that God let him go. Later, Moses was forbidden to enter the Promised Land for the same reason.

In Leviticus, the two sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, were killed by fire from the Lord and their brothers, Eleazar and Ithamar, were commanded not to mourn publicly.

In Numbers, we read the Lord severely punished Moses' sister Miriam with leprosy and that the whole community of Israelites had to pause their journey for the seven days she was to stay separated from the camp.

In First Samuel, both sons of the priest Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were struck dead on the same day in fulfilment of the divine judgement pronounced against them earlier.

Second Samuel says that the Lord's anger was kindled against Uzzah and He killed him instantly before the whole assembly.

In First Kings, we read about the young prophet who came to Bethel to denounce King Jeroboam but was later killed by a lion on his way home.

Further on, in the same Book, another man of God from a company of prophets was met with a similar fate.

The New Testament is no less explicit. The most familiar is the total destruction of the villages and towns where Jesus had performed most of His healings and miracles.