

ר' הונא ור' יהושע בר אבין חתניה דר' לוי בשם ר' לוי אין בעל הרחמים נוגע בנפשות תחלה (זי דף 031)

**"Rabbi Huna and Rabbi Joshua bar Abin, the son-in-law of Rabbi Levi taught in the name of Rabbi Levi: The Master of Mercy puts off taking human life".**

When a person sins God does not immediately mete out in full the punishment he deserves. Punishment comes in stages. After each stage God gives a person the chance to change his ways.

The Egyptians were not punished with the death of the first born right away. Similarly, the Metsora' does not first get plagued on his body; it starts on his house, then to his garments, and then to his body.