

## ACTS 1:18-20 JUDAS HUNG HIMSELF

In Hebrew “hung himself” or “strangled himself” is a Hebrew idiom meaning they committed suicide, fell upon their sword (took their own life).



In Acts 1:18-20 when we read the verse about Judas hanging himself after he betrayed Yeshua, most think he hung himself on a rope as is the common meaning today. This is not what it meant in times of old. Let's have a close look at these verses.

**Acts 1:18-20** (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and **falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out.** 19 And it became known to all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch that in their language that field was called Akeldama, that is, The field of blood.) 20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be made desolate, And let no man dwell therein: and, His office let another take.” (Ps. 109:8). Notice it says that **“he burst open in the middle”**. Judas fell into his own sword. He committed suicide.

Yeshua's disciple, a man of authority, Judas, hung himself on his own sword.

Here we see an example of a thematic connection between David and Yeshua. Both King David and Yeshua were men of great authority who had men under them in authority, who hung themselves. We see a picture of two men of authority who hung themselves. We will see that Ahithophel was a prophetic picture of Judas. David had a close advisor Ahithophel who hung himself. **2Sam. 17:23** Now when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his donkey and arose and went to his home, to his city, and set his house in order, and **strangled himself**; thus he died and was buried in the grave of his father.”

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