

scourge

1. [skɜ:dʒ] n

1. кнут, бич, плеть
2. бич, кара, наказание
 the divine scourge - кара божья
 the scourge of war [of disease, of famine] - бедствие, вызванное войной [эпидемией, голодом]
 war is the greatest scourge - война - величайшее наказание
 flies and wasps are a regular scourge in summer - мухи и осы - настоящий бич летом
 ◇ the white scourge - туберкулёз
 the Scourge of God - Божий Бич (*прозвище Аттилы*)

2. [skɜ:dʒ] v

1. наносить удары бичом, бить плетью, кнутом
2. карать, наказывать
 to scourge oneself - бичевать себя
 to be scourged by the memory of one's misdeeds - терзаться угрызениями совести при воспоминании о своих проступках
3. *шотл.* истощать землю

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

scourge [scourge scourges scourged scourging] noun, verb BrE [skɜːdʒ] n

NAme [skɜːrdʒ] n

noun

1. usually singular ~ (of sb/sth) (formal) a person or thing that causes trouble or suffering
 - the **scourge of war/disease/poverty**
 - Inflation was the scourge of the 1970s.
2. a ↑whip used to punish people in the past

Word Origin:

Middle English: shortening of Old French **escorge** (noun), **escorgier** (verb), from Latin **ex-** 'thoroughly' + **corrigia** 'thong, whip'.

Example Bank:

- He is well-known as a scourge of the Establishment.
- The Green Party sees the motor car as a scourge on society.
- freeing the world from the scourge of nuclear weapons
- taking action against the growing scourge of hunger
- the need to remove the terrible scourge of poverty from our community

verb

1. usually passive ~ **sb** (literary) to cause trouble or suffering to sb
 - He lay awake, scourged by his conscience.
2. ~ **sb** (old use) to hit sb with a ↑scourge

Syn: ↑whip

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	scourge
	BrE /skɜːdʒ/
	NAme /skɜːrdʒ/
he / she /it	scourges
	BrE /skɜːdʒz/
	NAme /skɜːrdʒz/
past simple, past participle	scourged
	BrE /skɜːdʒd/
	NAme /skɜːrdʒd/
-ing form	scourging
	BrE /skɜːdʒɪŋ/
	NAme /skɜːrdʒɪŋ/

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I. scourge¹ /skɜːdʒ/ BrE n AmE n noun [countable]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: escorge, from Old French escorgier 'to whip', from Latin corrigia 'long thin piece of leather']

1. something that causes a lot of harm or suffering
scourge of
 " the scourge of unemployment
 " the scourge of war
2. a ↑whip used to punish people in the past

ii. **scourge**² *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *verb* [transitive]

1. to cause a lot of harm or suffering to a place or group of people
2. to hit someone with a whip as punishment in the past

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