

Deuteronomy Chapter 23



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Those Excluded from the Assembly



23 ¹No one whose testicles are crushed or whose penis is cut off shall be admitted to the assembly of the Lord. ² Those born of an illicit union shall not be admitted to the assembly of the Lord. Even to the tenth generation, none of their descendants shall be admitted to the assembly of the Lord.

³ No Ammonite or Moabite shall be admitted to the Assembly of the Lord. Even to the tenth generation, none of their descendants shall be admitted to the assembly of the Lord, ⁴ because they did not meet you with food and water on your journey out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam son of Beor, from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you. ⁵ (Yet the Lord your God refused to heed Balaam; the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your

God loved you.)⁶ You shall never promote their welfare or their prosperity as long as you live.⁷ You shall not abhor any of the Edomites, for they are your kin. You shall not abhor any of the Egyptians, because you were an alien residing in their land.⁸ The children of the third generation that are born to them may be admitted to the assembly of the Lord.

9. When you are encamped against your enemies you shall guard against any impropriety.

10. If one of you becomes unclean because of a nocturnal emission, then he shall go outside the camp; he must not come within the camp. 11. When evening comes, he shall wash himself with water, and when the sun has set, he may come back into the camp.

12. You shall have a designated area outside the camp to which you shall go. 13. With your utensils you shall have a trowel; when you relieve yourself outside, you shall dig a hole with it and then cover up your excrement.

14. Because the LORD your God travels along with your camp, to save you and to hand over your enemies to you, therefore your camp must be holy, so that he may not see anything indecent among you and turn away from you.

15. Slaves who have escaped to you from their owners shall not be given back to them.

16. They shall reside with you, in your midst, in any place they choose in any one of your towns, wherever they please; you shall not oppress them.

¹⁷ No Israelite, man or woman is to become a temple prostitute.¹⁸ Also, no money earned in this way may be brought into the ~~tem~~ house of the Lord your God in fulfilment of a vow. The Lord hates temple prostitutes.

¹⁹ When you lend money or food or anything else to a fellow-Israelite, do not charge him interest.

²⁰ You may charge interest on what you lend to a foreigner, but not on what you lend to a fellow-Israelite. Obey this rule, and the Lord your God will bless everything you do in the land that you are going to occupy.

²¹ When you make a vow to the Lord your God,

do not put off carrying what you promised.

The Lord will hold you to your vow and

²² it is a sin not to keep it. It is no sin

not to make a vow to the Lord.²³ but if you make one voluntarily, be sure that you keep it.

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" When you walk along a path in someone else's vineyard, you may eat all the grapes you want, but you must not carry any away in a container. When you walk along a path in someone else's cornfield, you may eat all the corn you can pull off with your hands, but you must not cut any corn with a sickle.

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- 1 Suppose a man enters into marriage with a woman, but she does not please him because he finds something objectionable about her, and so he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house; she then leaves his house.
- 2 and goes off to become another man's wife.
- 3 Then suppose the second man dislikes her, writes her a bill of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house (or the second man who married her dies);
- 4 her first husband, who sent her away, is not permitted to take her again to be his wife after she has been defiled; for that would be abhorrent to the Lord, and you shall not bring guilt on the land that the Lord your God is giving you as a possession.
- 5 When a man is newly married, he shall

not go out with the army or be charged with any related duty. He shall be free at home for one year, to be happy with the wife whom he has married.

6 No one shall take a mill or an upper millstone in pledge, for that would be taking a life in pledge.

7 If someone is caught kidnapping another Israelite, enslaving or selling the Israelite, then that kidnapper shall die. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

8. Guard against an outbreak of a leprous skin disease by being very careful; you shall carefully observe whatever the levitical priests instruct you, just as I have commanded them.

9 Remember what the Lord your god did to Miriam on your journey out of Egypt.

10.

When you make your neighbour a loan of any kind,
you shall not go into the house to take the pledge.

"you shall wait outside, while the
Person to whom you are making
the loan brings the pledge out to you

12.

If the person is poor, you shall not sleep in the
garment given to you as the pledge.

13.

You shall give the pledge back by sunset,
so that your neighbour may sleep in the cloak
and bless you; and it will be to your credit
before the Lord your God.

14.

You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy
labourers, whether other Israelites or aliens who
reside in your land in one of your towns.

15.

You shall pay them their wages daily
before sunset, because they are poor
and their livelihood depends on them;
otherwise they might cry to the Lord
against you, and you would incur guilt.

16.

Parents shall not be put to death, for their children,

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nor shall children be put to death for their parents;
only for their own crimes may persons be put to
death.

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[What if a man marries then decides that he does not want her, because he finds out something about her that he does not like. He obtains divorce papers and gives her them and sends her away from home.]

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Do not deprive foreigners and orphans of their rights; and do not take a widow's garment as security for a loan. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God set you free; that is why I have given you this command.

19. When you gather your crops and fail to bring in some corn that you have cut, do not go back for it; it is to be left for the foreigners, orphans and widows, so that the Lord your God will bless you in everything you do.

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21. When you have gathered your grapes once, do not go back over the vines a second time; the grapes that are left are for the foreigners, orphans and widows.
22. Never forget that you were slaves in Egypt; that is why I have given you this command.

¹ Suppose two persons have a dispute and enter into litigation, and the judges decide between them, declaring one to be in the right and the other to be in the wrong.² If the one in the wrong deserves to be flogged, the judge shall make that person lie down and be beaten in his presence with the number of lashes proportionate to the offense.³ Forty lashes may be given but ~~not~~ not more; if more lashes than these are given, your neighbour will be degraded in your sight. If you shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.⁴ When brothers reside together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the deceased shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go into her, taking her in marriage, and performing the duty of a husband's brother to her,⁵ and the first born whom she bears shall succeed to the name

of the deceased brother, so that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.⁷ But if the man has no desire to marry his brother's widow then his brother's widow shall go up to the elders at the gate and say, "My husband's brother refuses to perpetuate his brother's name in Israel! He will not perform the duty of a husband's brother." Then the elders of his town shall summon him and speak to him. If he persists; saying, "I have no desire to marry her,"⁸ Then his brother's wife shall go up to him in the presence of the elders, pull his sandal of his foot, spit in his face, and declare, "This is what is done to the man who does not build up his brother's house."⁹ Throughout Israel his family shall be known as "The house of him who sandal was pulled off."¹⁰

"If men get into a fight with one another, and the wife of one intervenes to

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Rescue her husband from the grip of his opponent by reaching out and seizing his genitals,¹² you shall cut off her hand; show no pity.

Levirate Marriage

¹³You shall not have in your bag two kinds of weights, large and small. You shall not have in your house two kinds of measures, large and small. You shall have only a full and honest weight; you shall have only a full and honest measure, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹⁶For all who do such things, all who act dishonestly, are abhorrent to the Lord your God.

¹⁷Remember what Amalek did to you on your journey out of Egypt, how he attacked you on the way, when you were faint and weary, and struck down all who lagged behind you; he did not fear God. Therefore when the Lord your God has given you rest from all your enemies on every hand, in the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; do not forget.