

Midrash *Ki Tetze* (“When You Go”) Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19

Kingdom Principles Patterned in Torah: *Shoftim* – The King’s Organization
Ki Tetze – The Citizens’ Rules of Conduct

Female Captives

Before marriage: Take her to his home
Change her clothes

Cut her hair & nails }
Wait 30 days }

If he changes his mind, he
sets her free – cannot sell her

Deuteronomy 21:10-14

Firstborn Inheritance Rights

If a man has 2 wives, he will always love one more than the other Therefore..... I Timothy 3:12

He must honor the firstborn - even if from the less-loved wife

With the Double-Portion

Some commentaries suggest that the firstborn will come from the less-loved!

The birthright cannot be taken because of parentage....but can be forfeited:

Reuben: firstborn of Leah defiled his father’s bed with *Bilhah*

Esau forfeited his birthright for a bowl of beans!

Deuteronomy 21:15–17

4 Examples which God allows
but does not recommend
(He allows us to choose)

{ Slavery
Choosing a King
Marrying a Captive or Multiple Wives
Divorce

A Foolish Man Learns from His Own Mistakes The Wise Man Learns from the Mistakes of Others

The Rebellious Son

Disobedient child is taken to Elders & Stoned

Not for punishment, but “to put away evil from among you.”

The Prodigal Son

Deuteronomy 21:18-21

Deuteronomy 9:24

Luke 15:11-32

If rebellion leads to death, then obedience brings life ⇔ Choose Life!!

Miscellaneous Laws

The body of a person hanged for murder must be buried by sunset

Care for your brother’s animals and property

Men & women are to wear gender-appropriate clothing

Women can wear pants – after all....Moses wore a robe!!

All about mingling ...NOT about equal pay for equal work!!

Respect the givers of life among animals

The Rabbis consider this the “least commandment” that Yeshua referred to in Matthew 5:19

Put up guard rails to protect your house

No mingling: Seeds in the field (Wheat & Tares)

Different animals yoked for work And us!

Threads in garments

Repeats requirement to wear *tzitzi-ot*

Deuteronomy 21:22 – 22:12

Matthew 13:24-30

II Corinthians 6:14-16

Sexual Morality

Virgin & defiled brides }

Adultery }

Fornication }

Guilt punishable by Stoning

Deuteronomy 22:13-30

Exclusions from the Congregation

Those who are **sterile**

Illegitimate child (adultery or incest), until the 10th generation

Explains why Israel’s 1st King couldn’t be from Judah

Gen 38 & Ruth 4:18-22

Ammonites & Moabites (masculine only, thus allowing Ruth) until 10th generation

Refused to give Israel bread & water during Exodus

Sin at *Ba'al Pe'or*

Edomites & Egyptians until the 3rd generation

Cleanliness of the Camp

Defilement among soldiers: Unclean for one day
Procedure for personal hygiene

Deuteronomy 23:9-14

More Miscellaneous Laws

A runaway slave is to be cared for
Not hunted down or killed as the nations would do
Prohibition of temple prostitutes
Both male & female
Profits from illegitimate activities cannot be offered to God
Do not try to legitimize your activities by “laundering it” to God
Charge no interest to fellow Israelites - but interest to Gentiles is OK!
Keep your vows made to God
Satisfy your hunger but don't be greedy

Deuteronomy 23:15-25

Divorce

Torah does not command nor advocate, but acknowledges it will occur
The only valid reason is immorality

Deuteronomy 24:1-4

Matthew 19:7-8

If remarries ⇒ Adultery!

And cannot remarry 1st husband - why does God call Israel back???

Jer 3:1-8 & Rom 7:1-4

More Miscellaneous Laws

1 year freedom from commitments for newly married
Do not take for a pledge a man's ability to earn a living
Laws concerning kidnapping
Reminder of quarantine laws concerning leprosy
Do not take the dignity of borrowers
Do not hold back the wages of your employees
You are responsible for your own actions – nobody else is!
Do not pervert justice for the poor
Restatement of the Law of Gleaning
Penalty for “minor” offences: 40 lashes
Torah given to Moses in 40 days
Moses atoned 40 days for Golden Calf
Do not abuse those who are producing for you

Deuteronomy 24:5 - 25:4

Marriage Duty of a Surviving Brother

Levirate Marriage: (Latin *levir* - “husband's brother”)

And raise up children in his name:

Negative Example

Genesis 38:1-10

Positive Example

Ruth 3:12

2009 Hallmark TV movie Loving Leah

Deuteronomy 25:6-10

More Miscellaneous Laws

Do not destroy the dignity of another
Specifically, the covenant of circumcision

Deuteronomy 25:11-16

Honest weights and measures

Destroy the *Amalekites*

Remember what *Amalek* did

Attacked the weak & faint stragglers at the rear of the march
Showing *Amalek's* contempt for God
Inbred (not learned) hatred for Israel

Deuteronomy 25:17-19

Today no geographic area, but assimilated

The name of *Amalek* is to be blotted out.....by Israel!

Samuel's Instructions to Saul

I Samuel 15:1-3

Haftarah:

Isaiah 53:3–12

The Peace of Messiah

Brit Chadashah:

Matthew 21:33-41

Conduct of the Citizens of the Kingdom