

Timeline of Truth – God Gives Various Commands Dealing with People (Deuteronomy 21)

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Deuteronomy 21:1-9 "If *anyone* is found slain, lying in the field in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess, *and* it is not known who killed him, ² "then your elders and your judges shall go out and measure *the distance* from the slain man to the surrounding cities. ³ "And it shall be *that* the elders of the city nearest to the slain man will take a heifer which has not been worked *and* which has not pulled with a yoke. ⁴ "The elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with flowing water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and they shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley. ⁵ "Then the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the LORD your God has chosen them to minister to Him and to bless in the name of the LORD; by their word every controversy and every assault shall be *settled*. ⁶ "And all the elders of that city nearest to the slain *man* shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley. ⁷ "Then they shall answer and say, 'Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen *it*. ⁸ 'Provide atonement, O LORD, for Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not lay innocent blood to the charge of Your people Israel.' And atonement shall be provided on their behalf for the blood. ⁹ "So you shall put away the *guilt of* innocent blood from among you when you do *what is* right in the sight of the LORD.

¹⁰ " When you go out to war against your enemies, and the LORD your God delivers them into your hand, and you take them captive, ¹¹ "and you see among the captives a beautiful woman, and desire her and would take her for your wife, ¹² "then you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall shave her head and trim her nails. ¹³ "She shall put off the clothes of her captivity, remain in your house, and mourn her father and her mother a full month; after that you may go in to her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife. ¹⁴ "And it shall be, if you have no delight in her, then you shall set her free, but you certainly shall not sell her for money; you shall not treat her brutally, because you have humbled her.

1. Commands for Dealing with Someone Who is

- a. he situation:
 - Someone is found dead
 - You don't know how they dies
- b. The elder's responsibility:
 - The elders of the closest city
 - Take a heifer which has not been worked
 - Bring it to a valley of flowing water, which has not been worked
 - They shall break the heifer's neck
- c. The priest's responsibility:
 - They will come near
 - They will witness what is going on
- d. The elders will speak:
 - They will wash their hands over the heifer
 - They shall declare they did not do this
 - They shall ask for atonement
Atonement - כִּפֶּהַר – *kipher* - cover over, pacify, make propitiation.
- e. God's responsibility: He will provide atonement
- f. The reason:
 - To put away the guilt of innocent blood
 - To do what is right

2. Commands Concerning Marring a _____ Woman

- a. The situation:
 - They have won a war
 - They see a beautiful women
 - They desire her as a wife
- b. The husband's responsibility in order to marry:
 - Shave her head, trim her nails
 - Put off her clothes of captivity
 - Keep her in your house
 - Let her morn for a month
- c. The husband's responsibility to release her:

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let her go free, do not sell her for money • Do not treat her brutally Brutally – to deal harshly. The root means to bind sheaves. • Why? Because she has been humbled. Humbled – to bow down |
| <p>¹⁵ " If a man has two wives, one loved and the other unloved, and they have borne him children, <i>both</i> the loved and the unloved, and <i>if</i> the firstborn son is of her who is unloved, ¹⁶ "then it shall be, on the day he bequeaths his possessions to his sons, <i>that</i> he must not bestow firstborn status on the son of the loved wife in preference to the son of the unloved, the <i>true</i> firstborn. ¹⁷ "But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife <i>as</i> the firstborn by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he <i>is</i> the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn <i>is</i> his.</p> | <p>3. Commands for the Child of an _____ Wife</p> <p>a. The situation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A man has 2 wives – one he loves, one is unloved. • They have born children • The firstborn is from the unloved wife <p>b. The man's responsibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He must treat the son of the unloved wife as the firstborn <p>c. Why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The firstborn is the beginning of the man's strength • The firstborn has the right to be treated this way. |
| <p>¹⁸ " If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and <i>who</i>, when they have chastened him, will not heed them, ¹⁹ "then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. ²⁰ "And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' ²¹ "Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.</p> | <p>4. Commands Concerning a _____ Son</p> <p>a. The situation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A man has a stubborn and rebellious son: Stubborn – or disobedient Rebellious – or contentious • Will not listen to chastening Obey and heed are the word hear. <p>b. The parent's responsibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will report this to the elders <p>c. The men's responsibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will stone him to death • In order to put away evil from among them • So Israel shall hear and fear |
| <p>²² " If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, ²³ "his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you <i>as</i> an inheritance; for he who is hanged <i>is</i> accursed of God.</p> | <p>5. Commands for Executing Someone by _____ on a _____.</p> <p>a. The situation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A man has committed a sin deserving of death • He is put to death by being hung on a tree <p>b. The people's responsibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not leave him on the tree overnight • Bury him that day <p>c. Why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To not defile the land • Whoever is hanged on a tree is accursed of God Lit. A curse of God: he is being hanged <p>Gal. 3:13 (see also Acts 5:30 and 10:39)</p> |

1 Corinthians 6:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; Hebrews 13:1-3