

**Timeline of Truth: God Gives Rules Concerning Vows (Numbers 30)**

**I. Israel at Mount Sinai (1-10:10)**

**II. Israel in the Wilderness (10:11-36:13)**

**a. Israel's First Generation in the Wilderness (10:11-19:22)**

**b. Israel's Second Generation in the Wilderness (20:1-36:13)**

1. Moses Strikes the Rock (20:1-13)
2. Edom Refuses Israel and Aaron Dies (20:14-29)

3. Israel's Battles and the Fiery Serpents (21:1-35)
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7. God's Last Commands to Moses (27:12-23)
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<p><b>Numbers 30:1</b> Then Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, "This <i>is</i> the thing which the LORD has commanded: <sup>2</sup> "If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.</p>	<p><b>1. Rules for When a _____ Makes a Vow</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. These rules are given to the heads of the tribes</li> <li>b. These are what God has commanded</li> <li>c. The condition: a man makes a vow or an oath             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vow – "a positive vow, or a promise to give or to sanctify any part of one's property to the Lord" (Keil – Delitzsch)</li> <li>• Oath – "the negative vow, or a vow of abstinence" (Keil – Delitzsch)</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. He shall do all that he said he would do.</li> <li>e. A man is _____ to keep his word.</li> </ol>
<p><sup>3</sup> " Or if a woman makes a vow to the LORD, and binds <i>herself</i> by some agreement while in her father's house in her youth, <sup>4</sup> "and her father hears her vow and the agreement by which she has bound herself, and her father holds his peace, then all her vows shall stand, and every agreement with which she has bound herself shall stand.</p>	<p><b>2. Rules for When an _____ Woman Makes a Vow</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The condition (1): a woman makes a vow while in her father's house in her youth.</li> <li>b. The condition (2): the father hears the vow</li> <li>c. The condition (3a): the father holds his peace Holds his peace - שָׁרָטָה – <i>charesh</i> - be silent, dumb, speechless</li> <li>d. She will do what she said she would do.</li> </ol>
<p><sup>5</sup> "But if her father overrules her on the day that he hears, then none of her vows nor her agreements by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the LORD will release her, because her father overruled her.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. The condition (3b) – the father _____ her             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time - on the day he hears it</li> <li>• Overrules – נָאָה – <i>nava</i> - hinder, restrain, frustrate</li> </ul> </li> <li>f. Her vows will not stand</li> <li>g. God, himself will _____ her from her vow.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release - שָׁלַח – <i>salach</i> - forgive, pardon</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><sup>6</sup> " If indeed she takes a husband, while bound by her vows or by a rash utterance from her lips by which she bound herself, <sup>7</sup> "and her husband hears <i>it</i>, and makes no response to her on the day that he hears, then her vows shall stand, and her agreements by which she bound herself shall stand.</p>	<p><b>3. Rules for When a _____ Woman Makes a Vow</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The condition (1) – She makes a vow while married or brings a vow into the marriage.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rash utterance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. The condition (2) – Her husband hears it</li> <li>c. The condition (3a) – Her husband makes no response to it.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time – on the day he hears</li> <li>• Makes no response – same word as above</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. She will do what she said she would do</li> </ol>
<p><sup>8</sup> "But if her husband overrules her on the day that he hears <i>it</i>, he shall make void her vow which she took and what she uttered with her lips, by which she bound herself, and the LORD will release her.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. The condition (3b) – Her husband _____ her             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overrules – same word as above</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<p>f. Her vow will be made _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He shall make void her vow - lit. "he will break her vow"</li> </ul> <p>g. God, himself will _____ her from her vow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same word as in verse 5.</li> </ul>
<p><sup>9</sup> "Also any vow of a widow or a divorced woman, by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her. <sup>10</sup> " If she vowed in her husband's house, or bound herself by an agreement with an oath, <sup>11</sup> "and her husband heard <i>it</i>, and made no response to her <i>and</i> did not overrule her, then all her vows shall stand, and every agreement by which she bound herself shall stand.</p>	<p><b>4. Rules for When a _____ or _____ Woman Makes a Vow.</b></p> <p>a. The condition (1a) – She make a vow as a widow or someone who is divorced.</p> <p>b. She shall keep her vow.</p> <p>c. The condition (1b) – She made a vow in her husband’s house. i.e. She made the vow before she was widowed or divorced.</p> <p>d. The condition (1c) – She bound herself by an agreement with an oath.</p> <p>e. The condition (2) – Her husband heard it</p> <p>f. The condition (3a) – He holds his peace and does not overrule her.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holds his peace – same word as vs 4</li> <li>• Not overrule – same word as vs 5</li> </ul> <p>g. Her vow would stand</p>
<p><sup>12</sup> "But if her husband truly made them void on the day he heard <i>them</i>, then whatever proceeded from her lips concerning her vows or concerning the agreement binding her, it shall not stand; her husband has made them void, and the LORD will release her.</p>	<p>h. The condition (3b) – Her husband made them _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Made void – same word as in vs 8</li> <li>• Time – on the day he heard it</li> </ul> <p>i. Whatever proceeds out of her lips concerning this vow will not stand</p> <p>j. The Lord will _____ her</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same word as in verse 5</li> </ul>
<p><sup>13</sup> "Every vow and every binding oath to afflict her soul, her husband may confirm it, or her husband may make it void.</p>	<p><b>5. Rules Concerning a Husband's _____</b></p> <p>a. A husband may _____ or make _____ a vow made by his wife.</p>
<p><sup>14</sup> "Now if her husband makes no response whatever to her from day to day, then he confirms all her vows or all the agreements that bind her; he confirms them, because he made no response to her on the day that he heard <i>them</i>. <sup>15</sup> "But if he does make them void after he has heard <i>them</i>, then he shall bear her guilt." <sup>16</sup> These <i>are</i> the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, and between a father and his daughter in her youth in her father's house.</p>	<p>b. If a husband chooses not to respond to the vows of his wife, he in fact _____ them.</p> <p>c. If he chooses to make them void latter – he is the one _____ for not keeping the vow.</p> <p>d. These statutes are from God.</p>

**1 Corinthians 11:2-15** <sup>2</sup> Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions just as I delivered *them* to you. <sup>3</sup> But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman *is* man, and the head of Christ *is* God.

1. God created authority within the family structure.
  - a. The father is head over the children
  - b. The husband is head over the wife
2. The man is given the authority to provide and to protect.
3. The structure of authority that God created for men and women is based on the structure of authority between God the Father and God the Son, and between Christ and Man.

<b>Who?</b>	<b>Marital Status</b>	<b>Who is Responsible?</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
A Man	n/a	The man himself	n/a	Keep his vow
A Woman	Single	Father	Keeps silent	Keep her vow
			Overrules her - on the day he heard it	Not keep her vow
	Married	Husband	Keeps silent	Keep her vow
			Overrules her - on the day he heard it	Not keep her vow
			Overrules her - latter	He will bear the guilt for her not keeping her vow
	Widowed or Divorced	Herself (Made after she is divorced or widowed)	n/a	Keep her vow
		Former Husband (Made while she was still married)	Kept silent	Keep her vow
	Overruled her on the day he heard it		Not keep her vow	