

**GRACE TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAWNSIDE**  
**Wednesday Night Bible Study (Class Notes)**

**DEUTERONOMY 21-25**

**Chapter 21**

**VARIOUS LAWS**

A. The law of unsolved murders.

1. The presence of an unsolved murder. (1)
  - a. *If anyone is found slain:*
  - b. *It is not know who killed him:*
2. The procedure for atoning for murder-polluted land. (2-6)
  - a. *The elders of the city nearest to the slain man:*
  - b. *A heifer which has not been worked:*
3. The prayer said by the elders as they washed their hands. (7-9)
  - a. *Provide atonement, O LORD:*
  - b. *So, you shall put away the guilt of innocent blood:*

B. Laws relevant to family and home situations.

1. Laws regarding the taking of a wife from conquered peoples. (10-14)
  - a. *And you see among the captives a beautiful woman, and desire her:*
  - b. *Shave her head and trim her nails:*
  - c. *Put off the clothes of her captivity, remain in your house:*
  - d. *Mourn her father and mother a full month:*
  - e. *You certainly shall not sell her for money; you shall not treat her brutally:*
2. The protection of inheritance rights. (15-17)
  - a. *If a man has two wives:*
  - b. *A double portion of all that he has:*
3. The penalty for a rebellious son. (18-21)
  - a. *A stubborn and rebellious son:*
  - b. *Who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them:*
  - c. *Bring him out to the elders of his city:*
  - d. *And all Israel shall hear and fear:*
4. The curse upon one who hangs on a tree. (22-23)
  - a. *And you hang him on a tree:*
  - b. *His body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day:*
  - c. *For he who is hanged is accursed of God:*

## Chapter 22

### A. Laws to demonstrate kindness and purity.

1. Kindness to your brother regarding his animals. (1-4)
  - a. *You shall not see . . . and hide yourself:*
  - b. *Until your brother seeks it; then you shall restore it to him:*
  - c. *You shall surely help him lift them up again:*
2. A command to keep distinction between the sexes in clothing. (5)
  - a. *Anything that pertains to a man:*
  - b. *Nor shall a man put on a woman's garment:*
  - c. *All who do so are an abomination to the LORD your God:*
3. A command to show kindness to animals. (6-7)
  - a. *If a bird's nest happens to be before you along the way:*
  - b. *That it may be well with you and that you may prolong your days:*
4. Liability and building codes. (8)
  - a. *You shall make a parapet for your roof:*
  - b. *That you may not bring bloodshed on your house:*
5. Four laws of separation. (9-12)
  - a. *You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seed:*
  - b. *You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together:*
  - c. *You shall make tassels on the four corners of the clothing:*

### B. Laws of sexual morality.

1. Resolving an accusation of marital deception. (13-21)
  - a. *Charges her with shameful conduct:*
  - b. *Then the father and mother . . . bring out the evidence of the young woman's virginity . . . they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city:*
  - c. *The elders of the city shall take that man and punish him:*
  - d. *But if the thing is true, and evidences of virginity are not found for the young woman:*
2. The penalty for adultery. (22)
  - a. *Both of them shall die:*
  - b. *Then both of them shall die:*
  - c. *So, you shall put away the evil from Israel:*
3. Laws concerning rape. (23-29)
  - a. *If a young woman who is a virgin is betrothed to a husband:*
  - b. *But if a man finds a betrothed young woman in the countryside:*
  - c. *If a man finds a young woman who is a virgin, who is not betrothed:*

4. A law concerning incest. (30)  
*A man shall not take his father's wife, nor uncover his father's bed.*
  - a. *A man shall not take his father's wife:*
  - b. *Nor uncover his father's bed:*

## **Chapter 23**

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY, VARIOUS LAWS**

- A. Those excluded from the congregation of Israel.
  1. Eunuchs are excluded from the congregation of Israel. (1)
    - a. *By crushing or mutilation:*
    - b. *Shall not enter the assembly of the LORD:*
    - c. *Shall not enter the assembly of the LORD:*
  2. Those of unknown parentage are excluded from the assembly of Israel. (2)
    - a. *One of illegitimate birth:*
  3. Ammonites and Moabites are excluded from the congregation of Israel. (3-6)
    - a. *An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the LORD:*
  4. Edomites and Egyptians (of the third generation) are permitted to be among the congregation of Israel. (7-8)
    - a. *You shall not abhor an Edomite:*
    - b. *You shall not abhor an Egyptian:*
- B. Miscellaneous laws.
  1. Cleanliness in the camp. (9-14)
    - a. *When the army goes out against your enemies, then keep yourself from every wicked thing:*
    - b. *And you shall have an implement among your equipment:* God commanded sanitary cleanliness among the army of Israel; each soldier was to carry some type of shovel, with which he could cover [his] refuse.
  2. Israel to provide asylum for the foreign escaped slave. (15-16)
    - a. *You shall not give back to his master the slave who has escaped from his master to you:*
  3. Sacred prostitution banned. (17-18)
    - a. *Ritual harlot:*
    - b. *You shall not bring the wages of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the LORD your God:*
  4. No interest to be charged to the family of Israel. (19-20)
    - a. *You shall not charge interest to your brother; interest on money or food:*

5. The importance of keeping our vows. (21-23)
  - a. *You shall not delay to pay it:*
  - b. *If you abstain from vowing:*
  - c. *But if you abstain from vowing, it shall not be sin to you:*
  - d. *That which has gone from your lips you shall keep and perform:*
  
6. The right to glean is given to travelers. (24-25)
  - a. *When you come into your neighbor's vineyard:*
  - b. *You may pluck the heads with your hand*

## **Chapter 24**

### **THE LAW OF DIVORCE AND OTHER VARIOUS LAWS**

- A. Divorce, remarriage and marriage.
  1. The law of divorce in ancient Israel. (1)
    - a. *A certificate of divorce:*
    - b. *He writes her a certificate of divorce:*
    - c. *She finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her:*
    - d. *He writes her a certificate of divorce:*
  
  2. The law of remarriage in ancient Israel. (2-4)
    - a. *Her former husband who divorced her must not take her back:*
    - b. *An abomination before the LORD:*
  
  3. The law honoring marriage. (5)
    - a. *He shall be free at home one year:*
    - b. *Bring happiness to his wife:*
  
- B. Other various laws.
  1. Do not take someone's livelihood as a pledge. (6)
    - a. *No man shall take the lower or the upper millstone in pledge:*
    - b. *For he takes one's living in pledge:*
  
  2. The punishment for kidnapping. (7)
    - a. *If a man is found kidnapping any of his brethren of the children of Israel:*
    - b. *That kidnapper shall die:*
  
  3. The command to act swiftly when leprosy breaks out. (8-9)
    - a. *Take heed in an outbreak of leprosy:*
    - b. *Remember what the LORD your God did to Miriam:*
  
  4. Handling a pledge rightly. (10-13)
    - a. *You shall not go into his house to get his pledge:*
    - b. *You shall not keep his pledge overnight:*

5. The command to pay your workers. (14-15)
  - a. *You shall not oppress a hired servant:*
  - b. *Lest he cry out against you to the LORD:*
  
6. Each shall bear his own sin. (16)
  - a. *A person shall be put to death for his own sin:*
  - b. *For his own sin:*
  
7. A command to be compassionate and fair. (17-18)
  - a. *You shall remember:*
  
8. Leave behind some of the harvest for the poor. (19-22)
  - a. *It shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow:*
  - b. *Therefore, I command you to do this thing:*

## **Chapter 25**

### **MORE LAWS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS**

- A. Two laws to protect criminals and animals.
  1. A limit on corporal punishment. (1-3)
    - a. *They justify the righteous and condemn the guilty:*
    - b. *If the wicked man deserves to be beaten:*
    - c. *Forty blows may he give him and no more:*
  
  2. The command to not muzzle the ox. (4)
    - a. *You shall not muzzle an ox:*
  
- B. Two laws dealing with family matters.
  1. The marriage obligation of surviving brothers. (5-10)
    - a. *One of them dies and has no son:*
    - b. *The firstborn son which she bears will succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel:*
    - c. *He will not perform the duty of my husband's brother:*
  
  2. Wives forbidden to interfere in their husband's fights. (11-12)
    - a. *Then you shall cut off her hand:*
    - b. *Your eye shall not pity her:*
  
- C. Two laws commanding justice.
  1. God commands weights and measures be just. (13-16)
  
  2. God commands Israel to justly destroy Amalek. (17-19)
    - a. *Remember what Amalek did:*
    - b. *Blot out the remembrance of Amalek under heaven:*
    - c. *When the LORD your God has given you rest:*

**Please answer the following questions:**

**Chapter 21**

1. What was done if a slain man was found and it was not known who killed him? (6-7)
2. What must a man do if he desires to take a wife from among the captives? (12-14)
3. How much was the inheritance of the firstborn son compared to the others? (17)
4. What was to be done to a rebellious son? (20-21)
5. How long was the body of a cursed man allowed to hang on a tree? (22-23)

**Chapter 22**

1. What was a person to do with an animal or item they had found? (1-4)
2. What was a person not to wear? (5,11)
3. What happened to a woman who her husband finds out after marrying that she was not a virgin? (21)
4. What happened to a man and woman found in adultery? (22)

5. What must a man do who lies with a virgin and they are found out? (28-29)

### **Chapter 23**

1. Who was not allowed into the assembly of the LORD even to the tenth generation? (2-3)

2. What sanitation rule was given? (12-13)

3. To whom were they not to charge interest? (19-20)

4. What was said concerning vows? (21-23)

5. What were they allowed to eat from their neighbor's land? (24-25)

### **Chapter 24**

1. Who should a person not take to be his wife? (1-4)

2. How long after marriage was a man free not to go to war? (5)

3. What was to be done to kidnappers? (7)

4. How often should you pay a servant who is poor? (14-15)

5. For whose sin was a person put to death? (16)

### **Chapter 25**

1. What was the maximum number of blows a man could receive during a beating? (3)

2. What were they not to muzzle? (4)

3. What was the marriage duty of a surviving brother? (5-6)

4. What was the law concerning weights and measures? (15)

5. What were the Israelites to do to the Amalekites? (19)