

Exodus 21

I. Laws concerning the treatment of servants. Vs. 1-11

A. After six years of service the servant is free. Vs. 2

B. His family is free if he were married before. Vs. 3

C. If he were married after, then his family is not free. Vs. 4

1. He may choose to stay with his family and remain a servant for ever. Vs. 5-6

D. Conditions of a maidservant are given. Vs. 7-11

II. Laws concerning acts of violence. Vs. 12-25

A. Capital punishment is commanded for:

1. A murder. Vs. 12-15

2. Stealing a servant. Vs. 16

3. Cursing his father or mother. Vs. 17

4. Killing an unborn child. Vs. 22-25

B. You must pay for the time lost and healing of the person who was hurt. Vs. 18-21

III. Laws concerning responsibility of owners. Vs. 26-36

A. If a man destroys an eye or tooth of a servant, he must set them free. Vs. 26-28

B. The owner is responsible for the damage his animals have caused. Vs. 29-32, 35-36

C. A man is responsible for the damage caused by digging a pit and not covering it. Vs. 33-34