



Deuteronomy 25

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(A brief overview of the main topics).

INTRODUCTION: this is a continuation of the previous chapter; Israel is soon to cross over the River Jordan and enter into the Promised Land. The primary focus of all the following chapters is upon Moses re-telling to the new generation about to cross the River Jordan all the covenant laws the LORD originally gave to Israel at Mount Sinai so that the new generation would renew the covenant with the LORD before they enter the Promised Land.

The final chapter finishes with the LORD burying Moses and Joshua being ready to lead Israel over the River Jordan and into the Promised Land (see also the introduction to chapter one).

NOTE: for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

DEUTERONOMY 25 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION)

- **Deuteronomy 25:1-19** “If there is a dispute between men and they come into court and the judges decide between them, acquitting the innocent and condemning the guilty, ² then if the guilty man deserves to be beaten, the judge shall cause him to lie down and be beaten in his presence with a number of stripes in proportion to his offense. ³ Forty stripes may be given him, but not more, lest, if one should go on to beat him with more stripes than these, your brother be degraded in your sight. ⁴ “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain. ⁵ “If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband’s brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband’s brother to her. ⁶ And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel. ⁷ And if the man does not wish to take his brother’s wife, then his brother’s wife shall go up to the gate to the elders and say, ‘My husband’s brother refuses to perpetuate his brother’s name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of a husband’s brother to me.’ ⁸ Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him, and if he persists, saying, ‘I do not wish to take her,’ ⁹ then his brother’s wife shall go up to him in the presence of the elders and pull his sandal off his foot and spit in his face. And she shall answer and say, ‘So shall it be done to the man who does not build up his brother’s house.’ ¹⁰ And the name of his house shall be called in Israel, ‘The house of him who had his sandal pulled off.’ ¹¹ “When men fight with one another and the wife of the one draws near to rescue her husband from the hand of him who is beating him and puts out her hand and seizes him by the private parts, ¹² then you shall cut off her hand. Your eye shall have no pity. ¹³ “You shall not have in your bag two kinds of weights, a large and a small. ¹⁴ You shall not have in your house two kinds of measures, a large and a small. ¹⁵ A full and fair weight you shall have, a full and fair measure you shall have, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹⁶ For all who do such things, all who act dishonestly, are an abomination to the LORD your God. ¹⁷ “Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you came out of Egypt, ¹⁸ how he attacked you on the way when you were faint and weary, and cut off your tail, those who were lagging behind you, and he did not fear God. ¹⁹ Therefore when the LORD your God has given you rest from all your enemies around you, in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you shall not forget.

Laws for wiping a guilty man

If there is a dispute between men and they go to court and the judges condemn the guilty man and he deserves to be beaten, the judge was to make the man lie down and be beaten in his presence with a number of stripes in proportion to the offence, forty stripes was the maximum to be given because if he was beaten with more stripes than forty their brother may be degraded in Israel's sight.

Laws for the ox

An ox was not to be muzzled when it was treading out the grain (some greedy men would be tempted to do this to stop the oxen from eating their produce).

Laws for a wife whose husband had died and his brother, is to go in to her and take her as his wife

If brothers dwell together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man was not to be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband's brother was to go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of the husband's brother to her. The first son the woman bears was to succeed to the name of his dead brother so that his name would not be blotted out of Israel. If the man did not wish to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife was to go to the elders at the gate. She was to tell the elders that her husband's brother refuses to perpetuate his brother's name in Israel because he will not perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. Then the elders of his city were to call the brother and speak to him and if he persists in not wishing to take her, his brother's wife was to go up to him in the presence of the elders and pull his sandal off his foot and spit in his face. Then the woman was to say, "So shall it be done to the man who does not build up his brother's house and the name of the woman's husband's house was to be called in Israel; the house of him who had his sandal pulled off."

Laws for a woman who tries to rescue her husband from a fight

When men fight with one another and the wife of one tries to rescue her husband by putting her hand out and seizes the private parts of the one beating her husband, Israel was to have no pity for her, and cut her hand off.

Laws for weights and measures

Israel was not to have two kinds of weights or measures (a large and a small one) they were to use the same weight and measure in their dealings and not use different ones. All who use different weights and measures act dishonestly and are an abomination to the LORD.

Laws for the memory of Amalek

When Israel was living in the Promised Land, they were to blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven because Amalek did not fear God and attacked Israel and cut off their tail (those who were lagging behind them) when they were faint and weary coming out of Egypt.

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