

Exodus 21:1-22:24 Triennial Mishpatim, “Judgments” Expanded Chiasm



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1A) 21:1-27 RESTITUTION IS NOT TO BE MADE in death penalty cases;

1A) 21:1-11 Conditions for Hebrew male or female **SLAVES TO GO OUT FREE**;

1A) 21:1-2 Now these are the ordinances which you shall set before them. 2 If you buy a Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve; and in the seventh **HE SHALL GO OUT FREE FOR NOTHING**;

1B) 21:3-4 If he come in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he is married, then his wife shall go out with him. 4 If his master gives him a wife, and she bears him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself [*i.e.*, **When HIS WIFE SHALL GO OUT WITH HIM OR NOT**];

1C) 21:5 But if the servant shall plainly say, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; **I WILL NOT GO OUT FREE**.'

CENTRAL AXIS) 21:6A THEN HIS MASTER SHALL BRING HIM TO GOD, AND SHALL BRING HIM TO THE DOOR, OR TO THE DOORPOST; AND HIS MASTER SHALL BORE HIS EAR THROUGH WITH AN AWL;

2C) 21:6B And **HE SHALL SERVE HIM FOR EVER**; {s}

2B) 21:7-11A The maidservant espoused as **A WIFE SHALL NOT GO OUT** but shall be redeemed;

1A) 21:7 And if a man sells his daughter to be a maidservant, **SHE SHALL NOT GO OUT** as the menservants do;

1B) 21:8A If she does not please her master, **WHO HAS ESPOUSED HER TO HIMSELF**, then he shall let her be redeemed;

CENTRAL AXIS) 21:8B HE SHALL HAVE NO POWER TO SELL HER TO A FOREIGN PEOPLE, SEEING HE HAS DEALT DECEITFULLY WITH HER;

2B) 21:9 And **IF HE ESPOUSE HER TO HIS SON**, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters;

2A) 21:10-11A If he take another wife, her food, her raiment, and her conjugal rights, **HE SHALL NOT DIMINISH**. And if he does not do these three for her;

2A) 21:11B Then **SHE SHALL GO OUT FOR NOTHING**, without money; {s}

1B) 21:12-13 He who strikes a man, so that he dies, shall surely be put to death. 13 And if a man does not lie in wait, but God causes it to come to hand; then I will appoint you a place where he may flee [*i.e.* **JUDGMENT WHEN ASSAULT RESULTS IN DEATH**]; {s}

CENTRAL AXIS) 21:14-17 THE DEATH PENALTY IS NOT MURDER;

1A.1) 21:14 And if a man comes presumptuously upon his neighbor, **TO SLAY HIM** with guile; from My altar you shall take him, that he may die; {s}

1A.2) 21:15 And he who **STRIKES HIS FATHER OR HIS MOTHER**, **SHALL SURELY BE PUT TO DEATH**; {s}

2A.1) 21:16 And he who **STEALS A MAN, AND SELLS HIM**, or if he is found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death [*i.e., Kidnapping/ enslavement is a Torah metaphor for death, as it ends the life previously known*]; {s}

2A.2) 21:17 And he who **CURSES HIS FATHER OR HIS MOTHER, SHALL SURELY BE PUT TO DEATH**; {s}

2B) 21:18-25 JUDGMENT WHEN ASSAULT DOES NOT RESULT IN DEATH;

1A) 21:18-19 And **IF MEN CONTEND**, and one strike the other with a stone, or with his fist, and he does not die, but keeps his bed; **19** if he rises again, and walks abroad upon his staff, then he that struck him shall be acquitted; only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed; {s}

1B) 21:20 And if a man strikes his bondman, or his bondwoman, with a rod, and he dies under his hand, **HE SHALL SURELY BE PUNISHED**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 21:21A **NEVERTHELESS, IF HE CONTINUES A DAY OR TWO;**

2B) 21:21B **HE SHALL NOT BE PUNISHED**; for he is his money; {s}

2A) 21:22-25 And **IF MEN STRIVE** together, and hurt a woman with child, so that her child departs, and yet no harm follows, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband shall lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. **23** But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, **24** eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, **25** burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe; {s}

2A) 21:26-27 And if a man strikes the eye of his bondman, or the eye of his bondwoman, and destroys it, he shall let him go free for his eye's sake. **27** And if he strikes out his bondman's tooth, or his bondwoman's tooth, he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake [*i.e., Conditions for male or female* **SLAVES TO GO OUT FREE**]; {p}

1B) 21:28-29 LIABILITY when a life is lost;

1A) 21:28 And if an ox gore a man or a woman, so that they die, **THE OX SHALL BE SURELY STONED**, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but **THE OWNER** of the ox **SHALL BE ACQUITTED**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 21:29A **BUT IF THE OX HAD GORED PREVIOUSLY, AND WARNING HAD BEEN GIVEN TO ITS OWNER, BUT HE HAD NOT KEPT IT IN;**

2A) 21:29B So that it killed a man or a woman; **THE OX SHALL BE STONED**, and **ITS OWNER** also **SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 21:30-32 IMPARTIAL APPLICATION OF THE REDEMPTION OPTION;

1A) 21:30 If there is imposed on him a fine, then **HE SHALL GIVE** for the redemption of his life **WHATEVER SUM** is imposed on him;

1B) 21:31A Whether it **GORE A SON**, or **GORE A DAUGHTER**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 21:31B **ACCORDING TO THIS JUDGMENT SHALL IT BE DONE TO HIM;**

2B) 21:32A If the ox **GORE A BONDMAN** or **A BONDWOMAN**;

2A) 21:32B **HE SHALL GIVE** to their master **THIRTY SHEKELS OF SILVER**, and the ox shall be stoned; {s}

2B) 21:33-22:17 LIABILITY when property/ honor is lost or stolen;

1A) 21:33-22:6 Restitution if **PROPERTY** is **LOST, STOLEN**, or destroyed;

1A) 21:33-36 RESTITUTION WHEN BEASTS ARE DESTROYED;

1A) 21:33-34 And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit and not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls into it, ³⁴ the owner of the pit shall make it good; **HE SHALL GIVE MONEY** to their owner, but **THE DEAD BEAST SHALL BE HIS**; {s}

1B) 21:35A And if **ONE MAN'S OX HURTS ANOTHER'S**, so that it dies;

CENTRAL AXIS) 21:35B THEN THEY SHALL SELL THE LIVE OX, AND DIVIDE THE PRICE OF IT; AND THE DEAD OX THEY SHALL ALSO DIVIDE;

2B) 21:36A Or if it is known that **THE OX HAD GORED** previously, and its owner had not kept it in;

2A) 21:36B HE SHALL SURELY PAY ox for ox, but **THE DEAD BEAST SHALL BE HIS** own; {s}

1B) 22:1 IF A MAN STEAL AN OX, or a sheep, **AND KILL IT**, or sell it, **HE SHALL PAY** five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep;

1c) 22:2 If a thief be found breaking in, and is struck so that he dies, **THERE SHALL BE NO GUILT FOR HIS BLOOD**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 22:3A IF THE SUN HAS RISEN ON HIM;

2c) 22:3B THERE SHALL BE GUILT FOR HIS BLOOD—he shall make restitution; if he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft;

2B) 22:4 IF THE THEFT IS FOUND ALIVE in his hand, whether it is an ox, or a donkey, or a sheep, **HE SHALL PAY** double; {s}

2A) 22:5-6 If a man cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, having let his beast loose, and it feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, he shall make restitution. {s} ⁶ If fire breaks out, and catches in thorns, so that the stacks of grain, or the standing grain, or the field are consumed; he who kindled the fire shall surely make restitution [*i.e.*, **RESTITUTION WHEN PROPERTY IS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED**]; {s}

CENTRAL AXIS) 22:7-15 RESTITUTION WHEN ENTRUSTED GOODS ARE LOST, STOLEN, OR DESTROYED;

1) 22:7-9 RESTITUTION WHEN GOODS are entrusted to another;

1A) 22:7 If a man deliver to his neighbor money or articles to keep; and it is stolen out of the man's house; if the thief is found, he **SHALL PAY DOUBLE**;

1B) 22:8 If the thief is not found, then the master of the house **SHALL COME NEAR TO GOD**, to see whether or not he has put his hand into his neighbor's goods;

CENTRAL AXIS) 22:9A FOR EVERY MATTER OF TRESPASS, WHETHER IT BE FOR AN OX, FOR A DONKEY, FOR A SHEEP, FOR RAIMENT, OR FOR ANY MANNER OF LOST THING WHICH SOMEONE CLAIMS TO BE HIS;

2B) 22:9B The cause of both parties **SHALL COME BEFORE GOD**;

2A) 22:9c He whom God shall condemn **SHALL PAY DOUBLE** to his neighbor; {s}

2) 22:10-13 RESTITUTION WHEN BEASTS are entrusted to another; {p}

1A) 22:10 If a man deliver to his neighbor a donkey, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it **DIES**, or is **HURT**, or **DRIVEN AWAY**; no one seeing it;

1B) 22:11A THE OATH OF YHVH shall be between them both;

CENTRAL AXIS) 22:11B THAT HE HAS NOT PUT HIS HAND INTO HIS NEIGHBOR'S GOODS;

2B) 22:11c And the owner shall accept **THE OATH**;

2A) 22:11D-13 When **STOLEN** or **TORN IN PIECES**;

1A) 22:11D And **HE SHALL NOT MAKE RESTITUTION** for it;

1B) 22:12A But **IF IT IS STOLEN** from him;

CENTRAL AXIS) 22:12B HE SHALL MAKE RESTITUTION TO THE OWNER FOR IT;

2B) 22:13A **IF IT IS TORN IN PIECES**, let him bring it for a witness;

2A) 22:13B HE SHALL NOT MAKE GOOD that which was torn; {p}

3) 22:14-15 RESTITUTION WHEN GOODS are borrowed;

1A) 22:14A And if a man **BORROWS** anything of his neighbor, and it is hurt, or dies;

1B) 22:14B The **OWNER OF IT NOT BEING WITH IT**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 22:14C HE SHALL SURELY MAKE RESTITUTION;

2B) 22:15A If the **OWNER OF IT IS WITH IT**, he shall not make it good;

2A) 22:15B If it was **HIRED**, it came with its hire; {s}

2A) 22:16-17 Restitution if a virgin's **HONOR** is **LOST** or **STOLEN**;

1A) 22:16 And if a man entices a virgin who is not betrothed, and lies with her, he **SHALL SURELY** pay **THE BRIDE PRICE** for her to be his wife;

CENTRAL AXIS) 22:17A IF HER FATHER UTTERLY REFUSES TO GIVE HER TO HIM;

2A) 22:17B HE SHALL PAY money according to **THE BRIDE PRICE** of virgins; {s}

2A) 22:18-24 When **RESTITUTION IS NOT TO BE MADE**;

1A) 22:18-20 You shall not permit a sorceress to live. 19 Whoever lies with a beast shall surely be put to death. {s} 20 He who sacrifices to the gods, save to YHVH only, shall be utterly destroyed [*i.e., Those who shall be PUT TO DEATH*];

CENTRAL AXIS) 22:21 AND A STRANGER YOU SHALL NOT WRONG, NEITHER SHALL YOU OPPRESS HIM; FOR YOU WERE STRANGERS IN THE LAND OF EGYPT;

2A) 22:22-24 YHVH will **KILL HIM** who afflicts the widow, or the fatherless child;

1A) 22:22-23A You shall not afflict any **WIDOW**, or **FATHERLESS CHILD**. 23 If you afflict them in any way—

CENTRAL AXIS) 22:23B FOR IF THEY CRY AT ALL TO ME, I WILL SURELY HEAR THEIR CRY—

2A) 22:24 My wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be **WIDOWS**, and your **CHILDREN FATHERLESS**. {p}