
Restatement of the Law

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Order & Structure of Deuteronomy

Who, what, when,
where & why

Deut. 1-4: Prologue

Chapter 5: Ten Commandments

Chapter 6-12: Hear & Obey

Chapters 13-25: Commentary

Chapters 26ff: Blessings and
Cursings; Epilogue

Moses's Exposition on the Moral Law: Deut. 6-25

<u>Moral Law</u>	<u>Exposition</u>	<u>Topic</u>	
I-II: 5.6-10	12.1-31	Worship	
III: 5.11	13.1-14.27	Name of God	
IV: 5.12-15	14.28-16.17	Sabbath	
V: 5.16	16.18-18.22	Authority	
VI: 5.17	19.1-22.8	Homicide	
VII: 5.18	22.9-23.19	Adultery	
VIII: 5.19	23.20-24.7	Theft	
IX: 5.20	24.8-25.4	False Charges	
X: 5.21	25.5-16	Coveting	Kaufman, <i>Structure</i>

Principles of General Equity: WCF XIX.3-4

WLC 102: The sum of the four commandments containing our duty to God is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our mind

- 1st Comm: You belong to God (I redeemed you)
- 2d Comm: No loyalty to any other than God (Apostasy)
- 3d Comm: Be like God, different from mankind (Food, piercings, etc.)
- 4th Comm: Remember your humbled state (Debt/Slave, Levites, etc.)

Principles of General Equity: WCF XIX.3-4

WLC 122: The sum of the six commandments which contain our duty to man, is, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to do to others what we would have them to do to us.

- 5th Comm: Law too important to be entrusted to professionals
- 6th Comm: Make alive
- 7th Comm: Unadulterated living
- 8th Comm: Preserve Life, Liberty & Property

Christ or Chaos

- Patterns of jurisprudential procedures and socio-economic value
 - W6: Institutions/Citizens/Criminals/Animals (Kaufman, Structure, 135)
 - W7: Wives/Betrothed Virgins/Young Women (Id. 139)
- Strange transitions
 - Destroying land as murder (19.14, 20.19) (view as two bookends)*
 - Rebellious child as murder (20.18)
 - Divorce as murder and theft (21.10, 24.1-4)
 - Cross-dressing as murder (22.5)
 - Farming/clothing/using the lieu as adultery (22.9)

*The axis around which the rest of Deuteronomic Law revolves. *Structure*, 137

Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery
Deut. 5.18

Unadulterated Living
Deut. 22.9-23.19

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The following content was approved by God to be placed in our Bibles

It may offend those with more delicate sensibilities

Un-Adulterated Living

- A. In the way you farm (22.9-10)
- B. In the clothes you wear (11-12)
- C. In the people you “encounter” (13-23.1)
- D. In the children you make (2-9)
- E. In how you sleep (10-11)
- F. In where you “go” (12-14)
- G. In whom you free (15-16)
- H. In what you give (17-18)

Kaufman, *Structure*, 138-139

Neither Shalt Thou Commit ... Adultery

Transition from Murder to Adultery (Deut 22.5-12)

- A. W6. Clothing (5)
 - a. W6. Animals (6, 7)
 - i. W6. Home (8)/ W7. Field(9)
 - b. W7. Animals (10)
- B. W7. Clothing (11-12)

Kaufman, *Structure*, 135-139

Father Knows Best

- A. Marital Strife (13-21)
 - a. Father holds the proof (15)
 - b. Father defends the daughter (16)
 - c. Father (on behalf of daughter) receives the fine (19)
- B. Extra-Marital Strife (22-30)
 - a. Consensual (22)
 - b. Rape (25-27)
- C. Pre-Marital (28-29)
 - a. Father (on behalf of daughter) receives the fine (29, See also Ex. 22.16)
 - b. Oh, also don't sleep with your stepmother after your dad dies (30)

Kaufman, *Structure*, 138-139

What's Under the Kilt?

- A. Exposing a man's weakness (30, Gen. 9.18; 2 Chr. 10.10)
- B. Crushing a man (23.1)
- C. Mixed Multitudes (2-8)
 - a. "Fatherless" child (2)
 - b. Ammonites & Moabites are your brothers (3-6)
 - c. Edomites are your brothers (7)
 - d. Egyptian children are your children (8)
- D. Clean up after yourself (12-15)

Thou Shalt Not Steal
Deut. 5.19

Life, Liberty & Property
Deut. 23.20-24.7

Old Yeller Was Sick and Had to be Shot

Transition from Adultery to Theft

- A. Runaway slaves/man-stealing (15, See also 24.7; Ex. 21.16)
- B. Put down the rabid dog
 - a. W7. Price of a “dog” into the House of God (18)
 - b. W8. Lending at interest (19)

Kaufman, *Structure*, 138-139

See also Strong's H5391 נִשָּׁךְ *nâshak*: bite (14 times) lend (2 times)

Life, Liberty and Property

A. Theft of Property

- a. Lend without interest (23.19-20)
- b. Keep your contracts (21-23) (See Berman, Religious Sources)
- c. Make crops available to your neighbor (24-25)

B. Theft of Life (5, 6): The daily “grind”

- a. Living off another’s crops (i.e. When your second wife is your first wife (24.1-4))
- b. Newlyweds (5) See also Jer. 25.10; Job 31.10
- c. Separating the muddler from its bowl (6)

C. Theft of Liberty (“Man-stealing”) (7)

Kaufman, *Structure*, 139-140 and notes 108-109

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Appendix: Transvestism is Assault on Image of God

[Deut 22.5] seems intrusive and may well be displaced from its original position among the other laws of forbidden mixtures in vv 9-10. On the other hand, its current position may not be totally inexplicable. Note that it deals with “garment,” mentioned first in [verse 3], and that the concern for separation between male and female can be seen to be paralleled in the prescribed separation of mother and “sons” in [verses 6-7]. [Due to its position in a chiasmic structure, Deut. 22.5] has a role to play in the transition between Words VI and VII. (See next slide)

Kaufman, Structure, 136