

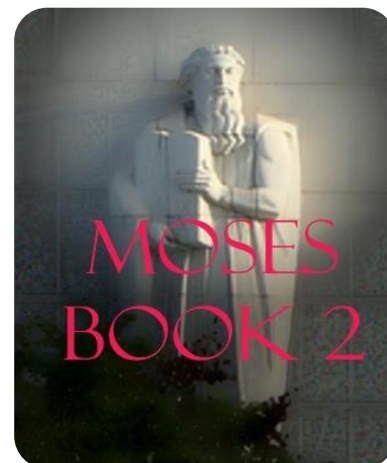
# EXODUS 22 vs 1

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The laws of this chapter relate, **1.** To the eighth commandment, concerning: theft (1-4); trespass by cattle (5); damage by fire (6); trusts (7-13); borrowing cattle (14-15); borrowing money (25-27). **2.** To the seventh commandment: against fornication (16-17); bestiality (19). **3.** To the first table, forbidding witchcraft (18); idolatry (20); commanding offering the first fruits (29-30). **4.** To the poor (21-24); **5.** To the civil government (28). **6.** To the unique nation (31) – Matthew Henry.

Other than the unique nation of the children of **Israel**, led by Moses, that exited Egypt in the Middle East 3,500 years ago, who received this body of law from the Lord; the only other country in the world... to be built on these laws as a foundation was **the United States of America**.



## Laws concerning theft

**<sup>1</sup> If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it, or sells it; in order to restore peace, he will repay five oxen for the ox, and four sheep for the sheep.**

**<sup>2</sup> If a thief is found breaking in, and is struck so that he dies, there will be no guilt for his bloodshed,**

**<sup>3</sup> but if the sun rises on him, there will be bloodshed for him / if in the daylight, he was struck and died; the one who killed him would be considered a murderer. Regardless of the thief, he will surely make full compensation; if he has nothing, then he will be sold for his theft.**

**<sup>4</sup> If certainly the theft is found in his hand, whether it is an ox or an ass, or sheep; he will repay double, to restore peace.**

**<sup>5</sup> If a man lets a field or vineyard be grazed in, and lets loose his animal to graze in the field of another man; then with the best of his field, or the best of his own vineyard, he must make compensation.**

**<sup>6</sup> If fire breaks out, and catches in thorns, so that it consumes stacks of grain, or the standing corn, or the field; he who started the fire will surely make restitution.**

## Laws concerning honesty

**<sup>7</sup> If a man delivers to his neighbor money or stuff to keep, and it is stolen from the house of the man; if the thief is found, he will pay double.**

**<sup>8</sup> If the thief is not found, then the master of the house will be brought to the judges, to see whether he put his hand on the goods of his neighbor.**

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**<sup>9</sup> For any kind of trespass, whether an ox, an ass, a sheep, for clothing, or any manner of lost thing which another claims to be his, before the judges the cause of both parties will come; and whomever the judges condemn, he will pay double to his neighbor.**

**<sup>10</sup> If a man delivers to his neighbor an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any animal, **to keep**; and it dies, or is hurt, or driven away, with no one seeing it:**

**<sup>11</sup> then an oath before the LORD will be between both of them whether or not he put his hand into the goods of his neighbor; and its owner must accept the oath, so he will not make restitution.**

**<sup>12</sup> but if it was stolen from him, to restore the peace he must compensate the owner.**

**<sup>13</sup> If it is torn in pieces *by an animal*, then let him bring it for evidence, and he will not make restitution for what was torn.**

**<sup>14</sup> And if a man borrows anything from his neighbor, and it is injured, or dies, its owner was not there with it, he will surely restore the peace.**

**<sup>15</sup> But if its owner is there with it, he will not make it good: if it is a rented thing, the fees are covered by the hire.**

Laws concerning morality

**<sup>16</sup> And if a man entice a virgin who is not engaged, and lies with her, he must surely pay the dowry for her to be his wife.**

**<sup>17</sup> If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he will pay bride price of virgins.**

Laws concerning Civil and Religious obligations

**<sup>18</sup> You will not permit a sorceress to live.**

**<sup>19</sup> Whoever lies with an animal will surely be put to death.**

**<sup>20</sup> He who sacrifices to any god, he will be utterly destroyed; except the LORD only.**

**<sup>21</sup> You must not mistreat a stranger, nor oppress him: for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.**

**<sup>22</sup> Any widow or fatherless child, you will not oppress.**

**<sup>23</sup> If in any way you afflict them, and if at all they cry out to Me, surely I will hear their cry;**

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**<sup>24</sup>and My wrath will grow hot, and I will kill you with the sword; then your wives will be widows, and your children, fatherless.**

**<sup>25</sup>If you lend money to any of My people who are poor, do not be to him as a creditor, and do not impose interest on them.**

**<sup>26</sup>If ever you take as a pledge the garment of your neighbor, before the sun goes down, you must return it to him:**

**<sup>27</sup>for that is his only covering, it is clothing for his body: what will he sleep in? and if it happens, when he cries to Me, I will hear; for I am gracious.**

**<sup>28</sup>With God, do not be trifling, do not curse the ruler of your people.**

**<sup>29</sup>The first of your ripe fruits, and your vintage juices do not delay to offer: the firstborn of your sons you will give to Me.**

**<sup>30</sup>Likewise do with your oxen, and with your sheep: seven days it will be with its mother; on the eighth day you will give it to Me.**

**<sup>31</sup>And you will be wholly men to Me: not any meat that is torn by beasts in the field will you eat; to the dogs you will throw it.**

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