

**TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!**  
**A study in Deuteronomy**  
AMEN Bible Study 2010-2011

**MEN, REMEMBER YOUR CALLING: COVENANT STIPULATIONS**

***PROTECT THE VULNERABLE***

**Deuteronomy 24:1-22**

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**24:1-5 I. Protect the vulnerable in marriage.**

**:1-4** A. Women in divorce and remarriage.

**:1-3** 1. God regulates what He does not sanction.

*"...she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house...."*

cf. Malachi 2:10-16; Matthew 5:31-32; Matthew 19:3-12; I Corinthians 7:10,11; Eph 5:22-33

**:4** 2. God protects the victims.

*"...then her former husband...may not take her again...after she has been defiled...an abomination before the Lord....sin upon the land..."*

cf. Hebrews 13:4

**:5** B. Newlyweds

*"When a man is newly married, he shall not go out with the army or be leader for any other public duty. He shall be free at home one year to be happy with his wife whom he has taken."*

cf. Deuteronomy 20:5-7

**:6-22 II. Protect the vulnerable in community.**

**:6, 10-15** A. The poor.

**:6, 10-13** 1. Lend justly.

cf. Psalm 15:5

**:6, 12, 13** • non-threatening collateral

*"No one shall take a mill or an upper millstone in pledge...you shall not sleep in his pledge..."*

cf. Exodus 22:25-27; Amos 2:8

**:10,11** • non-invasion of privacy

*"...you shall not go into his house to collect his pledge..."*

**:13b** • righteousness

*"And it shall be righteousness for you before the Lord your God."*

cf. 6:25

**:14, 15** 2. Pay promptly.

*"You shall give him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets..."*

cf. Leviticus 19:13; Jeremiah 22:13; James 5:4

**:7-9, 16** B. The unprotected.

**:7** 1. Execute kidnappers.

*"If a man is found stealing one of his brothers..."*

cf. Exodus 21:16

**:8, 9** 2. Care for the sick.

*"Take care, in a case of leprous disease.... Remember...Miriam..."*

cf. Leviticus 13:14; Numbers 12:9-16

**:16** 3. Protect the innocent.

*"Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sins."*

contrast: the Laws of Hammurabi

- :17-22** C. The powerless.  
*"It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow..."*
1. Do not pervert the justice due them.  
*"You shall not pervert the justice due..."*
- :17** a. collateral for loans  
*"You shall not...take a widow's garment in pledge."*
- :19-21** b. opportunities to reap  
*"When you reap your harvest...when you beat your olive trees...when you gather the grapes...."*  
 cf. Leviticus 19:9, 10; Ruth 2
- :18, 19b, 22** 2. Do not forget your motive.  
*"...but you shall remember..."*
- a. God redeemed you.  
*"You shall remember that you were a slave..."*
- b. God commands you.  
*"...therefore I command you..."*
- c. God will bless you.  
*"...that the Lord your God may bless you..."*  
 cf. 14:29