

# Deuteronomy 24

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## Marriage and Divorce Laws

([Matthew 5:31–32](#); [Luke 16:18](#))

**1**When a man taketh a wife, and marrieth her, then it cometh to pass, if she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some unseemly thing in her, that he writeth her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house, **2**and she departeth out of his house, and goeth and becometh another man's wife, **3**and the latter husband hateth her, and writeth her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, who took her to be his wife; **4**her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the LORD; and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

**5**When a man taketh a new wife, he shall not go out in the host, neither shall he be charged with any business; he shall be free for his house one year, and shall cheer his wife whom he hath taken.

## Additional Laws

**6**No man shall take the mill or the upper millstone to pledge; for he taketh a man's life to pledge.

**7**If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and he deal with him as a slave, and sell him; then that thief shall die; so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

**8**Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you, as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do. **9**Remember what the LORD thy God did unto Miriam, by the way as ye came forth out of Egypt.

**10**When thou dost lend thy neighbour any manner of loan, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge. **11**Thou shalt stand without, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring forth the pledge without unto thee. **12**And if he be a poor man, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge; **13**thou shalt surely restore to him the pledge when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his garment, and bless thee; and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.

**14**Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates. **15**In the same day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the LORD and it be sin in thee.

**16**The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers; every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

**17**Thou shalt not pervert the justice due to the stranger, or to the fatherless; nor take the widow's raiment to pledge. **18**But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence; therefore I command thee to do this thing.

**19**When thou reapest thy harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go back to fetch it; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hands. **20**When thou beatest thine olive-tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

**21**When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it after thee; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. **22**And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt; therefore I command thee to do this thing.