

Text: **Deuteronomy 21:1-22**

MISCELLANEOUS LAWS

A. Murder

1. Unresolved murders (Deuteronomy 21:1)

 2. Religious ceremonies to be performed (Deuteronomy 21:2-5)
 - a) Elders of the nearest city
 - b) Judges
 - c) Offering of a heifer by priests
 - d) They are to seek the Lord's blessings
 - e) By their word... all matters are settled

 3. Declaration to be made (Deuteronomy 21:6-7)
 - a) By the elders
 - b) To declare innocence

 4. Prayer to be offered (Deuteronomy 21:8)
 - a) For atonement for the unresolved murder (Deuteronomy 21:8)
 - b) Pray for mercy not to be condemned for the shedding of innocent blood (Deuteronomy 21:8)
- To do what is right in the sight of the Lord! (Deuteronomy 21:9)

B. FEMALE WAR CAPTIVES

(Deuteronomy 21:10-14)

1. A beautiful woman captive
2. Desired as a wife
3. Steps to take
 - a) One month of mourning for her parents
 - b) Captive clothing to be set aside
4. Marriage possible
5. If marriage fails
 - a) She must be set free
 - b) She cannot be sold as a slave

C. FIRSTBORN INHERITANCE

(Deuteronomy 21:15)

1. Multiple marriages
 - a) Loved wife
 - b) Unloved wife
2. Children born to both
3. Firstborn
 - a) Of the unloved wife
 - b) Of the loved wife

4. The true firstborn

- a) He is to be acknowledged
- b) He is to have a double portion

D. REBELLIOUS SON

(Deuteronomy 21:18-21)

1. Character

- a) Rebellious
- b) Stubborn
- c) Disobedient

2. He may be brought to the court of elders

- a) All of the above
- b) Also a glutton and a drunkard

3. Maximum penalty: Stoned to death