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Book of Deuteronomy Chapter 21

05_DEU_21_01 If [one] be found slain in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, [and] it be not known who hath slain him:

05_DEU_21_02 Then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which [are] round about him that is slain:

05_DEU_21_03 And it shall be, [that] the city [which is] next unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take an heifer, which hath not been wrought with, [and] which hath not drawn in the yoke;

05_DEU_21_04 And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which is neither eared nor sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley:

05_DEU_21_05 And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them the LORD thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of the LORD; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be [tried]:

05_DEU_21_06 And all the elders of that city, [that are] next unto the slain [man], shall wash their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley:

05_DEU_21_07 And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen [it].

05_DEU_21_08 Be merciful, O LORD, unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and lay not innocent blood unto thy people of Israel's charge. And the blood shall be forgiven them.

05_DEU_21_09 So shalt thou put away the [guilt of] innocent blood from among you, when thou shalt do [that which is] right in the sight of the LORD.

05_DEU_21_10 When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the LORD thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive,

05_DEU_21_11 And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldest have her to thy wife;

05_DEU_21_12 Then thou shalt bring her home to thine house; and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails;

05_DEU_21_13 And she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife.

05_DEU_21_14 And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not make merchandise of her, because thou hast humbled her.

05_DEU_21_15 If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, [both] the beloved and the hated; and [if] the firstborn son be hers that was hated:

05_DEU_21_16 Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit [that] which he hath, [that] he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, [which is indeed] the firstborn:

05_DEU_21_17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated [for] the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he [is] the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn [is] his.

05_DEU_21_18 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and [that], when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:

05_DEU_21_19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place;

05_DEU_21_20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son [is] stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; [he is] a glutton, and a drunkard.

05_DEU_21_21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

05_DEU_21_22 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree:

05_DEU_21_23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; [for he that is hanged [is] accursed of God;] that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee [for] an inheritance.