

The Code of Hammarubi









- ✧ it proves that there was indeed codes of law in existence during the time of Moses and the Torah
- ✧) it provides keys to understanding why YHVH gave certain laws to Moses
- ✧ it may give insight into what the Jewish people call Oral Torah



Code #1 - If a man bring an accusation against a man, and charge him with a (capital) crime, but cannot prove it, he, the accuser, shall be put to death.

Code #3 - If a man, in a case (pending judgment), bear false (threatening) witness, or do not establish the testimony that he has given, if that case be a case involving life, that man shall be put to death.



NKJ Exodus 20:16 " You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

NKJ Deuteronomy 19:16-19 "If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, ¹⁷ "then both men in the controversy shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. ¹⁸ "And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother, ¹⁹ "then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you.



Code #14 - If a man steal a man's son, who is a minor, he shall be put to death.

NKJ Exodus 21:16 " He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death.



☞ **Code #117** - If a man be in debt and sell his wife, son or daughter, or bind them over to service, for three years they shall work in the house of their purchaser or master; in the fourth year they shall be given their freedom.

☞ **NKJ Deuteronomy 15:12** " If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you.



NKJ Exodus 21:22-25 " If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. ²³ "But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, ²⁴ "eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵ "burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.



NKJ Leviticus 24:19-22 'If a man causes disfigurement of his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be done to him -- ²⁰ 'fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, so shall it be done to him. ²¹ 'And whoever kills an animal shall restore it; but whoever kills a man shall be put to death. ²² 'You shall have the same law for the stranger and for one from your own country; for I am the LORD your God.' "



Code #198 - If one destroy the eye of a freeman or break the bone of a freeman, he shall pay one mana of silver.

Code # 199 - If one destroy the eye of a man's slave or break a bone of a man's slave he shall pay one-half his price.



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NKJ Matthew 5:38-40 " You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ "But I tell you not to resist an evil person (Gr. *poneros* – Strong's 4190 – hardship). But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. ⁴⁰ "If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also.

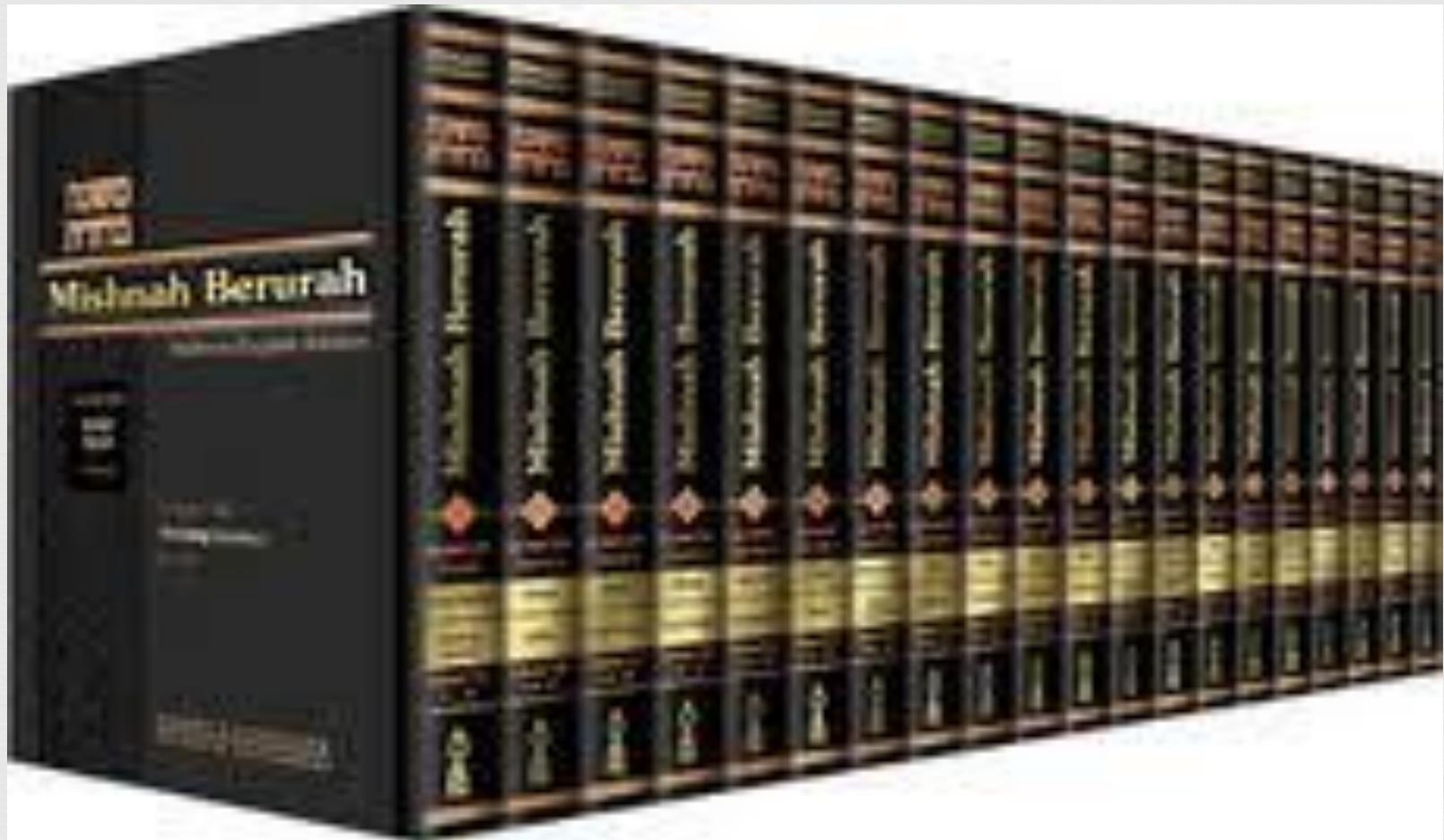




NKJ Deuteronomy 21:15-17 " If a man has two wives, one loved and the other unloved, and they have borne him children, both the loved and the unloved, and if the firstborn son is of her who is unloved, ¹⁶ "then it shall be, on the day he bequeaths his possessions to his sons, that he must not bestow firstborn status on the son of the loved wife in preference to the son of the unloved, the true firstborn. ¹⁷ "But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.



Code # 165 - If a man present field, garden or house to his favorite son and write for him a sealed deed; after the father dies, when the brothers divide, he shall take the present which the father gave him, and over and above they shall divide the goods of the father's house equally.





NKJ Exodus 20:25 'And if you make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone; for if you use your tool on it, you have profaned it.

NKJ Exodus 28:42 "And you shall make for them linen trousers to cover their nakedness; they shall reach from the waist to the thighs.

NKJ Exodus 20:26 'Nor shall you go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness may not be exposed on it.'



- ❧ Hammurabi's code was not the basis for the Torah
- ❧ We can find answers to many questions in the Torah by examining these ancient codes of law
- ❧ Some of the laws found in the Torah were probably given to correct the incorrect practices of the day.

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