

Exodus 22:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If a man deliver unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it:

Analysis

If a man deliver unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it:

This ordinance reveals God's comprehensive justice—regulating economic transactions, property rights, and social relationships. The mishpatim create framework for covenant community to flourish. Each law applies broader principles: love God supremely, love neighbor practically. Modern believers aren't bound by ceremonial laws but should pursue their spirit—justice, mercy, and faithfulness (Matthew 23:23). God's character revealed in law guides Christian ethics.

Historical Context

These civil regulations distinguished Israel from surrounding nations, creating a society reflecting God's justice. The laws balance individual rights with community welfare, property rights with compassion for the poor.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does this law reveal God's character—His justice, mercy, or holiness?
2. What New Testament principles build upon or fulfill this Old Testament regulation?

Interlinear Text

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H3588 **deliver** H5414 If a man H376 **unto his neighbour** H413 H7453 an ass H176 H2543 or an ox H176 H7794

אָוֶן נִשְׁבֵּר אָוֶן נִשְׁבֵּר אָוֶן נִשְׁבֵּר
or a sheep H7716 or any beast H3605 to keep H929 and it die H8104 H176 or be hurt H4191 H7665 H176

רָאָה: אֵין נִשְׁבֵּה הַנִּשְׁבֵּה הַנִּשְׁבֵּה
no man seeing H369 H7200

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