

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

כִּי	יִתֵּן	אִישׁ	אֶל	רֵעֵהוּ	חֲמֹר	אוֹ	שׁוֹר	אוֹ
H3588	deliver	If a man	H413	unto his neighbour	an ass	H176	or an ox	H176
	H5414	H376		H7453	H2543		H7794	
שֶׁה	וְכָל	בְּהֵמָה	לִשְׁמֹר	וּמֵת	אוֹ	נִשְׁבָּר	אוֹ	
or a sheep	H3605	or any beast	to keep	and it die	H176	or be hurt	H176	
H7716		H929	H8104	H4191		H7665		
נִשְׁבָּר	אִין	רֹאֶה:						
or driven away	H369	no man seeing						
H7617		H7200						

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