

# Exodus 22:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If it be torn in pieces, then let him bring it for witness, and he shall not make good that which was torn.

## Analysis

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**If it be torn in pieces, then let him bring it for witness, and he shall not make good that which was torn.**

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

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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

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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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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אִם	יְהִי	רִשְׁבָּת	אִם	יְהִי	רִשְׁבָּת	כִּי	בָּא	הִי	עַל	דָּבָר
H518	If it be torn in pieces	H2963	If it be torn in pieces	H2963	then let him bring	H935	it for witness	H5707		
הַתְּרִיבָּת	הַתְּרִיבָּת	לֹא	וְשָׁלַמְתָּ							
that which was torn	H2966	H3808	and he shall not make good	H7999						

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