

# Exodus 22:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And if a man borrow ought of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof being not with it, he shall surely make it good.**

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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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## 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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וְכִי H3588	יִשָּׂא ל' H7592	אִם יִשׁ H376	עִמּוֹ H5973	רָע הוּא H7453		
	borrow	And if a man	thereof being not with it	ought of his neighbour		
וְנִשְׁבַּר H7665	אוֹ H176	יָמוֹת H4191	בְּעֵל יוֹ H1167	אֵין H369	עִמּוֹ H5973	יִשְׁלָם: H7999
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 21:34** (Good): The owner of the pit shall make it good, and give money unto the owner of them; and the dead beast shall be his.

**Deuteronomy 15:2** (Parallel theme): And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD'S release.

**Leviticus 24:18** (Good): And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast for beast.

**Exodus 22:11** (Good): Then shall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and the owner of it shall accept thereof, and he shall not make it good.

**Luke 6:35** (Good): But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

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