

# Exodus 22:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, and with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me.

## Analysis

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**Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, and with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me.**

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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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**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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Likewise	shalt thou do	with thine oxen	and with thy sheep	seven	day
H3651	H6213	H7794	H6629	H7651	H3117
עַם, יְהוָה ה	אִמּוֹ	בְּיוֹם	הַשְּׁמִינִי	תִתְּנוּ	לִי:
H1961	H5973	it shall be with his dam	day	on the eighth	thou shalt give
	H517		H3117	H8066	H5414
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 22:27** (Parallel theme): When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

**Deuteronomy 15:19** (Parallel theme): All the firstling males that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thy bullock, nor shear the firstling of thy sheep.

**Exodus 13:12** (Parallel theme): That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males shall be the LORD'S.

**Leviticus 12:3** (Parallel theme): And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.