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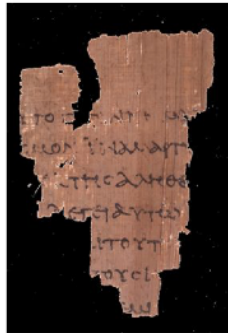
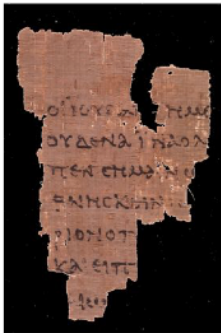
A Woman Taken in Adultery

John 7:53-8:11



Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.” The Jews replied, “We have no right to execute anyone.” (John 18:31)

- ▣ **Oldest fragment of NT – early 2nd cent.!**
 - With part of John 18:31-33, 37-38 (Jesus' trial)



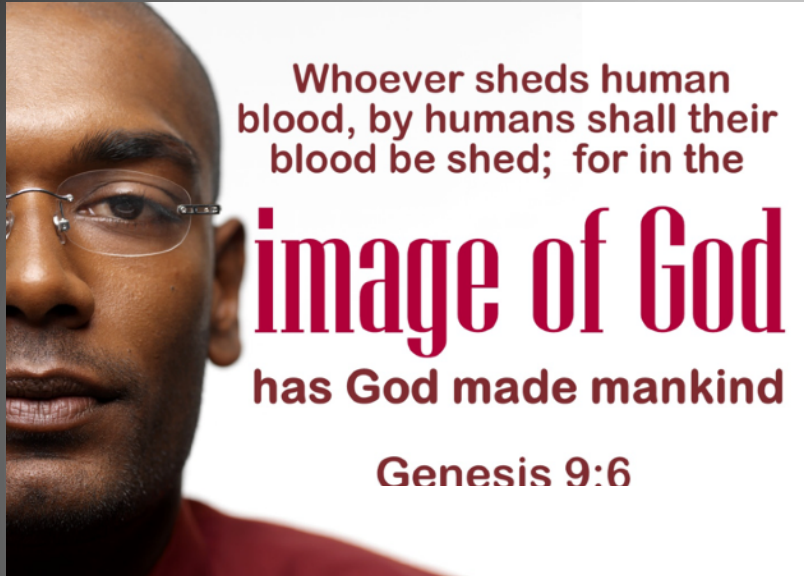
The Law on Adultery

- Deut 22:22 (NIV): If a man is found sleeping with another man’s wife, both the man who slept with her and the woman must die.
- Lev 20:10 (NIV): If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife – with the wife of his neighbour – both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.

6 But never put a person to death on the testimony of only one witness. There must always be two or three witnesses. 7 The witnesses must throw the first stones, and then all the people may join in. In this way, you will purge the evil from among you.

Deut. 17:6, 7

The Redeemer of Blood



Deuteronomy 19:11, Murder

- NAU Deuteronomy 19:11 "But if there is a man who hates his neighbor and lies in wait for him and rises up against him and strikes him so that he dies, and he flees to one of these cities, 12 then the elders of his city shall send and take him from there and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.



Righteous Joseph?

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Matthew 1:19

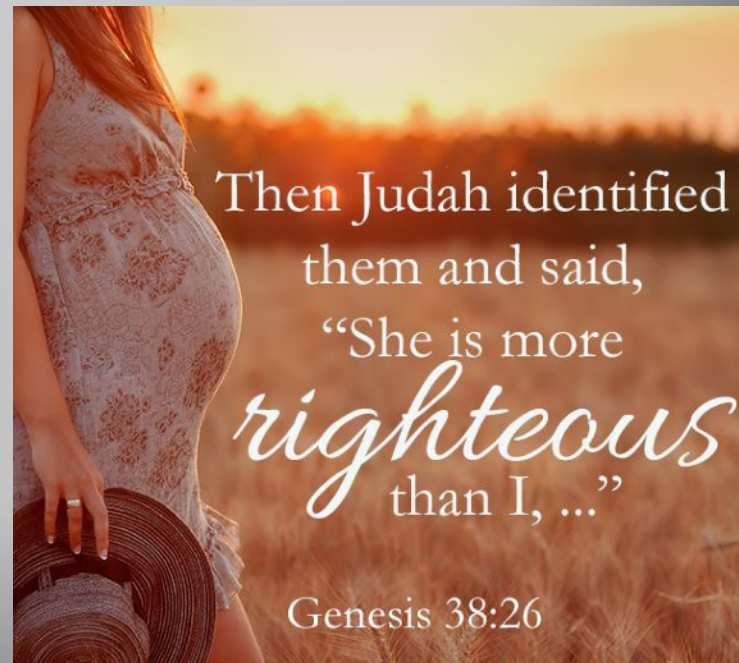
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Matthew 1:19 NIV

“
IT IS BETTER FOR A PERSON
TO THROW HIMSELF INTO
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TO EMBARRASS HIS FELLOW
HUMAN BEING.”

The Talmud,
Bava Metzia 59a



Then Judah identified
them and said,
“She is more
righteous
than I, ...”

Genesis 38:26

The Rebellious Son

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 (NKJV)

¹⁸ "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and *who*, when they have chastened him, will not heed them, ¹⁹ then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. ²⁰ And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' ²¹ Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.



- Rabbi Shimon: “There has never been such a son and there never will be one in the future. Why then was it written? So that we should study the passage and receive reward for it.” (*Sanhedrin* 71a)
- R. Yose the Galilean: “Torah foresaw the ultimate destiny of the stubborn and rebellious son. Having dissipated his father’s wealth, he would seek to satisfy his wants and be unable to do so. He would then go to a crossroads and rob. Therefore the Torah ordained: Let him die innocent rather than die guilty—for the death of the wicked benefits both them and the world.” (*Sanhedrin* 71b)

The Rabbis and Capital Punishment



“A Sanhedrin that executes someone once in seven years is characterized as destructive.

Rabbi Elazar ben Azarya says: Once in seventy years.

Rabbi Tarfon and Rabbi Akiva say: If we had been in the Sanhedrin, no person would have ever been executed.

Rabban Shimon ben Gamliel says: They too increase the number of murderers in Israel.”

(m. Makkot 1.10)

The Legal Code of Hammurabi

(ca. 1800 BC)



"If a man damages the eye of another man, then the culprit shall have his eye destroyed. And if a person breaks another man's bone, the bone of the culprit shall be broken" (Law #196)



Genesis 4:23-24

²³ Lamech said to his wives,

"Adah and Zillah, listen to me;
wives of Lamech, hear my words.
I have killed a man for wounding me,
a young man for injuring me.

²⁴ If Cain is avenged seven times,
then Lamech seventy-seven times."

