

# Deuteronomy

## A Call to Covenant Renewal

# **Prolonging Your Days in the Promised Land**

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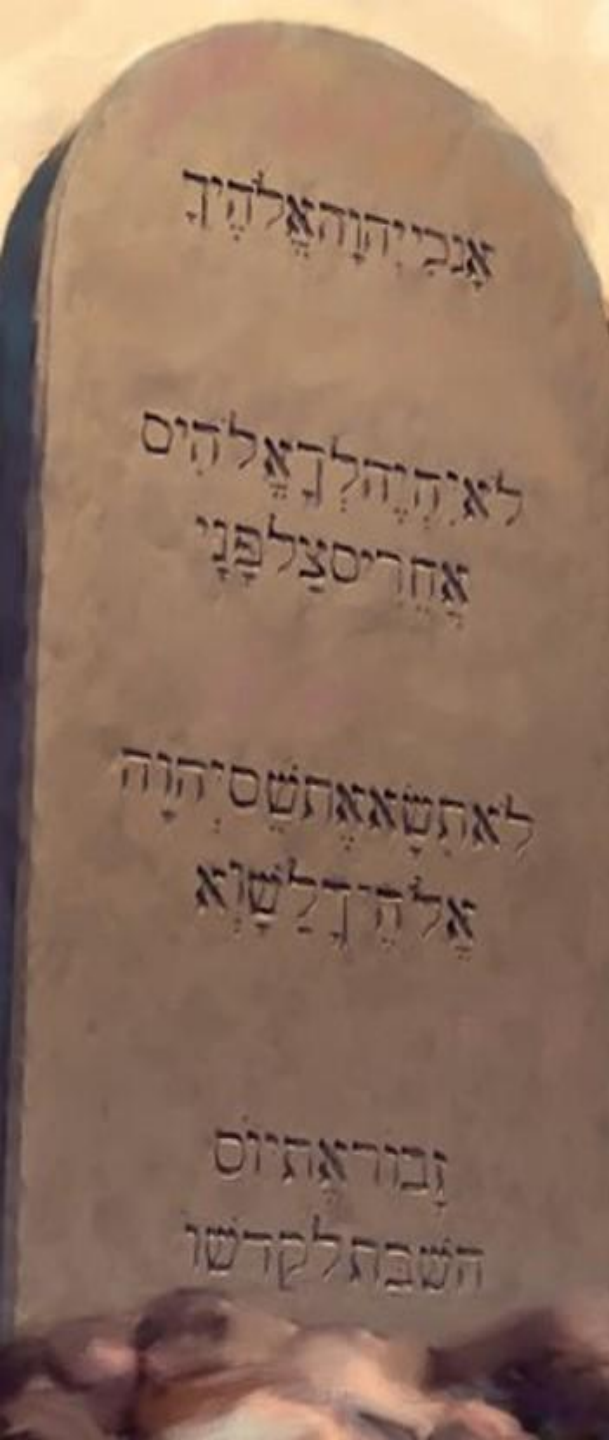
# Deuteronomy 2:17-19

Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you came out of Egypt, how he attacked you on the way when you were faint and weary, and cut off your tail, those who were lagging behind you, and he did not fear God. Therefore when the LORD your God has given you rest from all your enemies around you, in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you shall not forget.



# Main Point

God's Law instructs us in the ways of righteousness for all of life, and obedience to His Law protects and preserves healthy community and brings glory to Him.



# **Prolonging Your Days...**

## **The procedure and purpose of corporal punishment.**

# **Corporal Punishment**

What was the procedure?

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# God established judicial authority

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# Proportional Justice – Eye for Eye

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# Corporal Punishment

What was the procedure?

What was the purpose?



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The end goal was clearly ***not***  
humiliation or degradation.

God's laws are always good and  
designed to bring forth good.

# Consider...

## **Proverbs 10:13**

On the lips of the discerning, wisdom is found,  
But a rod is for the back of him who lacks understanding.

## **Proverbs 26:3**

A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey,  
And a rod for the back of fools.

## **Proverbs 29:4**

The king gives stability to the land by justice.

Faithful discipline is a blessing to the individual **and** to the community.



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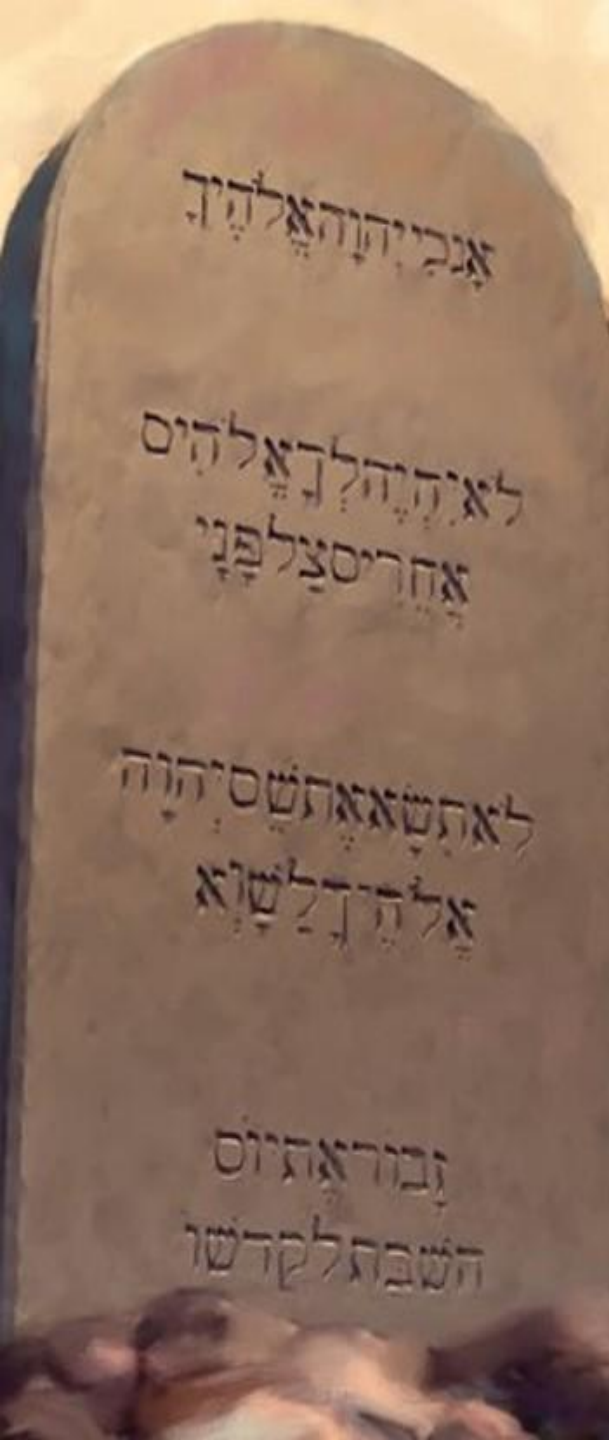
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**Hebrews 12:6**

For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines,  
and He scourges every son whom He receives.





# Prolonging Your Days...

The procedure and purpose of corporal punishment.

**The preservation  
and protection of family.**

# **The Value of Family**

Preservation of the family name.

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Levirate marriage protected the widow and preserved the family name in the land.

Though odd to us, it reflects  
a high value of family.

The maintenance of the family name was a symbol of ongoing participation in the promise of future blessing for the nation.

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In shirking his duty, this brother-in-law  
dishonored both his brother and his sister-in-law.

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The concept of levirate marriage confronts our overly romanticized view of marriage and challenges us to consider how self-centered our way of thinking may be.

# The Value of Family

Preservation of the family name.

Protection of family progeny.

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**They would likely question the severity.**

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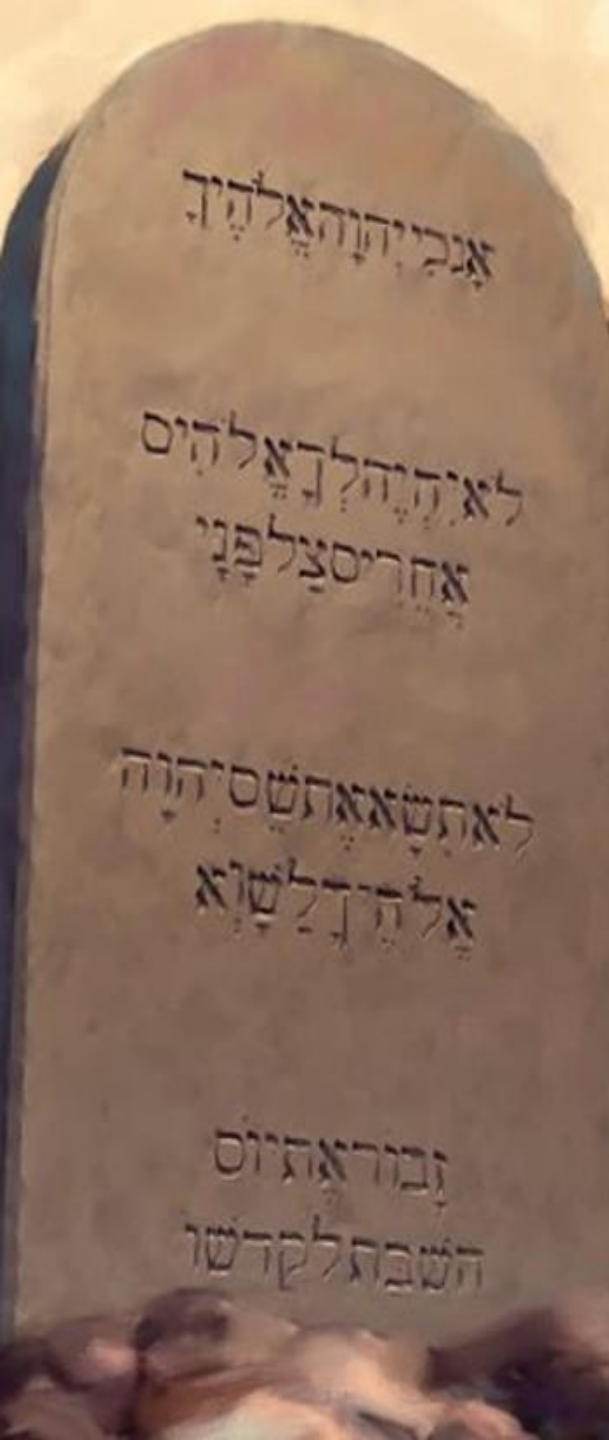
# What is your reaction?

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Is it possible that our reactions to the severity of God's judgments reveal a diminished view of God's holiness and of our wickedness?



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# **Current Examples:**

Promotion and hiring standards

Monetary manipulation

Our own personal double standards

# Fraud

The practice of fraud.

The penalty for fraud.

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# The penalty would be exile!

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God's removal of rebellious Israel  
from the promised land is a  
warning of His impending removal  
of all rebellious sinners from the  
blessings of His presence.

# Conclusion

God's righteousness touches all of life.

Obedience protects and  
preserves healthy community  
and brings glory to Him.