

Veritas Class  
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Maintaining a Righteous Environment: The Young Heifer Ritual  
Deuteronomy 21:1-9

- A. The Context of this Text
- B. The Broader Context
- C. Exposition
  - 1. The Problem (v. 1)
  - 2. The Prescription (vv. 2-8b)
  - 3. The Result (vv. 8b-9)
- D. Significance of this Text in the Scriptures and for Us

Maintaining the Rights of Female Prisoners of War  
Deuteronomy 21:10–14

- A. The Context of 21:10–14
- B. The Arrangement of 21:10–23
- C. Exposition
  - 1. The Primary Circumstance (vv. 10-13)

**Protasis:** *When* you go out to war against your enemies,  
and YHWH your God gives them into your hand  
and you take them captive,  
and you see among the captives a beautiful woman,  
and you desire her  
and you take her to be your wife,  
and you bring her home to your house.

**Apodosis:** *Then* she shall shave her head and pare her nails,  
and she shall take off the clothes in which she was captured,  
and she shall remain in your house  
and she shall lament her father and her mother a full month.

*After that*  
you may go in to her  
and you will be her husband,  
and she shall be your wife.

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a. What do we learn about this woman from vv. 10-12a?

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b. How does Moses seek to protect the *dignity* of the woman in vv. 12b-13?

Secondary Circumstance

Protasis:

*But if* you no longer take pleasure in her,  
and you let her go where she wants,

Apodosis:

*Then* you may not sell her for money,  
nor may you treat her as a slave,  
since you have humiliated her.

(1)

(2)

c. How does Moses seek to protect the *rights* of the woman in v. 14

D. Significance: What does this text say about the biblical view of marriage?

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