

# TEMPLE PROSTITUTES



- Viewed by some pagan temples as a “holy” profession
- God says He will not accept a defiled offering that is the product of adultery
- Good intentions are irrelevant

# LENDING AS ANOTHER LAW CONCERNING “TRUE RELIGION”

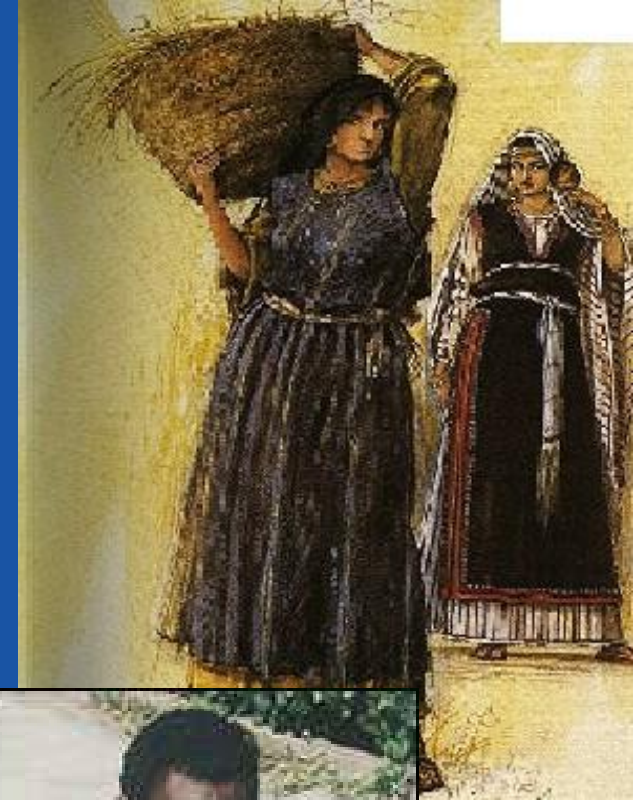


- NO interest is to be charged when one Hebrew lends to another
- Usually it was food or seed that was loaned
- Interest CAN be charged to a foreigner
- **Nokri** = foreigner who lives with Israel but does not identify himself with Israel
- Is referring mainly to traveling foreign merchants



# TRUE RELIGION AND THE POOR

- Poverty does not mean foolishly going in debt
- Poverty does not mean living with inconvenience
- Bible definition of “poor” is someone who has bad health, misfortune and has no reasonable means to support themselves
- Widows and orphans
- The Lord said all Israel was obligated to help the poor
- NOT to help the poor is SIN!



# MAKING VOWS

- Deut.23:22 – 24
- 2 requirements when making a vow to YHWH
  - 1) keep your promise
  - 2) do it in a timely manner
- To NOT keep a vow is sin
- Making vows were common and usual
- Pagan temples encouraged making vows as a means of more temple income
- A vow is usually a petition to the Lord for His help or favor





# VOWS ARE DANGEROUS!



- Yeshua says it's OK to make vows, but it's better to make our YES, yes, and our NO, no
- It's the unintended consequences of vows and oaths that are the problem
- We have little control over the outcome of most vows
- Jephthah vowed to sacrifice whatever came through his door and it turned out to be his daughter!





- Deut.23:25 – 26 OK to eat from neighbor's crops
- NOT about feeding the poor
- Is about providing food for TRAVELERS
- Matthew 12: Jesus and disciples pluck grain on Sabbath
- Issue was: a) traditions about "Sabbath walk", and b) traditions about gathering food (grain)
- Both were considered "work", a Sabbath violation



# DEUT. 24: DIVORCE

- NO laws directly prohibiting divorce in the Torah
- Hebrews went by long-standing Middle Eastern customs of divorce
- **Get** = writ of divorce
- Law of Deut.24:1 is about re-marriage
- Man may NOT remarry a woman whom he divorced, AFTER she married another man (but is now free from her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband)



**“....for I hate divorce....”**

## ***Malachi 2:16***



- The Lord does NOT condone divorce
- The reason given as the man “finding her obnoxious” is NOT about an acceptable excuse for divorce
- Paul 1Cor.7:15 If an unbelieving spouse leaves a Believer
- Yeshua in Matt. 19:9 If there is sexual immorality
- NO prohibition against remarrying UNLESS a wife marries another man in the interim



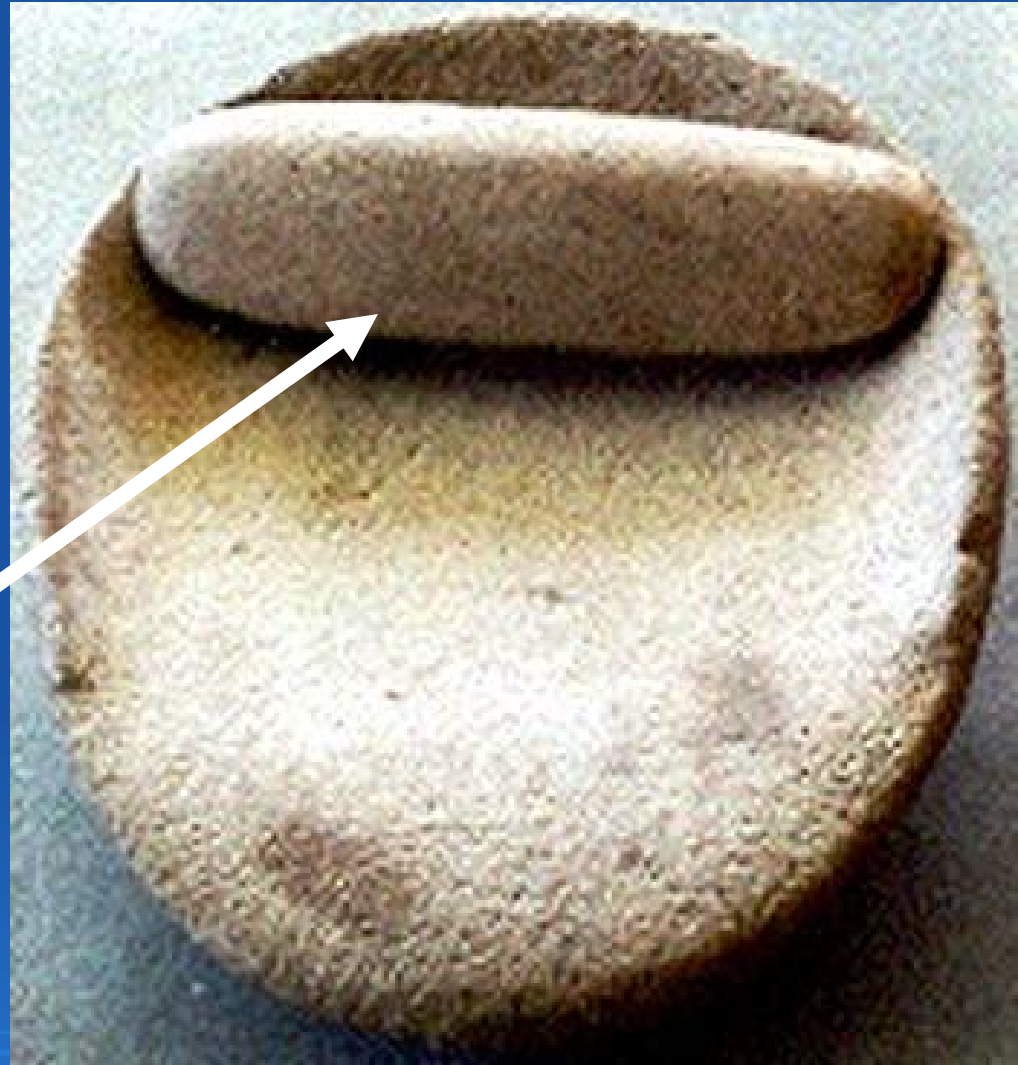
# PRIVILAGES OF NEW MARRIAGE



- Man deferred from military duty for one year
- Purpose is to start a family
- Hope is for wife to get pregnant on wedding night
- Having a son was important for carrying on the family bloodlines
- **FAILURE TO HAVE CHILDREN** is a failure to participate in the Abrahamic Covenant

# THE RESPECT FOR LIFE

- Deut. 24:6 – 7
- These verses are about taking collateral for a loan
- Example is NOT to take the upper mill stone
- Grain was ground daily for flour and meal
- To deny a family their millstone was to deny them sustenance





# KIDNAPPING IS STEALING LIFE



- Kidnapping means taking someone to enslave them or sell them
- Penalty is death
- Mistreatment was part of the definition of kidnapping
- Taking folks as part of war and increasing your tribe was generally NOT kidnapping
- Kidnapping applied to Israelite or foreigner



# PROGRESSING SHADOWS AND PATTERNS

