

# **Mercy Invades Captivity**

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**Rachamim-The withholding of the judgment due.**

**These instructions are actually part of the 613 commands counted by the rabbis. So technically patriarchal marriage is a command if counted as the rabbis' count; however marriage, monogamous or plural is clearly not part of the 10 commandments.**

**A believer can have either a monogamous or patriarchal heterosexual marriage as seen in Deuteronomy 21:10-17. Let's have a real close up look:**

**10 When you go forth to war against your enemies, and YHWH your Elohim has delivered them into your hands, and you have taken them captive,**

**Captivity can also apply to someone captive to false religious doctrines. In the natural, or in the supernatural, when YHWH gives us victory, as He always will; we will have to know how to deal with mercy with our captives.**

**11 And see among the captives a beautiful woman, and have a desire for her, that you would have her to be your wife;**

**Please note that even if a man is already married and yet desires a captive woman, he has YHWH's authority to take her in and add her to his Israelite family. There are many forms of rescuing captive women, many of which are covered in this book. Those captives in false religions, in domestic abuse, in difficult single motherhood, in a history of bad choices, in slavery to working 3 jobs and not getting by, in captivity to various forms of emotional, psychological and physical hardships; abuse and captivity from government dependency and many other forms of captivity, too numerous to mention, such as widowhood and neglect by family and children. Rachamim the Hebrew word for mercy is the withholding, or removal of judgment. The merciful thing to do is to take a captive woman in to your home and show her, the unconditional love and companionship of an Israelite man and an Israelite family, submitted to a loving relationship with Moshiach Yahshua.**

**12 Then you shall bring her home to your bayit, and she shall shave her head, and trim her nails;**

**These rights are symbolic of mikvah and the dying to the old life and the start of a new life. They are designed to show her the mercy of the Elohim of Israel, through a caring and loving patriarchal family. The shaving is symbolic of changing headship from s.a.tan to YHWH. The trimmed nails are symbolic of changing the old human animalistic nature to Messiah's loving nature.**

**The first wife, IF she is walking in the Ruach of SELFLESSNESS and not SELFISHNESS and TERRITORIALISM, will willingly crucify her flesh and help the captive woman through this difficult transition of mourning her old pagan ways, upbringing and lifestyle, into the brightness of new hope in Yahshua; this happens as both the established wife and husband show her unconditional love and acceptance amongst an established patriarchal family. In mercy she must not remain a captive, but must make the transition to become an Israelite, through this 30 day**

period of mourning and repentance, a process similar to when our nation mourned for Moshe Rabainu-Moses for 30 days, before they had new leadership in Yahoshua son of Nun. Obviously this principle is still for today despite what fearful women and blinded believers FEEL!

**13 And she shall put off the garment of her captivity, and shall remain in your bayit, and bewail her abba and her eema a full month: and after that you shall go in to her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife.**

**She “shall put off the garment of her captivity.” She will become a new creation by trust and obedience to the Elohim of Yisrael! She will be clothed with the Israelite WEDDING GARMENTS of salvation, in place of the clothes of a slave! Regardless of how many other “one flesh” covenants already exist. The captive woman turned Israelite may be wife # 1, 2, 3, 4, or any other number! These are Yahweh’s ways and His set apart words. He is most pleased when you allow HIS Words to rule your thinking and not your soulish realm, fueled by insecurity, fear and church inherited sexuality. The whole point in plural marriage is to grow the nation through righteous seed; but also to prosper Israel through righteous women, trained by righteous men, who will have their physical needs met as well. This is the Israelite way of being fruitful and multiplying. By taking captive women and discipling them in mercy and Torah, we obey YHWH’s command to be a “light to all nations,” teaching them what Yahshua has taught us and nurturing them as Yahshua nurtures us. No, it’s not all about sex; it’s all about more of YHWH’s mind and less of your own, for us and for those we evangelize!**

**14 And it shall be, if you have no delight in her, then you shall let her go where she will; but you shall not sell her at all for money, you shall not make merchandise of her, because you have humbled her.**

As plainly seen, this is not about sex and prostitution; it’s about liberty and freedom. If this added wife, or first wife, for some reason does not work out, she shall be loved and shown the mercy of unconditional freedom to leave and pursue her own life, wherever she desires. She shall not be made a slave to the husband, or family. She also can be free to remain single, or remarry in Israel, or even return to her pagan roots. So here we clearly see plural, along with monogamous marriage not as abusive, or as the domination of women, or as sex slavery, but as a means to love, manifest mercy, discipleship and Yahweh’s freedom. Just because some do not practice it this way, does not mean that YHWH is not kadosh and that His ways are not kadosh. It means man’s heart always will find ways to abuse YHWH’s instructions, whether in monogamy, or patriarchal marriage. Mohammed was a classic example of this abuse, as he abused his 15 wives and took a 9 year old child bride and violated her. Because Islam perverts Torah, does that mean that YHWH also is dirty and wrong about what He allows? YHWH has been around a lot longer than Mohammed and we are to get our examples of holiness from YHWH alone and not from mankind’s perversions and lies about our great King!

Torah is clear. Multiple marriages are VERY kosher! When society tries to FORCE believers to live by laws they have established and by their ADDED perversions, rather than by Torah, we are free to reject those laws and we are free to marry without state approval, before YHWH alone! Let’s continue:

**15 If [when] a man has two wives and he loves one, but not the other and both bear him sons, but the firstborn is the son of the wife he does not love,**

**16 when he wills his property to his sons, he must not give the rights of the firstborn to the son of the wife he loves in preference to his actual firstborn, the son of the wife he does not love.**

**17 He must acknowledge the son of his unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double share of all he has. That son is the first sign of his father's strength. The right of the firstborn belongs to him.**

Some translations render verse 15 containing the word "IF," as "WHEN," as in "WHEN" a man has two wives, indicating a recital of what Israelites had been practicing all along and what was codified earlier at Mt. Sinai as Torah.

This instruction (verses 15-17) is only in the case where one wife is loved and the other hated. In the case where both, or all wives are loved, this instruction does not apply. If men were real men, and shared mercy and sincere love with all their wives, no one wife would be hated. That's the way a man called by YHWH into patriarchal marriage must behave. Here's a tip. If you have not learned how to treat and love your first wife, don't add another wife, as you have not shown yourself ready, or mature enough.

In a situation where one wife is not loved and she has born him the firstborn, regardless of his FEELINGS, her son must remain the firstborn and MUST receive the double portion of the husband's inheritance. Notice that true Israelite living is done by YHWH's instructions, not by FEELINGS. The FEELINGS of the husband do not matter! The firstborn inheritance must not be transferred based on FEELINGS. In much the same way, we cannot reject, or condemn plural marriage just because it doesn't FEEL right; we must be led by Yahweh's instructions and allowances recorded in His Word. This merciful instruction is given as a safeguard for the children in a plural marriage family. Hopefully, all wives will be loved, treasured, nurtured and made to feel very special to be married to a righteous priest (family leader) in Israel.

These verses above show how YHWH allows plural marriage with strict regulations, so that NO ABUSE takes place towards women, or children. A true Torah following husband will follow these regulations to make his wives feel significant, loved, guarded, nourished and protected, along with their children at all times. YHWH does not forbid plural marriage, but He does keep it on a very short leash. If you choose this lifestyle, you MUST allow YHWH to regulate your desires and feelings!

**18 If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son, who will not obey the voice of his abba, or the voice of his eema, and that, when they have disciplined him, will not listen to them:**

**19 Then shall his abba and his eema lay hold on him, and bring him out to the zechanim of his city, and to the gate of his place;**

**20 And they shall say to the zechanim of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard.**

Please note that this is not a commandment for automatic stoning. The instruction implies a lifelong, or long term pattern of rebellion, gluttony and drunkenness. It's not a "first time you don't obey" kind of instruction. So first we have the mercy of many opportunities to turn and repent. Now more mercy.

**21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, so that he dies: so shall you put evil away from among you; and kol Yisrael shall hear, and fear.**

The mercy of YHWH allows the elders of Israel at the city gates, the place of the town courts to hear the matter; the parents are required to present their case to the city elders who can actually step in and override the need for stoning. This check and balance, is another buffer of YHWH's mercy to prevent impulsive stoning, or parental retribution. So between the "long term clause" and the veto power of the elders, stoning was rarely used in Israel and is rarely used today.

**Moreover, the whole point behind stoning was that there would be no more need for stoning....in other words, once one boy was made an example for all Yisrael, all Yisrael shall see, hear and fear the penalty for rebelling against the Israelite parents submitted to Torah. Once ONE MALE was made an example YHWH's mercy, YHWH would no longer require massive stoning for any and all rebellious children. That's why history records that stoning was not practiced in Israel, nor is it practiced today. Why? Because it only takes one example to scare everyone else. Notice also how YHWH's mercy not only prevents massive impulsive stoning done in anger, but where are the girls and women mentioned in regards to stoning? There is no mention at all of rebellious girls being taken out to the elders to be stoned. Also, again we see YHWH's mercy and love towards women; so women can rest secure in the knowledge that YHWH would never allow anything whereby women can be abused based on Torah. That means that plural marriage the way it was designed by YHWH is there to protect and guard women not to abuse them. Now if mankind had perverted that allowance, as they have other things YHWH instructs, then the sin and evil lies with mankind's heart, and not the revealed love and Words of YHWH. If one is stoned for all Israel, then others would not have to be. That is rachamim friends!**

**There is much evidence that Yahshua was first stoned, so all Yisrael could see, hear and fear, before He was crucified. I won't go into this evidence today.**

**22 And if a man has committed a sin worthy of death, then he shall be put to death, and you shall hang him on an eytz:**

**This was the death for criminals, not rebellious children. Remember Yahshua was reckoned with and amongst the criminals in His death. So it makes sense that He was first stoned for our rebellion, in place of us being rebellious being made the sole example, so we would not have to be stoned, as well as hung on the tree as a criminal, so we would not have to be hung as criminals against YHWH and His kadosh Torah, even though we were.**

**23 His body shall not remain all night upon the eytz, but you shall bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is cursed by Elohim;) see Galutayah 3:13-14, that your land is not defiled, which YHWH your Elohim gives you for an inheritance.**

**Which is why Yahshua's body had to be down before nightfall, for He became a curse for all the people of the world and the land of Yisrael in order to cleanse them. He was both stoned and hung, for our rebellion and criminality.**