

Answer Hey: Hebraic Law Worksheet

Name of Legal System: Hebraic Law, also called Mosaic Law

Background:

- refers to ancient Hebrew codes of law
- found in different parts of the Old Testament of the Bible
- unique compared to other early laws, as offenses were seen as offences not only as contravening society, but as offences against God

What areas of law are included?

- The Ten Commandments
- Food laws (clean and unclean food)
- Criminal law - i.e., murder, theft, adultery (with a focus on morality)
- Family law - i.e., marriage and divorce
- Civil law - i.e., property, inheritance
- Religious standards - for priesthood, offerings, the Tabernacle

How does the system work?

- Laws are laid out throughout five books of the Bible
- This includes religious instructions and standards
- "If-then" case laws lay out a situation and the punishment to follow; punishments are typically severe

Main Principles:

- Severe Punishments
- Restitution - i.e., repaying a victim for stolen goods

Example:

"Whoever strikes his father or mother shall be put to death."

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