

## Deuteronomy 25:11-12 **Wife's Hand Cut Off**

11 "If two men fight together, and the wife of one draws near to rescue her husband from the hand of the one attacking him, and puts out her hand and seizes him by the genitals, 12 then you shall cut off her hand; your eye shall not pity her. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ☆ This is another command that appears in the law only once.
  - ◇ This is an unquestionable command, of which I don't know any spiritual significance.
  - ◇ It appears she may help her husband in any other way, using a rock, stick, frying pan, etc.
  - ◇ But she must not seize his genitals.
  - ◇ The punishment is severe and without pity.
  
- ◇ Perhaps it is because the only adult genitals a woman is permitted to touch are those of her own husband, since it is a form of sexual contact. This would go back to laws pertaining to sexual contact and uncovering the nakedness. [[Leviticus 18:1-30, 20:10-21](#)]
- ◇ The Penalty of improper sexual relationships is often death to both parties. [[Leviticus 20:10-21](#)]
- ◇ That would make this punishment minor in comparison to death, but severe enough to be a deterrent for others who might do the same.