

summits rose up like mountains, on the bank of Hammurabi river, the joy of men.

III. LAWS OF HAMMURABI

If a man bring an accusation against a man and charge him with a (capital) crime, but cannot prove it, he, the accuser, shall be put to death. **Capital offences.**

If a man in a case (pending judgment) bear false witness, or do not establish the testimony he has given, if that case be a case involving life, that man shall be put to death. As an introduction to this extract, read *Ancient World*, §§ 34, 41.

If a man steal the property of a god or palace, that man shall be put to death; and he who receives from his hand the stolen (property) shall also be put to death. This code makes a remarkably free use of the death penalty.

If a man aid a male or female slave of a freeman to escape from the city gate, he shall be put to death.

If a man practice brigandage and be captured, that man shall be put to death.

If the brigand be not captured, the man who has been robbed, shall in the presence of god make an itemized statement of his loss, and the city and the governor, in whose province and jurisdiction the robbery was committed, shall compensate him for whatever was lost. **State insurance against robbery.**

If a son be too young and be not able to conduct the business of his father, they shall give one third of the field and of the garden to his mother, and his mother shall rear him. **Women in business.**

A woman, merchant or other property holder may sell field, garden or house. The purchaser shall conduct the business of the field, garden or house which he has purchased.

If outlaws collect in the house of a wine-seller, and she

do not arrest these outlaws and bring them to the police, the wine-seller shall be put to death.

Family law.

If a man be in debt and sell his wife, son or daughter, or bind them over to service, for three years they shall work in the house of their purchaser or master; in the fourth year they shall be given their freedom.

If a man take a wife and do not arrange with her the proper contracts, that woman is not a (legal) wife.

If a woman hate her husband and say: "Thou shalt not have me," they shall inquire into her antecedents for her defects; and if she have been a careful mistress and be without reproach and her husband have been going about greatly belittling her, that woman has no blame. She shall receive her dowry and shall go to her father's house.

If she have not been a careful mistress, have gadded about and have belittled her husband, they shall throw that woman into the water.

If a son strike his father, they shall cut off his fingers.

"An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

If a man destroy the eye of another man, they shall destroy his eye.

If one break a man's bone, they shall break his bone.

If one destroy the eye of a man's slave or break a bone of a man's slave, he shall pay one half his price.

Compensation for work.

If a physician operate on a man for a severe wound (or make a severe wound on a man) with a bronze lancet and save the man's life; or if he open an abscess (in the eye) of a man with a bronze lancet and save that man's eye, he shall receive ten shekels (as a fee).

If with a bronze lancet a physician operate on a man for a severe wound and cause the man's death; or with a bronze lancet open an abscess (in the eye) of a man and destroy the man's eye, they shall cut off his fingers.

If a man hire a field laborer, he shall pay 8 gur of grain per year.

If a male slave say to his master: "Thou art not my master," his master shall prove him to be his slave and shall cut off his ear.

Slave and master.

IV. TIGLATH-PILESER I

This document is inscribed on four large octagonal cylinders of clay, originally buried under the foundations of the four corners of a temple in the ancient city of Assur, and now in the British Museum. *Records of the Past*, i. 92-121.

Ye great gods, guiders of heaven and earth, whose onset is opposition and combat, who have magnified the kingdom of Tiglath-Pileser, the prince, the chosen, of the desire of your hearts, the exalted shepherd, whom you have conjured in the steadfastness of your hearts, with a crown supreme you have clothed him; to rule over the land of Bel mightily you have established him; priority of birth, supremacy and heroism have you given him; the destiny of his lordship for his increase and supremacy, to inhabit Bit-kharsag-kurkurra forever you have summoned.

Tiglath-Pileser I, circa 1125.

The first notable Assyrian conqueror; *Ancient World*, 27.

May Assur and the great gods who have magnified my kingdom, who have given increase and strength to my fetters, who have ordered the boundary of their land to be enlarged, cause my hand to hold their mighty weapons, even the deluge of battle. Countries, mountains, fortresses, and kinglets, the enemies of Assur, I have conquered, and their territories I have made submit. With sixty kings I have contended furiously, and power and rivalry over them I displayed. A rival in the combat, a confronter in the battle have I not. To the land of Assyria I have added land, to its men I have added men; the

Conquest and annexation.

Assur, the supreme god of Assyria.

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