

# *Matthew's Gospel*

## Chapter 19

The essential formula of a letter of divorce is, ‘Behold, you are permitted to any man.’ R’ Judah says, ‘Let this be from me your letter of expulsion and writ of release and deed of dismissal that you may be wedded to whatever man you desire.’ The integral formula in a deed of liberation is, ‘Behold, you are a freewoman, lo, you belong to yourself.’

❖ Mishnah, Gittin 9:3

## Deuteronomy 24:1-3

When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some **indecency** in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house, and if she goes and becomes another man's wife, and the latter man hates her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter man dies, who took her to be his wife...

עֲרוֹה  
(ervah)

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## Three Kinds of Eunuchs

- By birth
- By force
- By choice

**1 Corinthians 7:32-35** I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

**1 Corinthians 7:26** I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is.

חַיִּים עֹלָם  
(chayei olam)

### The 10 Words

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| 1. I AM Adonai...      | 6. Do not murder             |
| 2. No other gods...    | 7. Do not commit adultery    |
| 3. No idolatry...      | 8. Do not steal              |
| 4. Keep the Sabbath... | 9. Do not bear false witness |
| 5. Honor parents...    | 10. Do not covet... !        |

## The 2 Great Commandments

1 – Love Adonai with all you heart, soul & resources.

2 – Love your neighbor as yourself.

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גמל

(*gamal*)  
“camel”



**גָמְלָא**  
(gamlā)  
“rope”



R' Yeisa said: The holy One, blessed is He, is saying to the people of Israel, “Open up for Me an ‘opening’ of repentance, like the size of the eye of a needle, and I, in return, will open for you openings that are so wide that wagons and carriages can enter into them.”

❖ Midrash Rabbah, S. of S. 5:3