

22:1-4....outlook for a brother's possessions  
5-12...witnessing statutes

II. Discussion

22:1....you will not overlook the loss of a brother's livestock.  
You will not hide yourself from it. But why would anyone  
do this sort of thing anyway?

22:2....you will care for what he has lost and note the meaning of  
the term "brother"..

22:3....and this applies to all his stuff, not just animals

22:4....and you will be ready to give of your strength to help  
your brother in a difficult time.

22:5....the garment matter..avoiding gender confusion

22:6....humanitarian regard for the creatures given for our use....  
an ecological suggestion

22:7....note how our own prosperity depends on this sort of thing

22:8....have care in protecting others in a property setting

22:9....and in purity in the fields

22:10....don't confuse the creatures of creation (ox and ass)

22:11....and likewise with a garment

22:12....but be sure to be identified as one of the Lord's people  
i.e. the fringes on the garment...(Cf. Numbers 15:38 and  
Matthew 23:5)

III. Conclusion

These may seem like strange things to us today--our culture is different. But the idea of being God's people and having our respect for God and others is still the same and we do well to observe it. Much of the confusion and disorder in our society stems from the simple reality of not observing the ideal in the law of God. We could correct problems in the church or religious community as well as in the society at large if we simply took and applied the Word as intended. And once again, thanks for listening and may God bless you daily as you give your attention and heart to His Word.

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