

Mishpat and tsedeqah in selected biblical texts

TSEDAQAH [159X IN MASORETIC TEXT; 17X IN DEUTERONOMISTIC HISTORY]

GENESIS

15.6: And he believed YHWH; and YHWH reckoned it to him as **righteousness**.

18.19: I have chosen [Abraham], that he may charge his children and his household after him to keep the way of YHWH by doing righteousness and **justice**

30.33: So my [Jacob] **honesty** will answer for me later, when you [Laban] come to look into my wages with you.

NEVER IN EXODUS, LEVITICUS OR NUMBERS

DEUTERONOMY

6.25: If we diligently observe this entire commandment before YHWH our God, as he has commanded us, we will be **in the right**."

9.4: When YHWH your God thrusts them out before you, do not say to yourself, "It is because of my **righteousness** that YHWH has brought me in to occupy this land"; it is rather because of the wickedness of these nations that YHWH is dispossessing them before you. (and 9.5-6)

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33.21 Gad chose the best for himself, for there a commander's allotment was reserved; he came at the head of the people, he executed the **justice** of YHWH, and his ordinances for Israel.

NEVER IN JOSHUA

JUDGES

5.11: To the sound of musicians at the watering places, there they repeat the **triumphs** of YHWH, the **triumphs** of his peasantry in Israel. "

1 SAMUEL 1

12.7: Now therefore take your stand, so that I may enter into judgment with you before YHWH, and I will declare to you all the **saving deeds** of YHWH that he performed for you and for your ancestors.

26.3: YHWH rewards everyone for his **righteousness** and his faithfulness

2 SAMUEL

8.15: So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered justice and **equity** to all his people.

19.28: For all my father's [Saul's] house were doomed to death before my lord the king; but you set your servant among those who eat at your table. What further **right** have I, then, to appeal to the king?"

22.21: YHWH rewarded me according to my **righteousness**; according to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me. (and 22.25)

1 KINGS

3.6: And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in **righteousness**, and in uprightness of heart toward you

8.32: hear in heaven, and act, and judge your servants, condemning the guilty by bringing their conduct on their own head, and vindicating the righteous by rewarding them according to their **righteousness**.

10.9: Blessed be YHWH your God, who has delighted in you [Solomon] and set you on the throne of Israel! Because YHWH loved Israel forever, he has made you king to execute justice and **righteousness**.

NEVER IN 2 KINGS

IN MAJOR PROPHETS (ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL): 66 TIMES

MISHPAT [424x in Masoretic Text; 86x in Deuteronomistic History]

GENESIS

18.19: I have chosen [Abraham], that he may charge his children and his household after him to keep the way of YHWH by doing **righteousness** and justice

40.13: ...you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand, **just as you used to do** when you were his cup-bearer.

EXODUS

15.25: YHWH made for them a **statute** and an ordinance and there he put them to the test.

DEUTERONOMY

1.17: You must not be partial in **judging**: hear out the small and the great alike; you shall not be intimidated by anyone, for the **judgment** is God's.

1 SAMUEL

2.13: ...the **duties** of the priests...

8.3: his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted **justice**.

8.9: Now then, listen to their voice; only--you shall solemnly warn them, and show them **the ways** of the king who shall reign over them.

10.25: Samuel told the people the **rights and duties** of the kingship; and he wrote them in a book and laid it up before YHWH.

27.11: David left neither man nor woman alive to be brought back to Gath, thinking, "They might tell about us, and say, 'David has done so and so.'" Such was his **practice** all the time he lived in the country of the Philistines.

30.25: From that day forward he made it a **statute** and an ordinance for Israel

2 SAMUEL

15.2: Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the road into the gate; and when anyone brought a suit before the king for **judgment** (also, 15.4, 6)

22.23: For all his **ordinances** were before me, and from his statutes I did not turn aside.

1 KINGS [EXAMPLES FROM 30 USES IN 1-2 KINGS]

2.3: walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his **ordinances**, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses

3.11: God said to him, "Because you [Solomon] have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to **discern what is right**

3.28: All Israel heard of the **judgment** that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, **to execute justice**.

6.12: "Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, obey my **ordinances**, and keep all my commandments by walking in them, then I will establish my promise with you, which I made to your father David.