

## Deuteronomy 19:15-21 **Witnesses Required to Establish a Truth**

### One witness is not enough

15 “One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

### False Witnesses

16 If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, 17 then both men in the controversy shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. 18 And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother, 19 then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you. 20 And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you. 21 Your eye shall not pity; but life shall be for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

**One witness is not enough** [Numbers 35:16-21, 29-31, Deuteronomy 17:6-7, 19:15]

- ✧ One witness alone is insufficient to convict anyone of any sin or trespass.
- ✧ Every matter is established by the mouth of two or three witnesses.

**False Witnesses** [Deuteronomy 19:16-21]

- ✧ If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing; [Deuteronomy 19:16]
  - ◇ Both the accused and the accuser stand before Yehowah. [Deuteronomy 19:17]
  - ◇ Priest and Judges make careful inquiry. [Deuteronomy 19:17-18]
  - ◇ If the witness is a false witness, the false witness shall receive the punishment he intended for the accused. [Deuteronomy 19:19]
  - ◇ You shall not show pity, but life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. [Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:19-20, Deuteronomy 19:21]
- ✧ Thus you shall put away the evil from among you. [Deuteronomy 17:12] [Deuteronomy 13:5, 17:7, 12, 19:19, 21:21, 22:22, 22:24, 24:7]
- ✧ Those who remain shall hear, and fear. [Deuteronomy 19:20]
  - ◇ They shall not again commit such evil among you. [Deuteronomy 19:20]
  - ◇ The punishment shall be a deterrent for others against committing such an offense. [Deuteronomy 13:11, 17:13, 19:20, 21:21, 31:12-13]