

Code of Hammurabi VS LAW OF THE TORAH

Directions: Read the paired selections from the two law codes below, and identify how they are similar, different, or both, and explain your reasoning in the box to the right.

Code of Hammurabi	Law of the Torah	Similar or Different? How?
<p>“If a builder builds a house for someone, and... it kills the son of the owner, the son of that builder shall be put to death.” (Law 230)</p>	<p>"Fathers shall not be put to death for their sons, nor shall sons be put to death for their fathers; everyone shall be put to death for his own sin." (Deuteronomy 24:16)</p>	
<p>“If a son hits his father, his hands shall be cut off.” (Law 129)</p>	<p>"Anyone who attacks his father or his mother must be put to death." (Exodus 21:15)</p>	
<p>“If a nobleman put out the eye of nobleman, his eye shall be put out... If he put out the eye of a common man... he shall pay one [silver] mina... If he put out the eye of a man’s slave... he shall pay one-half of [the slave’s] value [to the owner of the slave].” (Laws 196-199)</p>	<p>“If a man injures his neighbor, just as he has done, so it shall be done to him: fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; just as he has injured a man, so it shall be inflicted on him... but the one who kills a man shall be put to death.” (Leviticus 24:19-21)</p>	
<p>“[Our gods] Anu... and Enlil... named me, Hammurabi, to be the exalted prince, the worshipper of the gods, to cause justice to prevail in the land, to destroy the wicked and the evil, to prevent the strong from oppressing the weak...” (Introduction)</p>	<p>“Hear O Israel, Yahweh is our God, Yahweh is One.” (Deuteronomy 4:6)</p> <p>“I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt... you shall have no other gods besides me.” (Deuteronomy 5:6-7)</p>	