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What were the two basic resources for economy in the biblical world?

**Land,
Children**

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What three things did the economy of farming involve?



Environment
Demography
Technology

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How did farmers get the most from the labor available in the village?

They managed their time, pooled their resources, and had as many children as possible.

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Who herded animals during farming seasons?




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What was the economic relationship between a semi-nomadic herder and a village?



They were mutually dependent

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Who were the part time herders?

The were herders who farmed during certain seasons when every member of the household was in the fields planting, tending, harvesting, or processing produce. They herded during others when everyone was totally involved with breeding, shearing, and slaughtering livestock.

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How did herders gain knowledge of the water resources of a region?

This information was passed on from one generation to the next along with other herding skills .



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How were foreign herders perceived by a villager?

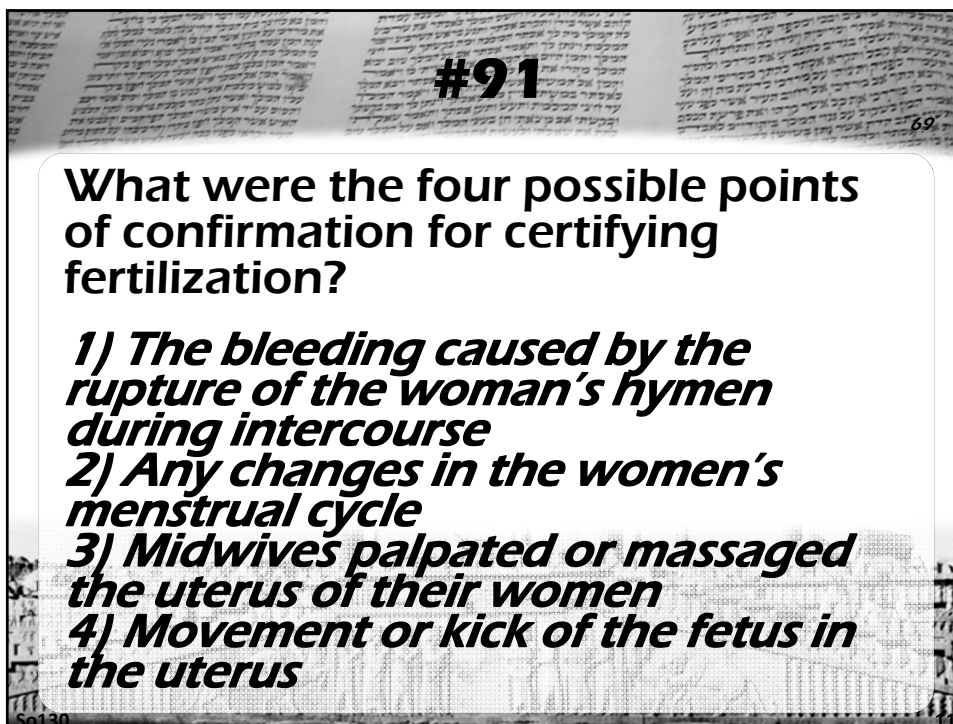
The saw them as possible spies and tricksters. They were a threat to the community.

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What is a mandrake

A Mediterranean herb with egg-shaped leaves, white or purple flowers, and a large forked root used by midwives as a aphrodisiac to increase fertility.

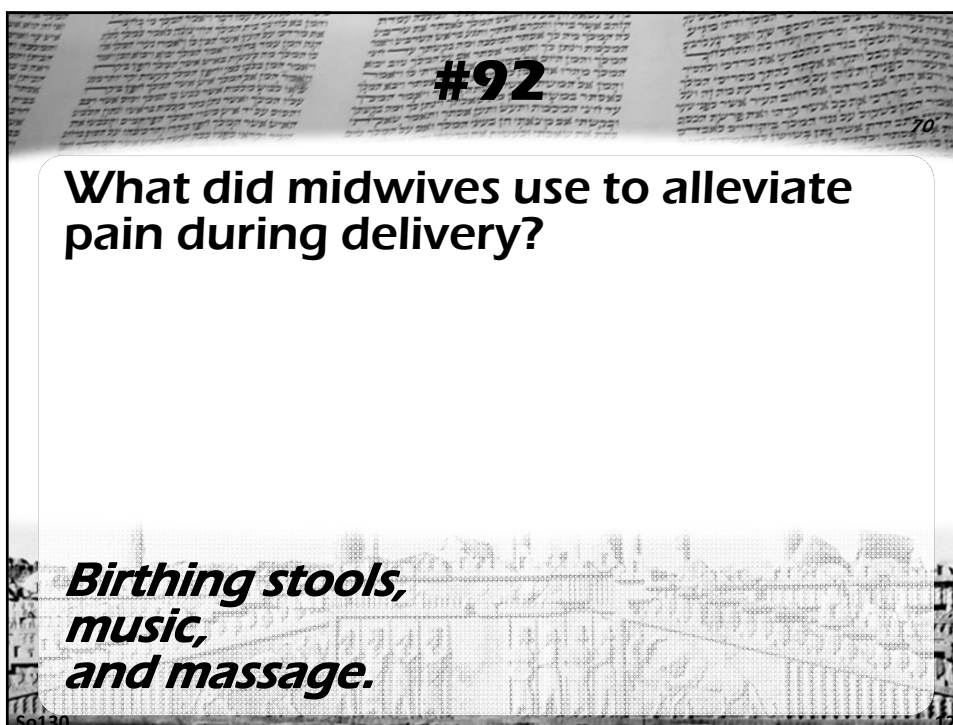




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What were the four possible points of confirmation for certifying fertilization?

- 1) The bleeding caused by the rupture of the woman's hymen during intercourse***
- 2) Any changes in the women's menstrual cycle***
- 3) Midwives palpated or massaged the uterus of their women***
- 4) Movement or kick of the fetus in the uterus***



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What did midwives use to alleviate pain during delivery?

Birthing stools, music, and massage.

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What role did the rhythm of the voice or the drum play during delivery?

It set a healthy pace for respiration and heartbeat, and turned the parents and their child to the rhythm of the universe with which they were joined during creative moments.

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What did people view the first cry of the newborn to be?

A legal petition to join the household and become a member of the village

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What did the receiving blanket for a newborn symbolize?



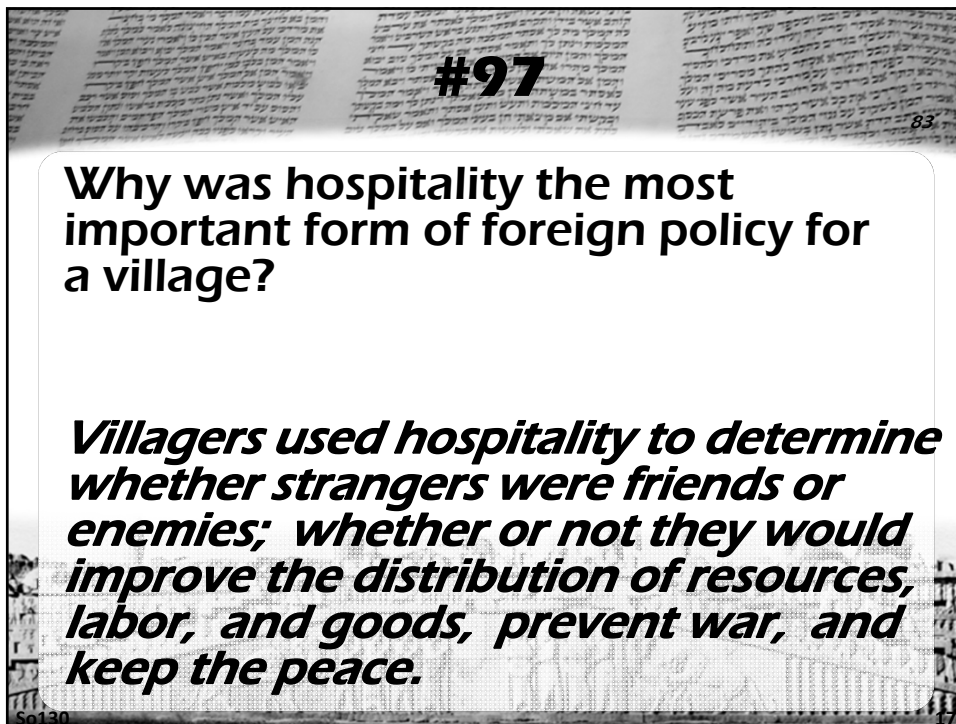
A uniform which identified the child as a member in good standing entitled to all the rights and privileges of the household.

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Why was hospitality a necessity in the ancient world?



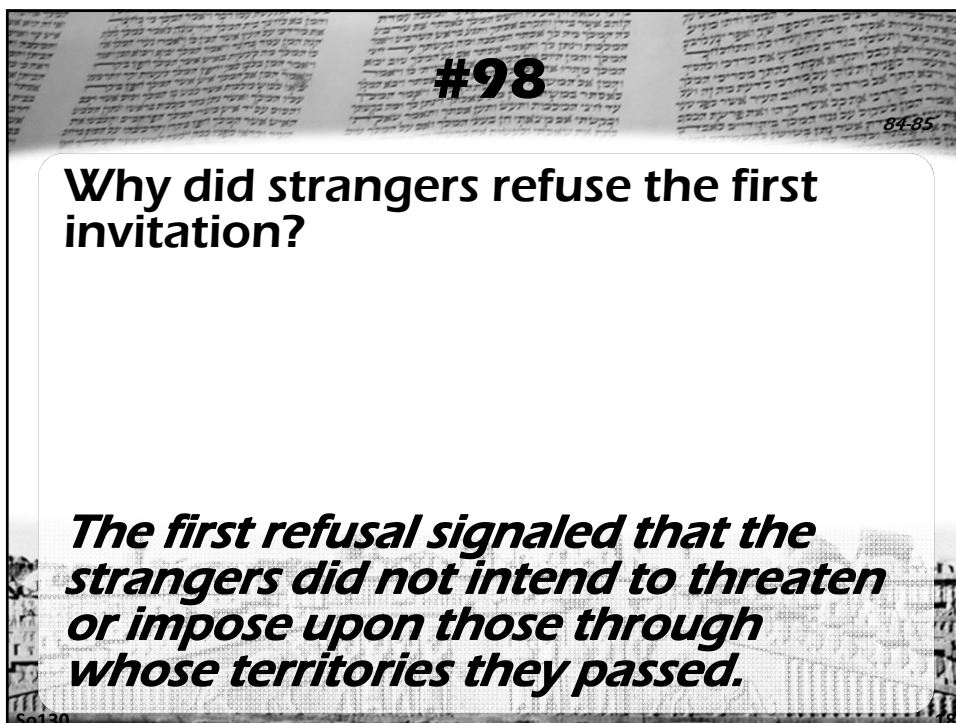
Travelers could not survive without it. There was little access to water, food, and shelter



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Why was hospitality the most important form of foreign policy for a village?

Villagers used hospitality to determine whether strangers were friends or enemies; whether or not they would improve the distribution of resources, labor, and goods, prevent war, and keep the peace.



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Why did strangers refuse the first invitation?

The first refusal signaled that the strangers did not intend to threaten or impose upon those through whose territories they passed.

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What was the significance of washing the feet of the stranger?

It signified that the stranger was now completely in the care and under the protection of the household as a guest.



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Why did the host first offer little and then provide more goods later on for the guest?

First, it prevented the guest from feeling the necessity to decline an overly generous offer, one which the host obviously could not afford. Secondly, it allowed the host to fulfill his role by bringing out the best he had to offer to his guest.

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Why were guests not allowed to ask for anything?

By asking for something, guests implied that their hosts were selfish or slow in providing for their needs.



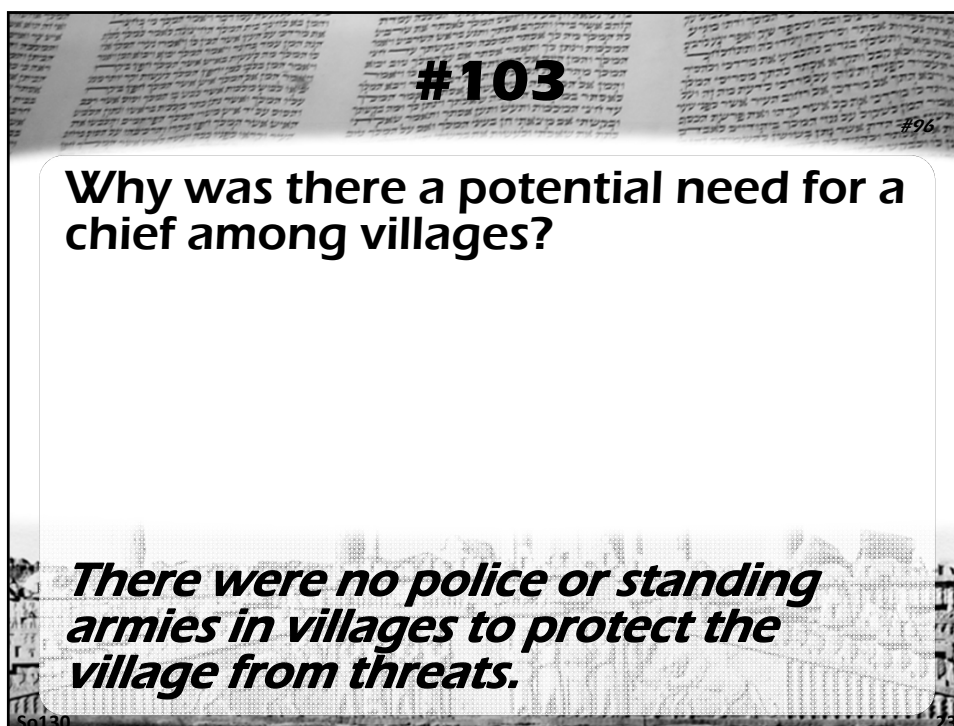
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Why were the gifts from the guests to the host upon departure always living or life giving?

It was a blessing of fertility upon the land and children of the host.

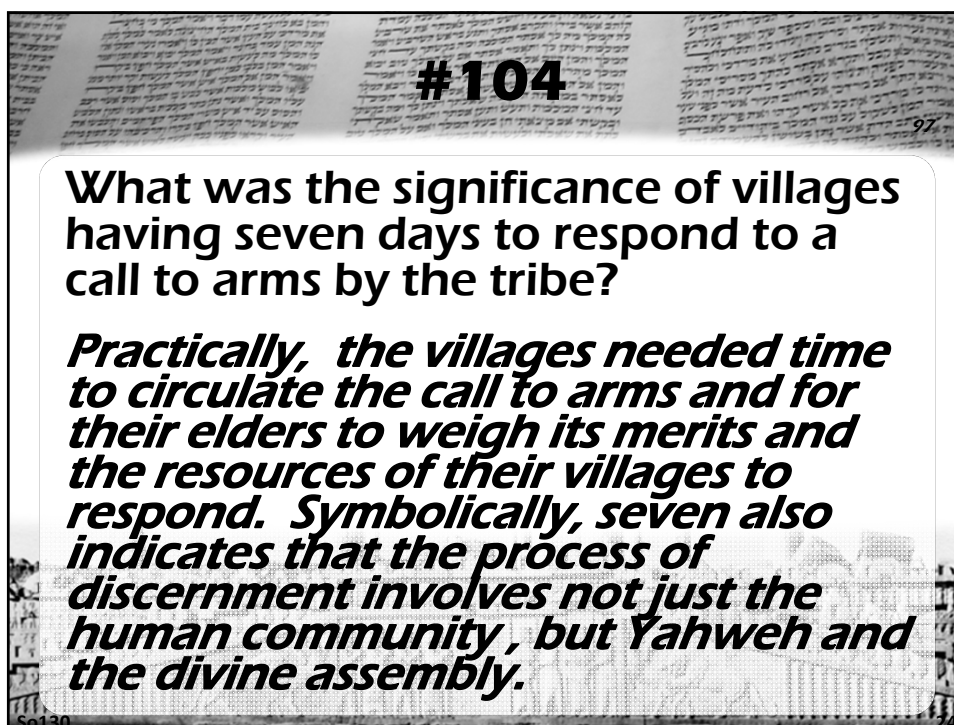
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Why was there a potential need for a chief among villages?

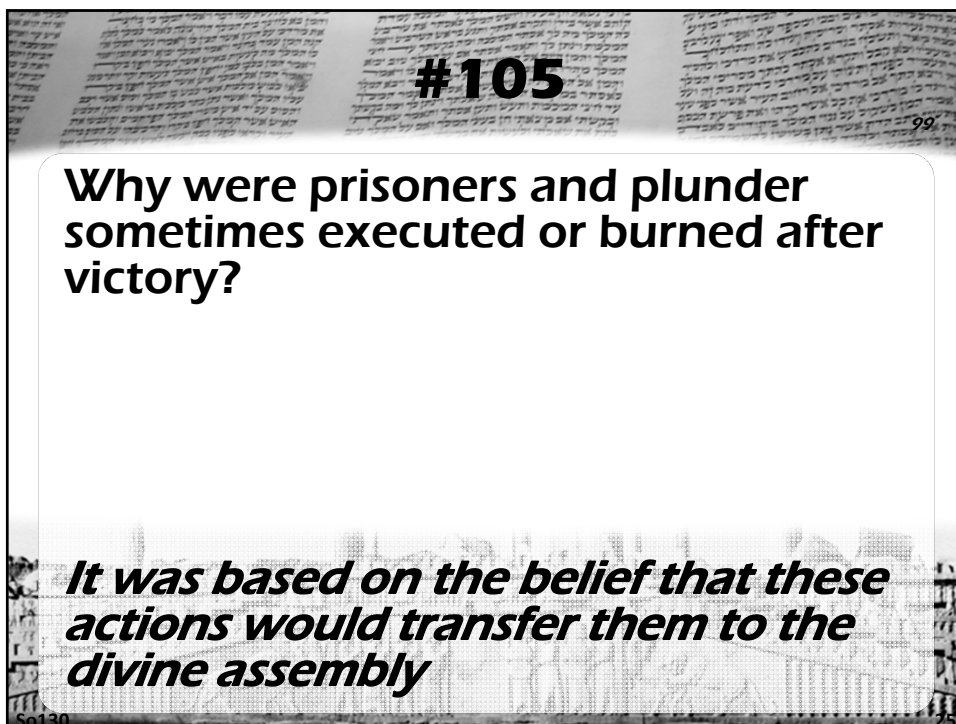
There were no police or standing armies in villages to protect the village from threats.



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What was the significance of villages having seven days to respond to a call to arms by the tribe?

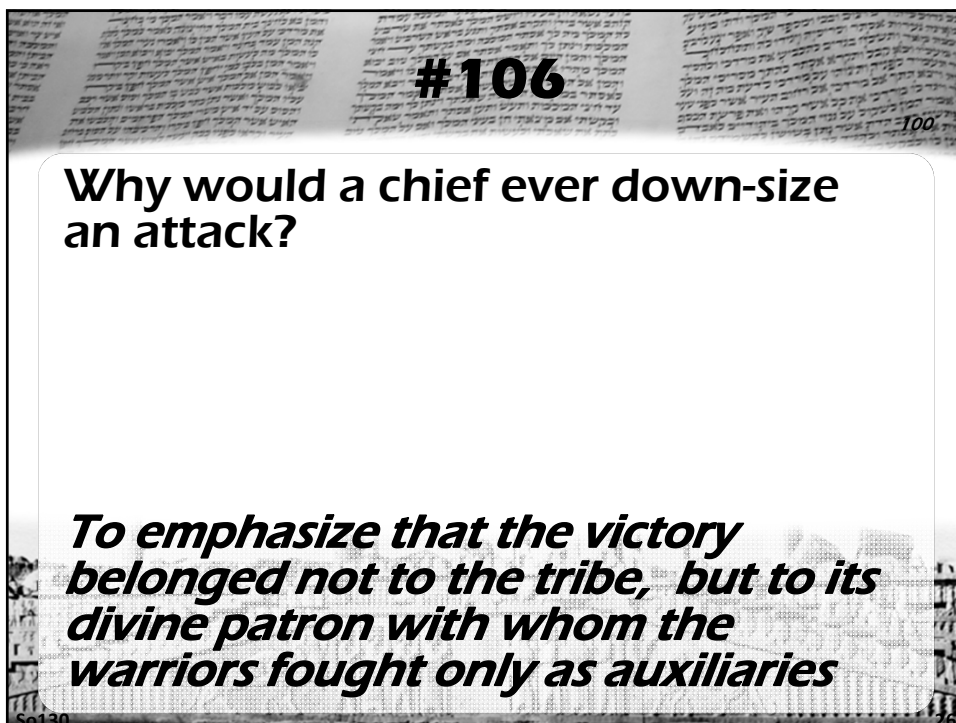
Practically, the villages needed time to circulate the call to arms and for their elders to weigh its merits and the resources of their villages to respond. Symbolically, seven also indicates that the process of discernment involves not just the human community, but Yahweh and the divine assembly.



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Why were prisoners and plunder sometimes executed or burned after victory?

It was based on the belief that these actions would transfer them to the divine assembly



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Why would a chief ever down-size an attack?

To emphasize that the victory belonged not to the tribe, but to its divine patron with whom the warriors fought only as auxiliaries

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What did fathers usually use to designate an heir for their households?

Primogeniture or Birth Order

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What happened to a household when a father died without designating an heir?

The tribe appointed a legal guardian to look after the household.

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112, Dt 25:5

According to Deuteronomy, what is the requirement for becoming a legal guardian?

Deuteronomy 25:5 (HCSB)

⁵“When brothers live on the same property and one of them dies without a son, the wife of the dead man may not marry a stranger outside the family. Her brother-in-law is to take her as his wife, have sexual relations with her, and perform the duty of a brother-in-law for her.

The legal guardian must be a brother of the father.

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Why was the above requirement beneficial for the household?

It usually guaranteed that the transition would be friendly and not hostile. The guardian was to restore the political, economic, and legal status of the household, rather than assimilate it into his own.

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What benefits did the guardian receive for his services?



He could keep any profit realized while he was guardian.

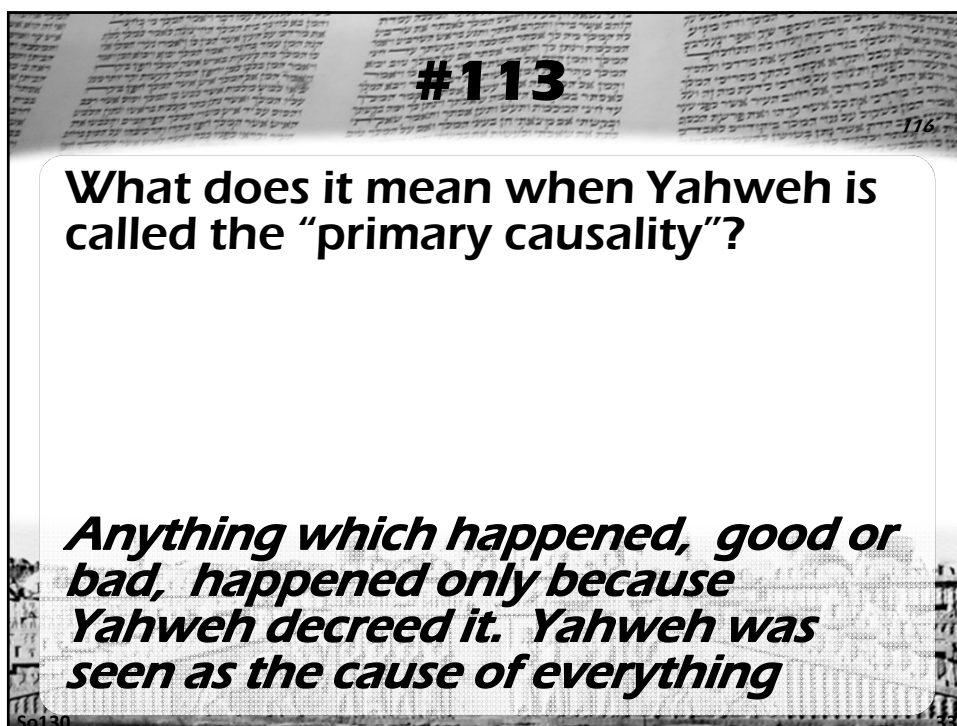
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When was the legal guardian relieved of his duties?

He was relieved of his duties once an heir was born and the household could once again care for its own land and children.

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What does it mean when Yahweh is called the “primary causality”?

Anything which happened, good or bad, happened only because Yahweh decreed it. Yahweh was seen as the cause of everything