

Eved Ivri – Rights and Duties

Ref: *Sefer Kinyan, Hilchot Avadim, Chapter 3*

There are differences between an *eved Ivri* who sold himself and one sold by the court.

	<i>Eved Ivri</i> who sells himself	<i>Eved Ivri</i> sold by court
Master obligated to provide sustenance to wife and children	✓	✓
Not yet fully married or wife prohibited to husband re sustenance of wife and children	× master not obligated	×
Master entitled to proceeds of work of wife and children	× Husband retains rights	× Husband retains rights
Master may give servant a Canaanite wife to produce more slaves	×	⚠ ✓ Only if he already has a Jewish wife and children (But he must leave her behind when he leaves at yovel)
Servant wants to extend his service by piercing ear (<i>nirtza</i>)	× cannot extend service	✓ (extends to <i>yovel</i> or until master dies)
Servant sold to a Gentile	Not allowed but if sold transaction valid	×
Period	6 years or more	Only 6 years
Servant receives departure gift	×	✓