

# Disqualifications & The Sanhedrin

- A man was disqualified to act as a judge who had not, or had never had, any regular trade, occupation or profession by which he had earned his livelihood.
- In trials where the death penalty might be inflicted, and aged man, a person who had never had any children of his own, or who was an illegitimate child were disqualified to act as a judge.
- Gamblers, dice players, bettors on pigeon matches, usurers, and slave dealers were not qualified to act as judges.
- Having dealt in fruits of the seventh year disqualified a person.
- No man who had a personal interest in the matter brought before the court was qualified to sit in judgment thereon.
- A man was disqualified to judge a case wherein he would benefit or be an heir should the accused be put to death.
- The king, or royalty, could not serve.

