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Entries reflect the prevailing concerns of the dombo and Old English terms peculiar to the text that have attracted substantial commentary. Where entries are of great length or cover matters of particular historical interest, they are organized into subsections. Exceptions are made for “accusations,” “bot,” “ceap,” “oaths,” and “theft,” given their frequency of occurrence within the text and the unlikelihood that subcategories of these occurrences would disclose any meaningful patterns. In spite of its reliance on biblical materials, the language of the Mosaic Prologue (MP) has shown a capacity in prior scholarship to shed light on aspects of ninth-century Wessex. MP is therefore included in the index, though its uncertain relationship to provisions of the dombo issued by Alfred (and Ine) should be borne in mind.

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