

# Welcome To Your City of Refuge!

**“And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the high priest. So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it. Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel” (Numbers 35:32-34).**

Numbers 35:5-34 gives a record of the divine provisions for the protection of murderers from the avenger of the blood till they have fair chance of facing justice. This story has great spiritual significance for every one alive today - and holds the key to obtaining divine mercy, protection and deliverance.

The key points in this story are:

1. Blood defiles the land and hinder divine presence, in the same way that sin is a reproach to any people (Proverbs 14:34).
2. The city of refuge was the only remedy for the predicament of willful or accidental murderer, in the same way as Christ is the only remedy for the problem of sins of commission or omission.
3. The cities of refuge were not prisons for shutting off murderers from the rest of the society but 6 out of the 48 Levitical cities where the murderer can receive divine instructions, ministration and protection through the Levites, just in the same way that every sinner can through the services of God's ministers in the church.
4. God strategically located the six cities of refuge in such a way that they were easily accessible to any resident in both the main

part of Israel and those on the other side of Jordan, in the same way that God has made His provisions for sinners today, easily accessible through Christ and the church.

5. Any murderer outside the city of refuge was at danger of being slain by the avenger of blood, just like any sinner outside of Christ is doomed to oppression, torments and destruction by Satan and his demons.
6. Any murderer in Israel who failed to get to his city of refuge was simply preparing for his / her death, in the same way that any sinner who fails to appropriate the divine provisions through Christ is simply preparing for the wages of sin which is death.
7. As long as the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil was alive, the services at the city of refuge were freely available to the murderer. Christ our eternal High Priest ever lives to make intercession for us.

Man cannot better the provision of God. Man's alternative to divine provisions are merely broken cisterns that can hold no water. Welcome to your city of refuge! Avail your self of divine provisions for your deliverance and dominion!

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“These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither” (Numbers 35:15).