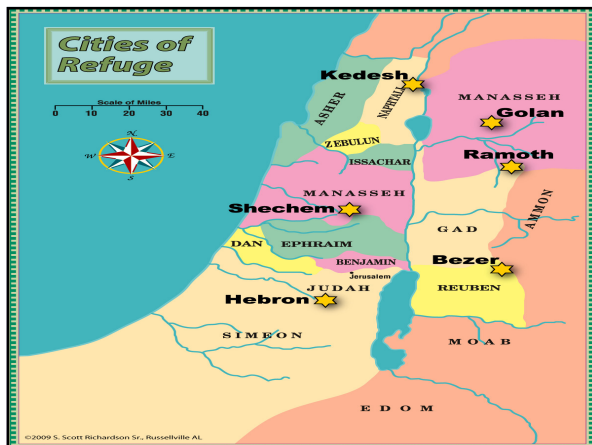


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- ▶ **An eye for an eye.** Leviticus 24:17-22
- ▶ **Not all crime/sin intentional.**
Deuteronomy 19:5 versus 19:11
- ▶ **Cities of refuge.** Numbers 35:6ff;
Deuteronomy 19:1-13; Joshua 20:1-9
- ▶ **Refuge = Asylum**

GOD'S LAW



- ▶ **God wants us to seek refuge in Him and His Son –** Nahum 1:6-7; Joel 3:16; Isaiah 30:2; Psalms 18:1-3
- ▶ **Do we see any need to take refuge?**
Hebrews 6:17-19
- ▶ **What can we learn about the cities of refuge that will help us today?**

CONDEMNATION BRINGS THE NEED FOR REFUGE

- ▶ **“For all the sons of Israel”** (Joshua 20:9; Numbers 35:14) **“in the midst of their land”** (Deuteronomy 19:3, 6)
- ▶ **The gospel is for all!** Romans 10:8-13; Acts 17:24-27; Titus 2:11-12; Matthew 28:18-20
- ▶ **Without partiality** – Acts 10:34-35

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- ▶ **A sense of urgency** Acts 22:16; Hebrews 3:12-15; Matthew 25:1-10
- ▶ **Do we realize our guilt and the condemnation of our sins?**
- ▶ **If we see the need to seek refuge, when do we plan on seeking it?**

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- ▶ **We need to spread the good news about the refuge offered by the Lord.** Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2; Acts 8:4; 2 Kings 7:9

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- ▶ **“He shall dwell in that city”** Joshua 20:4; Numbers 35:26 – all that they needed.
- ▶ **All spiritual blessings in Christ.** Ephesians 1:3
- ▶ **“My God shall supply all your needs”**, so don't worry! Philippians 4:19; Matthew 6:25-33; 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

**THEY WERE TO BE WELL SUPPLIED
WITH PROVISIONS FOR
SURVIVAL**

- ▶ **The door is always open – for now.** Joshua 20:4; Revelation 3:20. No instructions to come back later. Will we do that to Jesus?
- ▶ **Whenever the need to flee – whenever the need for forgiveness.** Acts 2:37-38
- ▶ **The invitation is always extended.** Matthew 11:28-30
- ▶ **There is such a thing as “too late.”** Matthew 25:10; Luke 13:24ff

THE GATES WERE TO ALWAYS BE OPEN

- ▶ **Don't go beyond ...** Numbers 35:26-28; 2 John 9-11
- ▶ **Must stay “in Christ” and don't turn back.** Ephesians 1:3; Galatians 4:9; 2 Peter 2:20
- ▶ **God has always defined where safety and salvation would be found.**
- ▶ **John 6:37-38**, “All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.”

**THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY WERE TO
BE RESPECTED**

- ▶ **Apart from such, remained in bondage.** Numbers 35:28; Acts 13:38-39
- ▶ **Our High Priest laid down His life that we might be released from bondage.** Hebrews 9:11-15
- ▶ **The condemned allowed to live.** Deuteronomy 4:42

**THE DEATH OF THE HIGH PRIEST
BROUGHT FREEDOM**