

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEUTERONOMY – 19 - CITIES OF REFUGE
DEUTERONOMY – 20 – INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOLDIERS

Deuteronomy 19

Say – There will be no prisons for they will be taught the law of God and sent back under someone; there will be Cities of Refuge.

¹When the LORD thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses;

²Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

³Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.

⁴And this is the case of the slayer, which shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbour ignorantly (a mistake), whom he hated not in time past;

⁵As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live:

⁶Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past (Should not be held guilty if not intentionally.).

⁷Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee (The Bible tells us “⁶And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities” Numbers 35:6. No prisons; were taught the law of God and His way of life; which was a place of safety for them. “¹³And if a man lie not in wait (was not planning to kill him), but God deliver him into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.” Exodus 21:13. “¹⁰Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come over Jordan into the land of Canaan; ¹¹Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at unawares (unintentionally). ¹²And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment. ¹³And of these cities which ye shall give six cities shall ye have for refuge. ¹⁴Ye shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, which shall be cities of refuge. ¹⁵These 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 35:10-15)

⁸And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the Bible tells us “And he said unto him (Abram), I am the LORD (Jehovah) that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it” Genesis 15:7. “²⁴Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be. ²⁵There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you” (Will happen in the future again – no one will stand up to Israel) Deuteronomy 11:24-25);

⁹If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three: (The Bible tells us “²²For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; ²³Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves” Deuteronomy 11:22-23).

¹⁰That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.

¹¹But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities:

¹²Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die (Right on the spot.).

(Not the time for mercy.) ¹³Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee (Must get rid of the evil or it will get worse.).

¹⁴Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it (The Bible tells us “¹⁷Cursed be he that removeth his neighbor's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen” Deuteronomy 27:17. “¹⁰Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless: ¹¹For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee” Proverbs 23:10-11)

¹⁵One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established (If only one witness; leave to God. God wants at least two or three witnesses.) .

¹⁶If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong (The Bible tells us “⁵A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies” Proverbs 14:5.);

¹⁷Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days (The Bible tells us “¹⁰And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the LORD shall choose shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee: ¹¹According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, to the right hand, nor to the left” Deuteronomy 17:10-11);

¹⁸And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother (The Bible tells us “⁹And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and enquire; and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment.” Deuteronomy 17:9. This is why our justice system is such a mess; they do not know the Laws of God or righteous judgment.);

¹⁹Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

²⁰And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.

²¹And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot (The Bible tells us “³⁸Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: ³⁹But I (Jesus) say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. Matthew 5:38-39).

Deuteronomy 20

Say – Instructions for soldiers.

¹When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou (But on the other hand if you know your are not unrighteous; God is not with you.), be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God

is with thee (Doesn't matter how many enemies you have; if God is with you, numbers means nothing.), which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

²And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people,

³And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble (nor be alarmed), neither be ye terrified because of them;

Why? ⁴For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you (But people should be walking with God; if our heart is clean we don't have to be afraid because God will deliver us.).

⁵And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it (In verses 5 and 6 the man were given the option to go home; shows the character of God.).

⁶And what man is he that hath planted a vineyard (this is their livelihood), and hath not yet eaten of it? let him also go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it.

⁷And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.

⁸And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted (Some people can't take war and blood; send them home.)? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart (Law is for protection of the entire camp and not to lose courage with weak people for it will go through the camp; you want everyone to be courageous and brave.).

⁹And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

¹⁰When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it.

¹¹And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee (will become your slaves) .

¹²And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it:

¹³And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword (Death penalty comes from God himself and they are not to fight against God.):

¹⁴But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee (Mixed cultures from war; grafted in and become part of the commonwealth of Israel.).

¹⁵Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations.

¹⁶But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: (A divine law of God.)

¹⁷But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: (Unfortunately they did not do it and are still there today. If Israel had obeyed God only one generation would have been destroyed and resurrected in the 2nd resurrection; but because of Israel's disobedience many more were killed.)

¹⁸That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God. (But Israel joined in and were led astray and they paid the price over and over.)

¹⁹When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an axe against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field is man's life) to employ them in the siege:

²⁰Only the trees which thou knowest that they be not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it be subdued.

MEMORY VERSE

Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I (Jesus) say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Matthew 5:38-39

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL FOR TOTS

EYE FOR EYE, AND TOOTH FOR A
TOOTH

YE HAVE HEARD THAT IT HATH BEEN
SAID, AN EYE
FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A
TOOTH:

BUT I (JESUS) SAY UNTO YOU, THAT
YE RESIST

NOT EVIL: BUT WHOSOEVER SHALL
SMITE THEE ON
THY RIGHT CHEEK, TURN TO HIM THE
OTHER ALSO.

MATTHEW 5:38-39

NOT RENDERING EVIL FOR EVIL,
(BLESS THEM THAT DO EVIL) OR RAILING
FOR RAILING (HAVE MERCY ON ALL)
BUT CONTRARYWISE BLESSING; KNOWING THAT
YOU ARE THEREUNTO CALLED, THAT YOU
SHOULD INHERIT A BLESSING



FOR HE THAT
WILL LOVE LIFE, AND SEE GOOD DAYS,
LET HIM REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL,
AND HIS LIPS THAT THEY SPEAK NO GUILT; FOR THE EYES
OF THE LORD ARE OVER THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS
ARE OPEN UNTO THEIR PRAYERS; BUT THE FACE OF
THE LORD IS AGAINST THEM THAT DO EVIL.

1 PETER 3:9,10,12