

## Deuteronomy 4:41 – 5:22

### Cities of Refuge and the 10 Commandments

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#### **Deuteronomy 4:41-43**

<sup>41</sup> Then Moses set apart three cities on this side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun, <sup>42</sup> that the manslayer might flee there, who kills his neighbor unintentionally, without having hated him in time past, and that by fleeing to one of these cities he might live: <sup>43</sup> Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau for the Reubenites, Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

#### **Numbers 35:2-8**

<sup>2</sup> "Command the children of Israel that they give the Levites cities to dwell in from the inheritance of their possession, and you shall also give the Levites common-land around the cities. <sup>3</sup> They shall have the cities to dwell in; and their common-land shall be for their cattle, for their herds, and for all their animals. <sup>4</sup> The common-land of the cities which you shall give the Levites shall extend from the wall of the city outward a thousand cubits all around. <sup>5</sup> And you shall measure outside the city on the east side two thousand cubits, on the south side two thousand cubits, on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits. The city shall be in the middle. This shall belong to them as common-land for the cities. <sup>6</sup> Now among the cities which you will give to the Levites you shall appoint six cities of refuge, to which a manslayer may flee. And to these you shall add forty-two cities. <sup>7</sup> So all the cities you will give to the Levites shall be forty-eight; these you shall give with their common-land. <sup>8</sup> And the cities which you will give shall be from the possession of the children of Israel; from the larger tribe you shall give many, from the smaller you shall give few. Each shall give some of its cities to the Levites, in proportion to the inheritance that each receives."

#### **Deuteronomy 4:44-49**

<sup>44</sup> Now this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel. <sup>45</sup> These are the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which Moses spoke to the children of Israel after they came out of Egypt, <sup>46</sup> on this side of the Jordan, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel defeated after they came out of Egypt. <sup>47</sup> And they took possession of his land and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, who were on this side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun, <sup>48</sup> from Aroer, which is on the bank of the River Arnon, even to Mount Sion (that is, Hermon), <sup>49</sup> and all the plain on the east side of the Jordan as far as the Sea of the Arabah, below the slopes of Pisgah.

#### **Deuteronomy 5:1-10**

<sup>5</sup> And Moses called all Israel, and said to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them. <sup>2</sup> The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. <sup>3</sup> The Lord did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive. <sup>4</sup> The Lord talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire. <sup>5</sup> I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the Lord; for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain. He said:

<sup>6</sup> 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. <sup>7</sup> 'You shall have no other gods before Me. <sup>8</sup> 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image--any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; <sup>9</sup> you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, <sup>10</sup> but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

### **Ezekiel 18:10-20**

<sup>10</sup> "If he begets a son who is a robber Or a shedder of blood, Who does any of these things <sup>11</sup> And does none of those duties, But has eaten on the mountains Or defiled his neighbor's wife; <sup>12</sup> If he has oppressed the poor and needy, Robbed by violence, Not restored the pledge, Lifted his eyes to the idols, Or committed abomination; <sup>13</sup> If he has exacted usury Or taken increase-- Shall he then live? He shall not live! If he has done any of these abominations, He shall surely die; His blood shall be upon him. <sup>14</sup> "If, however, he begets a son Who sees all the sins which his father has done, And considers but does not do likewise; <sup>15</sup> Who has not eaten on the mountains, Nor lifted his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, Nor defiled his neighbor's wife; <sup>16</sup> Has not oppressed anyone, Nor withheld a pledge, Nor robbed by violence, But has given his bread to the hungry And covered the naked with clothing; <sup>17</sup> Who has withdrawn his hand from the poor And not received usury or increase, But has executed My judgments And walked in My statutes-- He shall not die for the iniquity of his father; He shall surely live! <sup>18</sup> "As for his father, Because he cruelly oppressed, Robbed his brother by violence, And did what is not good among his people, Behold, he shall die for his iniquity. <sup>19</sup> "Yet you say, 'Why should the son not bear the guilt of the father?' Because the son has done what is lawful and right, and has kept all My statutes and observed them, he shall surely live. <sup>20</sup> The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

### **Deuteronomy 5:11-22**

<sup>11</sup> 'You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. <sup>12</sup> 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup> And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. <sup>16</sup> 'Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it

may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>17</sup> 'You shall not murder. <sup>18</sup> 'You shall not commit adultery. <sup>19</sup> 'You shall not steal. <sup>20</sup> 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>21</sup> 'You shall not covet your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.'

<sup>22</sup> "These words the Lord spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.