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10. Speak to the Israelite people and say to them: When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 

11. you shall provide yourselves with places to serve you as cities of refuge to which a [male] killer who has slain a person unintentionally may flee. 

12. The cities shall serve you as a refuge from the avenger, so that the killer may not die unless he has stood trial before the assembly. 

13. The towns that you thus assign shall be six cities of refuge in all. 

14. Three cities shall be designated beyond the Jordan, and the other three shall be designated in the land of Canaan; they shall serve as cities of refuge. 

15. These six cities shall serve the Israelites and the resident aliens among them for refuge, so that any man who slays a person unintentionally may flee there. 

16. Anyone, however, who strikes another with an iron object so that death results is a murderer; the murderer must be put to death. 

17. If one struck another with a stone tool that could cause death, and death resulted, that person is a murderer; the murderer must be put to death.
Hear the word of the Eternal, O house of Jacob and all the clans of the house of Israel!

Thus says the Eternal One: "What wrong did your ancestors find in Me, that they moved away from Me, and went after empty things and themselves became empty?

They never said, 'Where is the Eternal, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, a land of desert and pits, a land of drought and darkness, a land that none had crossed, where no one had lived?'

I brought you to a fruitful land to enjoy its bountiful fruit; but you came and defiled My land; you turned My heritage into an abomination.

And the priests did not say, 'Where is the Eternal?'

Those who handle instruction did not know Me; the [secular] rulers rebelled against Me, [like] the prophets who prophesied in the name of Baal and followed things that have no use.

Therefore I will go on accusing you,” — says the Eternal One— “and I will accuse your children’s children!”