

MAS-EI - Numbers 35:9-17

ט וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵּאמֹר: י דַּבֵּר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ
אֲלֵהֶם כִּי אַתֶּם עֹבְרִים אֶת-הַיַּרְדֵּן אֶרְצָה כְּנָעַן: יא וְהִקְרִיתֶם לָכֶם
עָרִים עָרֵי מִקְלָט תִּהְיֶינָה לָכֶם וְנָס שָׂמָּה רֹצֵחַ מִכָּה-נֶפֶשׁ בְּשֹׁגְגָה: יב
וְהָיוּ לָכֶם הָעָרִים לְמִקְלָט מִגֹּאֵל וְלֹא יָמוּת הָרֹצֵחַ עַד-עֲמֹדוֹ לִפְנֵי
הָעֵדָה לְמִשְׁפָּט: יג וְהָעָרִים אֲשֶׁר תִּתְּנוּ שֵׁשׁ-עָרֵי מִקְלָט תִּהְיֶינָה
לָכֶם: יד אֵת | שְׁלֹשׁ הָעָרִים תִּתְּנוּ מֵעֵבֶר לַיַּרְדֵּן וְאֵת שְׁלֹשׁ הָעָרִים
תִּתְּנוּ בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן עָרֵי מִקְלָט תִּהְיֶינָה: טו לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְלִגֵּר
וְלִתּוֹשֵׁב בְּתוֹכָם תִּהְיֶינָה שֵׁשׁ-הָעָרִים הָאֵלֶּה לְמִקְלָט לְנוֹס שָׂמָּה
כָּל-מִכָּה-נֶפֶשׁ בְּשֹׁגְגָה: טז וְאִם-בְּכֶלִי בְרִזָּל | הִכְהוּ וַיָּמָת רֹצֵחַ
הוּא מוֹת יוֹמָת הָרֹצֵחַ: יז וְאִם בְּאֶבֶן יָד אֲשֶׁר-יָמוּת בָּהּ הִכְהוּ וַיָּמָת
רֹצֵחַ הוּא מוֹת יוֹמָת הָרֹצֵחַ:

⁹. The Eternal One spoke further to Moses: 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.

HAFTARAH

Jeremiah 2:4-9

ד שִׁמְעוּ דְבַר-יְהוָה בֵּית יַעֲקֹב וְכָל-מִשְׁפְּחוֹת בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל: ה כֹּה
| אָמַר יְהוָה מֵה-מֵצְאוּ אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם בִּי עוֹל כִּי רָחֲקוּ מֵעָלַי וַיֵּלְכוּ אַחֲרַי
הֶהְבֵּל וַיִּהְבְּלוּ: ו וְלֹא אָמְרוּ אֵיךְ יְהוָה הִמְעֵלָה אֶתְנוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם
הַמּוֹלֵיף אֶתְנוּ בַּמִּדְבָּר בְּאֶרֶץ עֲרָבָה וְשׁוֹחָה בְּאֶרֶץ צִיָּה וְצִלְמוֹת
בְּאֶרֶץ לֹא-עֵבֶר בָּהּ אִישׁ וְלֹא-יָשָׁב אָדָם שָׁם: ז וְאָבִיא אֶתְכֶם
אֶל-אֶרֶץ הַכַּרְמֶל לֶאֱכֹל פְּרִיָּה וְטוֹבָה וְתִבְאוּ וְתִטְמְאוּ אֶת-אֶרְצִי
וְנִחַלְתִּי שְׂמַתְם לְתוֹעֵבָה: ח הַכֹּהֲנִים לֹא אָמְרוּ אֵיךְ יְהוָה וְתַפְשִׁי
הַתּוֹרָה לֹא יִדְעוּנִי וְהִרְעִים פִּשְׁעוּ בִּי וְהִנְבִּיאִים נִבְּאוּ בְּבַעַל וְאַחֲרַי
לֹא-יֹעֲלוּ הֵלְכוּ: ט לְכֵן עַד אָרִיב אֶתְכֶם נְאֻם-יְהוָה וְאֶת-בְּנֵי
בְּנֵיכֶם אָרִיב:

⁴ Hear the word of the Eternal, O house of Jacob and all the clans of the house of Israel! ⁵ 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 become empty? ⁶ 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?’ ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ Therefore I will go on accusing you,” —says the Eternal One— “and I will accuse your children’s children!”