

SHOFTIM - Deuteronomy 19:1-10

א כִּי-יִכְרִית יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֶת-הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לְךָ  
 אֶת-אֲרָצָם וַיְרַשְׁתֶּם וַיִּשְׁבְּתָם בְּעָרֵיהֶם וּבְכַתְּוֵיהֶם: ב שְׁלוֹשׁ עָרִים  
 תִּבְדֹּל לְךָ בְּתוֹךְ אֲרָצְךָ אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לְךָ לְרִשְׁתָּהּ: ג תִּכְוֶן  
 לְךָ הַדֶּרֶךְ וְשַׁלַּשְׁתָּ אֶת-גְּבוּל אֲרָצְךָ אֲשֶׁר יִנְחִילְךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְהָיָה  
 לְנוֹס שָׁמָּה כָּל-רֹצֵחַ: ד וְזֶה דְבַר הַרְצָח אֲשֶׁר-יָנוֹס שָׁמָּה וְחַי אֲשֶׁר  
 יֵכֶה אֶת-רֵעֵהוּ בְּבַלִּי-דַעַת וְהוּא לֹא-שָׂנֵא לוֹ מִתְּמַל שְׁלֵשׁ: ה  
 וְאֲשֶׁר יָבֵא אֶת-רֵעֵהוּ בַיַּעַר לְחַטֵּב עֵצִים וַנִּדְּחָה יָדוֹ בַּגִּרְזֵן לְכַרֵּת  
 הָעֵץ וַנִּשָּׁל הַבְּרִזָּל מִן-הָעֵץ וּמָצָא אֶת-רֵעֵהוּ וּמָת הוּא יָנוֹס  
 אֶל-אַחַת הָעָרִים-הָאֵלֶּה וְחַי: ו פֶּן-יִרְדֹּף גַּיֵּל הַדָּם אַחֲרֵי הַרְצָח כִּי  
 יֵחֵם לִבּוֹ וְהִשִּׁיגוֹ כִּי-יִרְבֶּה הַדֶּרֶךְ וְהִכְהוֹ נַפְשׁ וְלוֹ אֵין מִשְׁפָּט-מָוֶת  
 כִּי לֹא-שָׂנֵא הוּא לוֹ מִתְּמוּל שְׁלֵשׁוֹם: ז עַל-כֵּן אֲנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה לְאָמֹר  
 שְׁלֹשׁ עָרִים תִּבְדֹּל לְךָ: ח וְאִם-יִרְחִיב יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֶת-גְּבֻלְךָ  
 כַּאֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְתָּיךָ וְנָתַן לְךָ אֶת-כָּל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר לְתֵת  
 לְאַבְתָּיךָ: ט כִּי-תִשְׁמַר אֶת-כָּל-הַמִּצְוָה הַזֹּאת לַעֲשׂוֹתָהּ אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי  
 מְצַוֶּה הַיּוֹם לְאַהֲבָה אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וּלְלַכֵּת בַּדֶּרֶךְ כִּי כָּל-הַיָּמִים  
 וַיִּסְפָּת לְךָ עוֹד שְׁלֹשׁ עָרִים עַל הַשְּׁלֹשׁ הָאֵלֶּה: י וְלֹא יִשְׁפֹךְ דָּם נָקִי  
 בְּקֶרֶב אֲרָצְךָ אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לְךָ נַחֲלָה וְהָיָה עֲלֶיךָ דָּמִים:

<sup>1</sup> When the Eternal your God has cut down the nations whose land the Eternal your God is assigning to you, and you have dispossessed them and settled in their towns and homes, <sup>2</sup> you shall set aside three cities in the land that the Eternal your God is giving you to possess. <sup>3</sup> You shall survey the distances, and divide into three parts the territory of the country that the Eternal your God has allotted to you, so that any [male] killer may have a place to flee to.— <sup>4</sup> Now this is the case of the killer who may flee there and live: one who has slain another unwittingly, without having been an enemy in the past. <sup>5</sup> For instance, a man goes with another fellow into a grove to cut wood; as his hand swings the ax to cut down a tree, the ax-head flies off the handle and strikes the other so that he dies. That man shall flee to one of these cities and live.— <sup>6</sup> Otherwise, when the distance is great, the blood-avenger, pursuing the killer in hot anger, may overtake him and strike him down; yet he did not incur the death penalty, since he had never been the other's enemy. <sup>7</sup> That is why I command you: set aside three cities. <sup>8</sup> And when the Eternal your God enlarges your territory, as was sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land that was promised to be given to your fathers— <sup>9</sup> if you faithfully observe all this instruction that I enjoin upon you this day, to love the Eternal your God and to walk in God's ways at all times—then you shall add three more towns to those three. <sup>10</sup> Thus blood of the innocent will not be shed, bringing bloodguilt upon you in the land that the Eternal your God is allotting to you.

## HAFTARAH

### Isaiah 51:12-16

יב אַנְכִי אַנְכִי הוּא מְנַחֵמְכֶם מִי-אֶת וְתִירְאֵי מֵאֲנוּשׁ יָמוּת  
וּמִבֶּן-אָדָם חָצִיר יִנְתֶן: יג וְתִשְׁכַּח יְהוָה עֲשָׂךְ נוֹטָה שָׁמַיִם וְלִסְד  
אֶרֶץ וְתִפְחַד תָּמִיד כָּל-הַיּוֹם מִפְּנֵי חַמַּת הַמַּצִּיק כַּאֲשֶׁר כּוֹנֵן  
לְהַשְׁחִית וְאֵיךְ חַמַּת הַמַּצִּיק: יד מִהֵרָ צַעָה לְהַפְתִּיחַ וְלֹא-יָמוּת  
לְשַׁחַת וְלֹא יִחְסַר לְחֵמוֹ: טו וְאַנְכִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ רֹגַע הַיָּם וַיִּהְיֶמוּ  
גְּלוֹי יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת שָׁמוֹ: טז וְאֲשֵׁים דְּבָרֶיךָ בְּפִיךָ וּבְצִל יָדֶיךָ כִּסִּיתִיךָ  
לְנוֹטַע שָׁמַיִם וְלִסְד אֶרֶץ וְלֵאמֹר לְצִיּוֹן עַמִּי-אֶתְּהָ:

<sup>12</sup> I, I am the One who comforts you: what is wrong with you, that you are afraid of mortals, of human beings who become like grass, <sup>13</sup> that you forget the Eternal your Maker, who spread out the heavens and established the earth? All day long you are in terror of the fury of oppressor intent on your destruction. Yet where is the oppressor's fury? <sup>14</sup> Neither death nor the grave for you who bend low: you shall be free and lack nothing. <sup>15</sup> For I am the Eternal your God; I stir up the sea and make its waves roar, *God heaven's hosts* by name. <sup>16</sup> I have put My words in your mouth and sheltered you with My hand; I spread out the heavens and established the earth, I say to Zion, "You are My people."