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## Deuteronomy 19.

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(A brief overview of the main topics).

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**INTRODUCTION:** this is a continuation of the previous chapter, Israel is soon to cross over the River Jordan and enter into the Promised Land. The primary focus of all the following chapters is upon Moses re-telling to the new generation about to cross the River Jordan all the covenant laws the LORD originally gave to Israel at Mount Sinai so that the new generation would renew the covenant with the LORD before they enter the Promised Land. The final chapter finishes with the LORD burying Moses and Joshua being ready to lead Israel over the River Jordan and into the Promised Land (see also the introduction to chapter one).

**NOTE:** for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

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**Cities of refuge:** Israel was to set apart three cities for refuge and measure the land and divide it into three parts then choose one city in each part so that any manslayer could flee to them. Provided Israel was careful to keep all the commandments Moses was giving them, the LORD would enlarge Israel's territory and give Israel all the land that he promised to give to their fathers then Israel was to add three other cities of refuge to the previous three.

**The purpose of the cities of refuge:** cities of refuge were provided for the manslayer to escape to and save his life because he did not deserve to die, since he had not hated his neighbour in the past. The cities were a protection against the avenger seeking to kill them. The six cities of refuge were to be equal distances apart in the Promised Land. They were so that innocent blood would not be shed in Israel and so that the guilt of bloodshed would not be upon Israel.

**The description of the manslayer:** a manslayer was anyone who had killed their neighbour unintentionally without having hated them in the past. Following is an example of a manslayer, when someone swings his axe to cut down a tree and the head slips from the handle and strikes his neighbour so that they die that person was considered a manslayer and could flee to one of the cities of refuge and live.

**The description of a murderer:** if anyone hates his neighbour and lies in wait for them and strikes them so that they die they are a murderer, if they flee into a city of refuge the elders of the city the murder lived in was to send and take the murderer from the city of refuge then hand the murder over to the avenger of blood so that he would be put to death.

The people were not pity him, they were to purge the guilt of innocent blood from Israel by putting the murder to death. Providing they put the murderer to death all would be well with Israel.

**Boundaries of land:** Israel was not allowed to move their neighbour's landmark (boundary) which the men of old have set. This was because the boundaries and landmarks determined the inheritance of land that the LORD was giving Israel.

**Witnesses:** a single witness could not suffice against a person for any crime in connection with any offence, only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses was a charge to be established.

**Solving disputes:** if a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, then both parties of the dispute were to appear before the LORD before the priests and the judges who were in office. The judges were to inquire diligently to discover if the witness was a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, but if the accused person was found guilty, Israel was to do to the false witness what he had meant to do to his brother so they would purge the evil from among them by doing to the false witness what he had meant to do to his brother.

They were not to pity the false witness, it was to be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot and the rest of the people of Israel would hear of it and fear to commit any such evil among Israel.

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End.