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- (10) And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.
- (11) Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- (12) Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.
- (13) Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work:
- (14) But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.
- (15) And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and *that* the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.
- (16) Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- (17) Thou shalt not kill.

- King James Paraphrase
- (10) And showing mercy to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.
- (11) You shall not take the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} your God in vain: because the LORD {Jehovah} will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His Name in vain.
- (12) Keep the sabbath day {Saturday; day of rest} to sanctify it, as the LORD {Jehovah} your God has commanded you.
- (13) Six days you shall labor, and do all your work:
- (14) But the seventh day {Saturday} is the sabbath of the LORD {Jehovah} your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates; that your manservant and your maidservant may rest as well as you.
- (15) And remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and *that* the LORD {Jehovah} your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD {Jehovah} your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day {Saturday; day of rest}.
- (16) Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD {Jehovah} your God has commanded you; that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you, in the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives to you.^b
- (17) You shall not kill {murder}.c

5:16b - honor father and mother - 1st commandment with a promise - Ex. 20:12

- see Mat. 15:4-6

5:17c - not kill - see Mat. 5:21-22

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- (21) And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?
- (22) When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

Chapter 19

- (1) When the LORD thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses;
- (2) Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.
- (3) Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.
- (4) And this *is* the case of the slayer, which shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past;

- King James Paraphrase
- (21) And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD {Jehovah} has not spoken?
- (22) When a prophet speaks in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, if the thing does not happen, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD {Jehovah} has not spoken, *but* the prophet has spoken it presumptuously: you shall not be afraid of him.

Chapter 19

- (1) When the LORD {Jehovah} your God has cut off the nations, whose land the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, and you succeed them, and live in their cities, and in their houses:
- (2) You shall separate three cities for yourselves in the midst of your land, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you to possess.
- (3) You shall prepare for yourself a road, and divide the coasts of your land, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you to inherit, into three parts, that every killer may flee there.
- (4) And this *is* the case of the killer, who shall flee there, that he may live: Whoever kills his neighbor unintentionally, whom he did not hate in time past;^a

19:4a – cities of refuge – Ex. 21:13; Deut. 4:42

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- (5) As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live:
- (6) Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he *was* not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past.
- (7) Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee.
- (8) And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;
- (9) If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:
- (10) That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and *so* blood be upon thee.
- (11) But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities:
- (12) Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

King James Paraphrase

- (5) As when a man goes into the woods with his neighbor to cut wood, and his hand fetches a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle, and hits his neighbor, that he dies; he shall flee to one of those cities, and live:
- (6) Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the killer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and kill him; whereas he *was* not worthy of death, since he did not hate him in time past.
- (7) Therefore I command you, saying, You shall separate three cities for yourselves.
- (8) And if the LORD {Jehovah} your God enlarges your coast, as He has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which He promised to give to your forefathers;
- (9) If you shall keep all these commandments to do them, which I command you this day, to love the LORD {Jehovah} your God, and to always walk in His ways; then you shall add three cities more for yourselves, besides these three:
- (10) That innocent blood not be shed in your land, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you *for* an inheritance, and *so* blood shall be upon you.
- (11) But if any man hates his neighbor, and lies in wait for him, and rises up against him, and strikes him mortally so that he dies, and flees into one of these cities:
- (12) Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him from there, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

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- (13) Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away *the guilt of* innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.
- (14) Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.
- (15) One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.
- (16) If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him *that which is* wrong;
- (17) Then both the men, between whom the controversy *is*, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days;
- (18) And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, *if* the witness *be* a false witness, *and* hath testified falsely against his brother;
- (19) Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.
- (20) And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.
- (21) And thine eye shall not pity; *but* life *shall go* for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

- King James Paraphrase
- (13) Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away *the guilt of* innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with you.
- (14) You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, b which those of old time have set in your inheritance, which you shall inherit in the land that the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you to possess it.
- (15) One witness shall not rise up against a man for any evil deed, or for any sin, in any sin that he sins: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, the matter shall be established.
- (16) If a false witness rises up against any man to testify against him *that which is* wrong;
- (17) Then both the men, between whom the controversy *is*, shall stand before the LORD {Jehovah}, before the priests and the judges, who shall be in those days;
- (18) And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, indeed, *if* the witness *are* a false witness, *and* have testified falsely against his brother;
- (19) Then you shall do to him, as he had thought to have done to his brother: so shall you put the evil away from among you.
- (20) And those who remain shall hear, and fear, and shall not from this time forth commit any such evil among you.
- (21) And your eye shall not pity; *but* life *shall go* for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.^c
- 19:14b neighbor's landmark a stone or other method of marking the boundaries of a person's property moving such a landmark is stealing property from your neighbor.
- 19:21c punishment equal to the sin this is the standard for the judges to use
 - Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; see Mat. 5:38

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Chapter 20

- (1) When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, *and* a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.
- (2) And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people,
- (3) And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them;
- (4) For the LORD your God *is* he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.
- (5) And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man *is there* that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.
- (6) And what man *is he* that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not *yet* eaten of it? let him *also* go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it.
- (7) And what man *is there* that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.

King James Paraphrase

Chapter 20

- (1) When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses, and chariots, *and* a people more than you, do not be afraid of them: because the LORD {Jehovah} your God *is* with you, Who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
- (2) And it shall be, when you have come near to the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people,
- (3) And shall say to them, Hear, O Israel, you approach this day to battle against your enemies: do not let your hearts faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble, nor be terrified because of them;
- (4) Because the LORD {Jehovah} your God *is* He Who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.
- (5) And the officers shall speak to the people, saying, What man *is there* who has built a new house, and has not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.
- (6) And what man *is he* who has planted a vineyard, and has not *yet* eaten of it? let him *also* go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it.
- (7) And what man is there who has married a wife, and has not taken her? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.

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- (8) And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man *is there that is* fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart.
- (9) And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.
- (10) When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it.
- (11) And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, *that* all the people *that is* found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee.
- (12) And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it:
- (13) And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword:
- (14) But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, *even* all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.
- (15) Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities *which are* very far off from thee, which *are* not of the cities of these nations.
- (16) But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee *for* an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth:

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- (8) And the officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, What man *is there that is* afraid and fainthearted? let him go and return to his house, lest his brother's heart faint as well as his heart.
- (9) And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking to the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.
- (10) When you come near to a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace to it.
- (11) And it shall be, if it gives you answer of peace, and opens to you, then it shall be, *that* all the people *who are* found in it shall be laborers for you, and they shall serve you.
- (12) And if it will make no peace with you, but will make war against you, then you shall besiege it:
- (13) And when the LORD {Jehovah} your God has delivered it into your hands, you shall strike every male of it with the edge of the sword:
- (14) But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, *even* all its spoil, you shall take to yourself; and you shall eat the spoil of your enemies, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has given you.
- (15) So shall you do to all the cities *which are* very far off from you, which *are* not of the cities of these nations.
- (16) But of the cities of these people, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you *for* an inheritance, you shall save alive nothing that breathes: