

Chapter 35

Cities and fuburbes are appointed for the Leuites, among the other tribes. 6. Of which fix shal be for refuge of such as vnwittingly kil anie man, 22. where, keping them felues til the death of the high Priest, they shal be safe. 30. VVilful murtherers conuicted (fo be it by more then one witnes) muft die forthwith.

Thefe things alfo fpake our Lord to Moyfes in the champion countries of Moab vpon Iordan, againft Iericho: ² Command the children of Ifrael that they geue vnto the Leuites of their poffeffions ³ cities to dwel in, and their fuburbes round about: that them felues may abide in the townes, and the fuburbes may be for their cattel and beaftes: which from the walles of the cities outward, round about, fhall reach the fpace of a thoufand paces. ⁴ Toward the Eaft fhall be two thoufand cubites: and toward the South in like manner fhall be two thoufand: toward the fea alfo, which looketh to the Weft, fhall be the fame meafure: and the North part fhall be limited with equal boundes. And the cities fhall be in the middes, and the fuburbes without. ⁵ And of the fame townes, which you fhall geue to the Leuites, fix fhall be feperated for the ayde of fugitiues, that he may flee to them which hath shed bloud: and befide thefe other fourtie two townes, ⁶ that is, in al fourtie eight with their fuburbes. ⁷ And thofe cities, that fhall be geuen of the poffeffions of the children of Ifrael, from them that haue more, moe fhall be taken away: and that haue leffe, fewer. Eache fhall geue townes to the Leuites according to the meafure of their inheritance. ⁸ Our Lord faid to Moyfes: ⁹ Speake to the children of Ifrael, & thou fhalt fay to them: When you fhall haue paffed ouer Iordan into the Land of Chanaan, ¹⁰ determine what cities fhall be for the fuccour of fugitiues, that haue not voluntarily shed bloud: ¹¹ in which when the fugitiue fhall be, the kinfeman of him that is killed can not kil him, vntil he ftand in the fight of the multitude, and his caufe be iudged. ¹² And of thofe cities, that are

separated for refuge of the fugitiues, ¹³ three shall be beyond Iordan, and three in the Land of Chanaan, ¹⁴ as well for the children of Ifrael as for strangers and sojourners, that he may flee to them, which hath not voluntarily shed blood. ¹⁵ If any man strike with iron, and he die that was strooken, he shall be guilty of murder, and himself shall die. ¹⁶ If he cast a stone, and he that is strooken die: he shall be punished in like manner. ¹⁷ If he that is strooken with wood die, he shall be revenged by the strikers blood. ¹⁸ The kinsman of him that is slain, shall kill the murderer, ^aas fowne as he apprehendeth him, he shall kill him. ¹⁹ If through hatred one push a man, or cast any thing at him by stratageme: ²⁰ or being his enemy, strike him with his hand, and he die: the striker shall be guilty of murder. The kinsman of him that is slain as fowne as he findeth him, shall kill him. ²¹ But if by chance medlie, and without hatred, ²² and enmity, he do any of these things, ²³ and this be proved in the hearing of the people, and the question debated between him that strooke, & the next of blood: ²⁴ the innocent shall be delivered from the hand of the revenger, & by sentence shall be brought backe into the citie, to which he had fled, and he shall tarie there, ^buntil the High priest, that is anointed with the holie oyle, do die. ²⁵ If the murderer be found without the limites of the cities, that are deputed to the banished, ²⁶ and be strooken of him that is the revenger of blood: he shall be guiltles that killed him. ²⁷ For the fugitive ought to have stayed in the citie until the death of the High priest. And after he is dead, then shall the murderer returne into his countrey. ²⁸ These things shall be perpetual, and for an ordinance in all your habitations. ²⁹ The murderer shall be punished by witnesses: none shall be condemned, at the testimony of one man. ³⁰ You shall not take a price of

^a Yet not before sentence of death. *v. 12. & 24. S. Aug. q. 65. in Num.*

^b Mytically this signified, that the way to true life was not open before Christs death. *Theodor. q. 51. in Num. S. Greg. ho. 6. in Ezechielem.*

him, that is guiltie of bloud, he also shal die forthwith.
³¹ The banished and fugitiues before the death of the
High priest may by no meanes returne into their owne
cities. ³² Pollute not the land of your habitation, which
is polluted with the bloud of innocentes: neither can it
otherwise be expiated, but by his bloud, that shedeth
an other mans bloud. ³³ And so shal your possession be
cleansed by my self abiding with you. For I am the Lord
that dwell among the children of Israel.