

Review Questions

1. **Who was usually the executioner of a murderer in the early history of the world?** (The one nearest of kin. Page 258)
2. **How could the murderer gain an examination before the execution of the sentence?** (By fleeing and laying hold upon God's altar. Page 258)
3. **What was the purpose of this provision?** (So that in the excitement of the occasion undue haste should not be exercised and individuals be slain who did not deserve death. Page 258)
4. **Describe the cities of refuge that were put up in Israel upon entering the promised land?** (They were six in number, conveniently set up, three on each side of the river Jordan. The roads leading to these cities were always kept in good repair. The cities were on elevated ground, and could be seen at a distance. Page 259)
5. **What did the murderer do when he reached the gate of the city?** (He declared "*his cause in the ears of the elders of that city.*" Page 259)
6. **Where was his case tried?** (By the judges of the city near where the murder was committed. Page 259)
7. **What was the possible outcomes of a guilty man's trial?** (If he was found guilty of premeditated murder, he was slain. If it was found that it was an accident or unintentional, then the guilty man was restored to the city of refuge whither he had fled. Page 259)
8. **How long did the man then have to stay in the city of refuge?** (Until the death of the present high priest. Page 259)
9. **What was allowed if he strayed outside the limit of his city of refuge?** (He could be slain by the avenger of blood. Page 259)
10. **Who owned the cities of refuge and what advantage did this have?** (These cities belonged to the Levites and so those confined

within were under the best influence. They were associated with the best religious teachers in Israel and had every opportunity to reform their lives and establish religious characters. Page 259)

11. **What did God design that every Israelite should be reminded of when he looked upon the cities of refuge?** (Christ, to whom every sin-burdened soul could flee for shelter. Page 260)
12. **What does the urgency of the murderer going immediately to the city of refuge teach us about the gospel?** (When we know we have sinned, we must flee at once to Christ, confess our sins, and dwell in the refuge Christ has prepared. Page 260)
13. **The fact that the murderer was only safe inside the city and not outside also teaches us what very important truth?** (No man can serve two masters. Our only safety is to dwell “*in the secret place of the Most High*” and “*abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*” We cannot give the world and its pleasures the best of our time and thought and hope to be sheltered from the final consequences of sin. Page 261)
14. **When the high priest died, what could the avenger of blood do legally?** (Nothing. The murderer was free forever from the avenger of blood. Page 262)
15. **Why was the death of the high priest used as the time to release those in the cities of refuge?** (The death of the high priest ceased his ministry. This represented Christ laying aside His priestly robes and taking upon Himself a vesture upon which will be written the names of “*King of kings, and Lord of lords.*” Page 262)
16. **Why can the weakest child of God never be overthrown by the enemy?** (When we continually live within His refuge, the angels encamp around us to deliver us. Page 263)
17. **What example did Jesus use in Luke 13:34 to describe the protecting care of God?** (The example of a hen who protects her brood under her wings. Page 263)

18. **According to Psalm 124:8, where does our help come from?**
(*“Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”*
Page 264)

More Study

Patriarchs and Prophets, pages 515-517.

Mark Your Bible

Write a summary of your study and then mark your Bible.

Share

Share at least once a week what you have learned.

Activity

On a map of ancient Israel locate the six cities of refuge.
Write a summary of your study.

“God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will not we fear,
though the earth be removed,
and though the mountains be carried
into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.”
“The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.”

Psalm 46:1-3, 7