

DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 19-21 – Three Cities of Refuge; Property Boundaries; Law Concerning Witnesses; Principles Governing Warfare; Law Concerning Unsolved Murder; Female Captives; Firstborn Inheritance Rights; The Rebellious Son; Miscellaneous Laws

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

Three Cities of Refuge;

Deu 19:1 "When the LORD your God has cut off the nations whose land the LORD your God is giving you, and you dispossess them and dwell in their cities and in their houses, Deu 19:2 you shall separate three cities for yourself in the midst of your land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.

Deu 19:3 You shall prepare roads for yourself, and divide into three parts the territory of your land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, that any manslayer may flee there.

Deu 19:4 "And this is the case of the manslayer who flees there, that he may live: Whoever kills his neighbor unintentionally, not having hated him in time past—

Deu 19:5 as when a man goes to the woods with his neighbor to cut timber, and his hand swings a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle and strikes his neighbor so that he dies—he shall flee to one of these cities and live;

Deu 19:6 lest the avenger of blood, while his anger is hot, pursue the manslayer and overtake him, because the way is long, and kill him, though he was not deserving of death, since he had not hated the victim in time past.

Deu 19:7 Therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall separate three cities for yourself.'

Deu 19:8 "Now if the LORD your God enlarges your territory, as He swore to your fathers, and gives you the land which He promised to give to your fathers,

Deu 19:9 and if you keep all these commandments and do them, which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and to walk always in His ways, then you shall add three more cities for yourself besides these three,

Deu 19:10 lest innocent blood be shed in the midst of your land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and thus guilt of bloodshed be upon you.

Deu 19:11 "But if anyone hates his neighbor, lies in wait for him, rises against him and strikes him mortally, so that he dies, and he flees to one of these cities,

Deu 19:12 then the elders of his city shall send and bring him from there, and deliver him over to the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

Deu 19:13 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.

vs. 1-7 Upon entering the Promised Land, the children of Israel were to establish three cities as cities of refuge for the person who committed second-degree murder. As outlined in *Numbers 35:33-35* *So you shall not pollute the land where you are; for blood defiles the land, and no atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it. [34] Therefore do not defile the land which you inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell; for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.'* " a man who unintentionally killed another would be safe from revenge as long as he remained in a city of refuge. "He who is angry with his brother is guilty of murder," Jesus said (see *Matthew 5:22*). And who among us has not been angry with our brother? We're all guilty. We're all murderers. We all need Jesus as our Refuge (*Hebrews 6:18*).

vs. 8-10 If the children of Israel obeyed the Lord and claimed more land, they were to add three additional cities of refuge.

v. 11-13 He who committed first-degree murder, he who intentionally killed another had no place in the city of refuge. The Bible is full of warnings to those who try to use the grace of God as a cloak to cover their own sin. Those who are truly born of God do not commit sin (1 John 3:9). Does this mean believers lead sinless lives? No. The Greek word translated "commit" refers to one who habitually, continually practices sin the way others practice golf or the piano. We all struggle with sin, but there is a difference between a person who struggles with or even succumbs to sin, and one who practices sin in order to get better at sinning.

Prov. 14:34 *Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.*

"hear and fear" – so shall you put away the evil from among you!"

In Chapters 19-21, we have a continuation of Moses' second Deuteronomy sermons, whose theme is obedience to God and His love for us!

GOD'S DETERRANT: (In today's study)

(Current non-sensical thinking among "Criminologists" - The study, *Do Executions Lower Homicide Rates? The Views of Leading Criminologists*, concluded, "There is overwhelming consensus among America's top criminologists that the empirical research conducted on the deterrence question fails to support the threat or use of the death penalty.)

Deu 19:19 *then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you.*

Deu 19:20 *And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you.*

Situation - FALSE WITNESS

Deu 21:21 *Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.* Situation - REBELLIOUS SON.

THE LOVE OF GOD – F. Lehman – Phelps, Penrod & Gardner

*The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.*

Refrain:

*Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song.*

*Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky. (Refrain) .*

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

Property Boundaries:

Deu 19:14 "You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which the men of old have set, in your inheritance which you will inherit in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess."

Law Concerning Witnesses:

Deu 19:15 "One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established."

Deu 19:16 If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing,

Deu 19:17 then both men in the controversy shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days.

Deu 19:18 And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother,

Deu 19:19 then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you.

Deu 19:20 And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you.

Deu 19:21 Your eye shall not pity: life shall be for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Principles Governing Warfare:

Deu 20:1 "When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."

Deu 20:2 So it shall be, when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people.

Deu 20:3 And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them;

Deu 20:4 for the LORD your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'

Deu 20:5 "Then 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."

Deu 20:6 Also what man is there who has planted a vineyard and has not eaten of it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man eat of it."

Deu 20:7 And what man is there who is betrothed to a woman and has not married her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man marry her.'

v. 15-20 Accusation must be followed by confirmation. That is, a second witness must be found before judgment could be made. If, however, there was no second witness, accuser and accused were to come before the priest, where diligent inquisition would be made. ... *and, behold, if the witness be a false witness*, If the witness proved to be a false witness, his punishment would be that which would have otherwise been given to the accused. That is why Haman, falsely accusing the Jews, was hung on the very gallows he had built for them (Esther 7:9).

v. 21 While at the outset, this may sound harsh, it is, in fact, merciful considering our propensity for “one-upmanship.” You see, if you blacken my eye, my fleshly tendency is to want to blacken both of yours. God, however, calls for an equitable, measured response: only one eye for an eye, only one tooth for a tooth. Jesus, however, would reinstitute the idea of “one-upmanship” by telling us to offer two cheeks when struck on one, to give two coats when asked for one (Matthew 5:38–42).

v. 1 To the children of Israel, Moses didn’t say, “If you see the enemy more numerous than you...” He said, “When you see the enemy...” In other words, battles were inevitable. Every one of us will have encounters when we feel outgunned and outmaneuvered, when we feel under-prepared and overwhelmed. At such times, we are not to be afraid. Why? Because they provide invaluable. *David/Goliath - 1 Sam. 17*

vs. 2-4 There is **no way to know how great God is until you are in a situation you can’t handle**, until you don’t know what to do, until it is seemingly impossible to solve the problem. The only way we’ll know how great God is, how loving our Lord is, is to be over our heads, completely at a loss. I’ve been there. So have you. Maybe you’re there tonight. The priest is to say, “Don’t freak out. The Lord is with you. He brought you out of Egypt, out of the world, out of hell. He’s not going to let you go now.”

vs. 5-7 Three groups of men were exempt from battle: those who hadn’t finished building their houses (POSSESSIONS), those who hadn’t yet eaten of their vineyards (COMMERCE), and those who were engaged, but not yet married (RELATIONSHIPS). In this, we see God’s desire that people delight in His blessings before they devote themselves to battle. Excessive distractions to be removed may be another reason as well.

GOD SAYS 9 TIMES IN DEUTERONOMY - “YOU SHALL PUT AWAY THE EVIL”

Deu 13:5 But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn *you* away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. **So you shall put away the evil** from your midst. **FALSE PROPHETS**

Deu 17:7 The hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. **So you shall put away the evil** from among you. **PRACTICING IDOLATRY**

Deu 17:12 Now the man who acts presumptuously and will not heed the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or the judge, that man shall die. **So you shall put away the evil** from Israel. **OBEYING DECISION OF JERUSALEMN PRIESTS/JUDGES**

Deu 19:19 then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; **so you shall put away the evil** from among you. **FALSE WITNESS – STRONG & SEVERE PENALTY FOR LYING!**

Deu 21:21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; **so you shall put away the evil** from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear. **REBELLIOUS SON**

Deu 22:21 then they shall bring out the young woman to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done a disgraceful thing in Israel, to play the harlot in her father's house. So **you shall put away the evil** from among you. **BRIDE LYING ABOUT VIRGINITY**

Deu 22:22 "If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die—the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; **so you shall put away the evil** from Israel. **MARRIED CAUGHT IN ADULTERY**

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Deu 20:8 "The officers shall speak further to the people, and say, 'What man is there who is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest the heart of his brethren faint like his heart.'
Deu 20:9 And so it shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.
Deu 20:10 "When you go near a city to fight against it, then proclaim an offer of peace to it.
Deu 20:11 And it shall be that if they accept your offer of peace, and open to you, then all the people who are found in it shall be placed under tribute to you, and serve you.
Deu 20:12 Now if the city will not make peace with you, but war against you, then you shall besiege it.
Deu 20:13 And when the LORD your God delivers it into your hands, you shall strike every male in it with the edge of the sword.
Deu 20:14 But the women, the little ones, the livestock, and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall plunder for yourself; and you shall eat the enemies' plunder which the LORD your God gives you.
Deu 20:15 Thus you shall do to all the cities which are very far from you, which are not of the cities of these nations.
Deu 20:16 "But of the cities of these peoples which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive,
Deu 20:17 but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the LORD your God has commanded you,
Deu 20:18 lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the LORD your God.
Deu 20:19 "When you besiege a city for a long time, while making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them; if you can eat of them, do not cut them down to use in the siege, for the tree of the field is man's food.
Deu 20:20 Only the trees which you know are not trees for food you may destroy and cut down, to build siegeworks against the city that makes war with you, until it is subdued.

v. 8 A fourth group deferred from battle was comprised of those who were afraid. When people lack faith, they often begin to speak negatively to justify their own fears. Cynicism and criticism are often a cowardly covering for fear. And they're contagious. That's why those who were afraid were to go home
v. 9 If you want to be used by the Lord, go back over the preceding four verses and ask yourself if your household is stable, if the work of your hands is thriving, if your marriage is healthy, if your heart is full of faith. If a man doesn't have a home for his family, he ought to tend that first. If a man doesn't have a job and wants to be supported by others, he should get a job and succeed at that. If a man has a lousy marriage, he shouldn't be taking on further ministry. If a man is full of fear, he shouldn't try to hide behind ministry or missions. This passage is an important checklist for anyone who wants to be used by the Lord, to be engaged in His work.
vs. 10-15 The pagan cities the children of Israel would encounter upon entry into the Promised Land were to be destroyed. This passage, however, speaks of cities outside the boundaries of the Promised Land. Before engaging in battle with such cities, the Israelites were to first offer to be at peace with them if they would surrender. At this time in history, the offer of peace and surrender were completely foreign concepts.
vs. 16-18 No offer of peace was to be made to the cities within the Promised Land and lest this sounds cruel, remember that in Genesis 15, God told Abraham that his descendants would go to Egypt a full four hundred years while God gave the Canaanites opportunity to repent of their sin and turn to Him. When they refused to do so, He used the Israelites to put them out of their misery lest they inflict others with their wickedness and perversion.

vs. 19-20 When the Israelites went to battle, their axes were not to fly indiscriminately. They were not to cut down any fruit-bearing tree. This is a good word for us because in our battle against principalities and powers, against the devil, our Adversary, if we're not careful, we can cut down trees that bear fruit, other believers, denominations, or churches who might have an entirely different flavor than ours, but from which we can be nourished. Wise is the believer who says, "Lord, help me to see what I can glean from that group, what I can learn from those people." So much of what I've learned has been from trees that, in my own fleshly tendency, I would have chopped down. Wouldn't it be something if all the energy we expend analyzing ministry and criticizing Christians was harnessed against the real enemy? Yes, there's a war to wage, a battle to fight. And some trees are apostate indeed. But others have fruit that we can glean, through which we can grow, from which we can gain strength for the battle against the enemy of our souls.

Deu 22:24 then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones, the young woman because she did not cry out in the city, and the man because he humbled his neighbor's wife; **so you shall put away the evil** from among you. **BETROTHED CAUGHT IN ADULTERY**

Deu 24:7 "If a man is found kidnapping any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and mistreats him or sells him, then that kidnapper shall die; and **you shall put away the evil** from among you. **KIDNAPPING**

GOD SAYS 6 TIMES IN DEUTERONOMY - "that it may go well with you"

Deu 4:40 You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, **that it may go well with you** and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time." **OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS**

Deu 6:18 And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, **that it may be well with you**, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the LORD swore to your fathers, **OBEY AND DO RIGHT IN LORD'S SIGHT**

Deu 12:25 You shall not eat it, **that it may go well with you** and your children after you, when you do what is right in the sight of the LORD. **DO NOT EAT BLOOD**

Deu 12:28 Observe and obey all these words which I command you, **that it may go well with you** and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God. **SACRIFICE AT THE CHOSEN PLACE**

Deu 19:13 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**. **PUT AWAY PRE MEDIATED MURDERS**

Deu 22:7 you shall surely let the mother go, and take the young for yourself, **that it may be well with you** and that you may prolong your days. **PROTECT MOTHER BIRD WHEN TAKING YOUNG OR EGGS**

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

Law Concerning Unsolved Murder:

Deu 21:1 "If anyone is found slain, lying in the field in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess, and it is not known who killed him,

Deu 21:2 then your elders and your judges shall go out and measure the distance from the slain man to the surrounding cities.

Deu 21:3 And it shall be that the elders of the city nearest to the slain man will take a heifer which has not been worked and which has not pulled with a yoke.

Deu 21:4 The elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with flowing water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and they shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley.

Deu 21:5 Then the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the LORD your God has chosen them to minister to Him and to bless in the name of the LORD; by their word every controversy and every assault shall be settled.

Deu 21:6 And all the elders of that city nearest to the slain man shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley.

Deu 21:7 Then they shall answer and say, 'Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it.

Deu 21:8 Provide atonement, O LORD, for Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not lay innocent blood to the charge of Your people Israel.' And atonement shall be provided on their behalf for the blood.

Deu 21:9 So you shall put away the guilt of innocent blood from among you when you do what is right in the sight of the LORD.

Female Captives:

Deu 21:10 "When you go out to war against your enemies, and the LORD your God delivers them into your hand, and you take them captive,

Deu 21:11 and you see among the captives a beautiful woman, and desire her and would take her for your wife,

Deu 21:12 then you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall shave her head and trim her nails.

Deu 21:13 She shall put off the clothes of her captivity, remain in your house, and mourn her father and her mother a full month; after that you may go in to her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife.

Deu 21:14 And it shall be, if you have no delight in her, then you shall set her free, but you certainly shall not sell her for money; you shall not treat her brutally, because you have humbled her.

vs. 1-9 Concerning the unsolved murders that would take place even in the Promised Land, rather than shrugging their shoulders and ignoring them, the children of Israel were to investigate and make atonement for them. The elders closest to the scene of the crime were to offer sacrifices and intercession in order that the people of the region could be protected. Every organization, every community needs people of maturity who will act as a covering to absorb the inevitable poundings in order that those beneath them can grow and function in safety. There comes a point in the life of a mature person when he or she says, “Even though this isn’t my problem personally, it’s time I take some responsibility.” This is what was to be modeled by the elders of Israel—and by any who want to be used by the Lord to a greater capacity.

vs. 10-11 Keep in mind, in every culture at this time in history, and even until relatively recently, when there was a war, invading soldiers would wreak havoc upon the populace—especially upon the women. The Lord, however, instituted something shockingly new when He said, “If you see a woman who interests you, you are to treat her honorably in the following manner....”

v. 12 If an Israelite soldier wanted to marry a woman of a conquered city, he was to take her to his house, where she would shave her head and “pare” or, as perhaps your margin might more correctly render this word, let her nails grow, which, in Old Testament times, would have been considered an oddity.

vs. 13-14 The bride-to-be was to put on mourning clothes, most likely sackcloth, and mourn for her mother and father, who were either killed in battle or left behind. If the Israelite still wanted to marry her after hearing her mourn for a month, he was free to do so. If, however, he later changed his mind, he was to let her go and she would be free. Again, while this scenario sounds odd to us, the month-long waiting period, the commitment to marry, and the freedom granted should the marriage not work elevated women in a day when the women in surrounding nations had no more rights than did livestock.

v. 4 Sanctity of Life! - Unsolved Murder – Shedding of innocent blood!

That it might possess people **with a dread of the guilt of blood**, which defiles not only the conscience of him that sheds it (this should engage us all to pray with David, *Deliver me from blood-guiltiness*), **but the land in which it is shed**; it cries to the magistrate for justice on the criminal, and, if that cry be not heard, it cries to heaven for judgment on the land. If **there must be so much care employed to save the land from guilt when the murderer was not known, it was certainly impossible to secure it from guilt if the murderer was known and yet protected**. All would be taught, by this solemnity, **to use their utmost care and diligence to prevent, discover, and punish murder**. Even the heathen mariners dreaded the guilt of blood, *Jonah 1:14*

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APPLICATION

Firstborn Inheritance Rights:

Deu 21:15 'If a man has two wives, one loved and the other unloved, and they have borne him children, both the loved and the unloved, and if the firstborn son is of her who is unloved, Deu 21:16 then it shall be, on the day he bequeaths his possessions to his sons, that he must not bestow firstborn status on the son of the loved wife in preference to the son of the unloved, the true firstborn.

Deu 21:17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

The Rebellious Son:

Deu 21:18 'If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them,

Deu 21:19 then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city.

Deu 21:20 And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.'

Deu 21:21 Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.

vs. 15-17 As the Word unfolds, God will move His family from this practice of polygamy. But at this time, He's putting restrictions around it before He will eventually wean them from it. The reality of multiple wives is that one is loved, the others hated. And the same is true today. Part of the reason God hates divorce (*Malachi 2:16*) is that there is no final decree in divorce. There are always repercussions and difficulties and problems, most often having to do with children. If you've gone through the heartache of divorce, this is not a word of condemnation, but rather one of evaluation: Don't forget your firstborn. Don't forget your children from your previous marriage. Divorce happens. But we are not to complicate an already complicated situation by ignoring the firstborn.

vs.18-20 According to this passage, it was not an option but an obligation for the parents of a son determined to live a life of rebelliousness to bring him to the elders of the city.

v. 21 All the men of the city were to stone the rebellious son. Why? Two possible reasons... Motivation. Communities being small in Bible times, the men of the city would know the son in question. They would know his family. Therefore, so difficult would it be to stone him, they would go home resolved to do whatever it took to make sure their own sons didn't follow the same path of rebellion. Evaluation. Participating in the stoning would cause the men in the community to ask themselves if there was something they could have done to turn him from his rebellious ways. The parents are basically coming to the point of where this son must move into the hands of the leaders to take over. He's out of control. They parents couldn't handle them. They would know that their son is now endangering society. The situation was to be weighed and if, in fact was true. Then the rebellious son was to be stoned, not by the parents, but by all the men of the city! What a deterrent! This would not have had to have been done very often! Is our way better, having 30% of the city controlled by gangs?

v.18 **Milwaukee County Sherriff David A. Clarke Jr.** criticized the idea that President Barack Obama's call for reforming the police is helping law enforcement and is instead weakening "the institution of policing," adding that **the solution is to "fix the ghetto" and stop trying to "fix the police."**

When asked for his reaction, Sheriff Clarke said the headline should be "Black Man Shoots White Defenseless Police Officer" because, he continued, "I get sick and tired when it's the other way around, when an officer defends his life, they always point out that it's a white officer shooting an unarmed black suspect." "Look, President Obama has breathed life into this ugly movement," said Clarke. "And it is time now for good, law-abiding Americans to rise up, like they did in Houston around that Chevron station [where the deputy sheriff was murdered], an outpouring." "But it just can't be symbolic," said the sheriff. "We now have to counter this slime, this filth coming out of these cop-haters." He added, "where are the dads of these young criminals?"

DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 19-21 – Three Cities of Refuge; Property Boundaries; Law Concerning Witnesses; Principles Governing Warfare; Law Concerning Unsolved Murder; Female Captives; Firstborn Inheritance Rights; The Rebellious Son; Miscellaneous Laws

OBSERVATION

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

Miscellaneous Laws

*Deu 21:22 "If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree,
Deu 21:23 his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God.*

vs. 22-23 Dt. 21:23 is quoted in **Galatians 3:13** *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE")*, and was fulfilled by the One who took our curse and our sin, by the One who died in our place. I deserve to be put to death and stoned for my stubbornness and rebellion. But my Father sent His only begotten Son, the One who never rebelled (**John 8:29**), in order that I might be robed in His righteousness (**Isaiah 61:10**).
So, by Jesus' crucifixion, cursed of God, the curse of the law was upon Him. Death, by hanging on a tree, or death by crucifixion. So that, by His death, in our place, He has redeemed us from the penalty of death, becoming a curse for us. So that glorious truth of the substitutionary death of Christ, in our place.
Jesus was willing to do that for us! To take our place and to pay the price for your sin and for mine!