CITIES OF REFUGE

INTRODUCTION

The LORD gave instructions saying neither the priests nor the Levites should possess any land:

“The LORD said to Aaron ‘You will have no inheritance in their land, nor will you have any share with them; I am your share and your inheritance among the Israelites.’” (Num. 18:20)

“It is the Levites who are to do the work at the Tent of Meeting and bear responsibility for offenses in it. They will receive no inheritance among the Israelites. Instead, I give to the Levites as their inheritance the tithes that the Israelites present to the LORD.” (Num. 18:21-24)

Yet, the Levites requested towns with pastures from Joshua:

“Now the heads of the Levites approached Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the heads of the other tribal families in Israel at Shiloh in Canaan and said to them ‘The LORD commanded through Moses that you give us towns to live in, with pasture for our livestock’” (Num. 21:1-2)

If we read carefully what the LORD said to Moses, towns for Levites came out of inheritance of others:

“‘Command the Israelites to give the Levites towns to live in among the inheritance the Israelites will possess’. And give them pasture lands around the towns” (Num. 35:2)

Of the clan of Kohath the priests received 13 towns and the Levites received 10 towns. Of the clan of Gershom the Levites received 13 towns. And of the clan of Merari the Levites received 12 towns.

Six of the 13 towns of the priests were designated ‘cities of refuge’ from the manslayer. Three east of the Jordan: Bezer in Reuben, Ramoth Gilead in Gad, and Golan in Bashan. Three west of the Jordan: Hebron in Judah, Shechem in Ephraim, and Kadesh in Napthali. (Joshua 20) (Numbers 35)

A city of refuge was a place of safety for the man who killed an Israelite accidentally. Anyone being pursued by an avenger of blood – a relative of the slain seeking vengeance – could seek protection in a
city of refuge until his case was heard by trial. If the manslaughter was accidental he could live in safety in the city of refuge until the death of the High Priest. After that he was a free man again.

THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLE

Three rulings are set forth:

(1) if (court decides) you deliberately killed a person you will die;
(2) if (court decides) you accidentally killed a person you may only live in a city of refuge;
(3) if you slay a man (outside a city of refuge) who killed your relative – you are innocent.

In effect, a ‘city of refuge’ is a prison for men guilty of manslaughter.

THE PRACTICALITIES OF A CITY OF REFUGE

The priests were given 13 towns to live in and 6 of these were cities of refuge. Who would pay the upkeep for the prisoners? How depressed would the prisoners become who had no useful thing to do and who depended on others for their daily bread? The prisoners would only gain their freedom on the death of the high priest – would they not wish in their hearts for the high priest to die?

CITY OF PRIESTS – A DEN OF BEGGARS

The longer the high priest lived the higher the prison population grew compared to the domestic population. A priest could not take a walk on the street without receiving constant appeals from the beggars. Every day the high and holy ones of Israel – who had become wealthy from partaking in the offerings of Israelites at the Temple – the religious leaders with white garments who dined on the most succulent meats – would be accosted by the bleats of beggars. Would not their heart become hard?

Every day the beggar would sit on the street – homeless and without a family – and think of his misfortune that by events out of his control he was doomed to a lowly life. When he saw the rich
religious rulers of Israel striding past him he would wonder – how was it this man by events out of his control was born into a family of riches, of honor, and of blessing? **Would he not become bitter?**

**THE IRONY OF THE SITUATION**

The LORD had commanded the priests and the Levites should NOT POSSESS ANY LAND. (Num. 18) The LORD did not leave the priests and the Levites without support – because they shared in the offerings.

But if the priests and the Levites INSISTED ON POSSESSING TOWNS – then their cities would be turned into a nightmare – streets filled up with bitter and depressed vagrant beggars!

**THE TRUE HIGH PRIEST**

Jesus is the true high priest – but not according to the order of Aaron – rather, according to the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 7 and 8). **Jesus demonstrated how a high priest and a gospel worker is supposed to live – without any land on this earth.**

Jesus said ‘**The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.**’ (Mark 8:20) By this turn of phrase was not Jesus comparing the priestly class of Israel to foxes? And the temple worker class, the Levites, to birds who make nests in the trees?

**THE HEALING OF THE BEGGARS**

We read often in the gospels of Jesus stopping whenever the beggars cried out. He asked them what they wanted. If they had faith in him – they were healed of their infirmity.

How could a beggar be healed of his infirmity? How could a person convicted of manslaughter gain their freedom? Only on the day the High Priest died (Joshua 20:6). **When the beggar transferred his trust for his liberty from the Aaronic high priest to the Son of David – the Messiah of Israel – on that very day the high priest – the Aaronic high priest - died!**

In each and every case a sick person was healed by the LORD – Jesus attributed this to their faith in Him. Why were there so many sick and unfortunate people in Israel? **Because the sacrifices the**
Aaronic priests offered were not able to take away sin. Take away sin and you take away the consequence of sin – sickness and misery. To the woman with the issue of blood Jesus said ‘Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering’. (Mark 5:34)

THE NEW TESTAMENT APOSTLES

Paul did not beseech the LORD for a town with pastures to settle down in. Exactly the opposite:

“Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk?” (1 Cor.9:7)

“When the ploughman plows and the thresher threshes they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you?” (1 Cor. 9:11)

“But we did not use this right. On the contrary we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ” (1 Cor. 9:12)

But Paul gave instructions to gospel workers serving the Lord Jesus:

“But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.” (1 Tim. 6:8)

Paul determined to be a soldier at his own expense, to plant vineyards and not eat the grapes, to tend flocks but not harvest the milk. Why? Because Paul knew that if he ‘exercised the right of material harvest’ he would hinder the gospel of Christ. Paul knew he was not the owner of the vineyard nor was he the owner of the sheep. In the Age of Grace, Paul was merely a slave to the owner. Slaves receive no wages, no share of the harvest. Paul was looking for his reward in the life to come.

Paul set the example for us of a gospel worker following in the footsteps of Jesus. Paul was an itinerant preacher. Paul stayed on the move. He had to. In every city men loyal to the Aaronic high priest wanted to kill him. On one occasion Paul escaped a city full of murderers in a basket:

Paul escapes Damascus
Paul planted local churches. The Christians in a vicinity became part of the broader body of Christ under local expression through a plurality of elders. Elders would be selected according to their godly life and ability to teach. The elders were mutually submitted – under Christ – not under a local priest.

The reward (wages) for eldership in the church was high esteem (double honor) among believers:

“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor – especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says ‘Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain’ and ‘The worker deserves his wages’” (1 Tim. 5:17-18)

The qualification of elders in the church was to humbly serve the brethren with dignity and grace:

“If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, hospitable, self-controlled, respectable, able to teach, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money…” (1 Tim. 3:1-7)

Paul was a missionary, a church planter, a teacher and preacher. He is the exemplary Christian worker.

FAST FORWARD TO CHURCH TODAY

Behold! We have gone backwards to an Old Testament system of priests and temple workers:

Orthodox Priests

Catholic Priests

Protestant Clergy
Christianity has been completely occupied by priests and temple Levites – like flies swarming on a dead carcass. The teaching ministry of lay elders has been supplanted by professional ‘ministers’. Church buildings have become the cities of refuge and the towns of the Levites. Back to the Old Covenant!

CITIES OF REFUGE – FILLED WITH Beggars ONCE AGAIN

When believers go to church – what do they find? They find beggars in the pulpits – exhorting the people for handouts to support the temple, and their car, and their house, etc. This is not Jesus’ way.

THE CLERGY SYSTEM IS GUILTY OF MURDER

The Clergy system is a yoke of bondage. Parishioners are bound by implied if not express covenant to attend services (to the exclusion of other Christian fellowships), give money, and come under the authority of the Church. Religious commitment for a Christian is nothing short of decapitation.

Membership in religious communities constitutes spiritual decapitation and thus MURDER. Christ is the head of the church – which is composed of all believers everywhere. The human body cannot have two heads. A believer may be under Christ’s authority, protection, and love. Or a believer may
decapitate Christ and join a religious society under the headship of clergy: the parish priest, the professional minister, or whatever ‘ordained’ man is appointed to the task.

Frankenstein: living body + dead head

Christ said this “All authority in Heaven and Earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything I have commanded you.” The authority of Christ was never delegated.

PUNISHMENT FOR RELIGIOUS SIN

What is the consequence for Christians who decapitate themselves? For those who willingly ‘come under’ the authority of a religion with a clergy – such as Orthodox, Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, Pentecostal, and all other denominations with professional minister / laity divisions?

“If we died with him – then we will also live with him;

If we endure – we will also reign with him;

If we disown him – he will disown us;

If we are faithless – he will remain faithful, because he cannot disown himself.” (1 Tim. 2:11-13)

A person who is saved cannot lose salvation – it does not depend on our work it depends on Christ’s work on the Cross – which is finished: “If we died with him – then we will also live with him”

A person who regresses so far in faithlessness that Christ is no longer honored as God – that person will still go to Heaven because the initial work of salvation is irreversible: “If we are faithless – he will remain faithful.”
However, if a person’s faith does not persevere to the end of their earthly life – they will not return with Christ to reign with Him during the Millennium: “If we disown him – he will disown us”. They will stay in heaven while all the victorious disciples are on earth enjoying God’s bounty. Heaven will not seem so heavenly with Christ and all the patriarchs and all the men and women of faith someplace else. The backslid Christians will have the cold hearted holy angels for company and the bland mana for food day after day endlessly. O how they will lament they let their faith slip away.

**What will happen to all the believing Christians duped into becoming members of man’s religions?**
As we know there are millions of saints within religious enclaves who love Jesus but do not realise they are playing the harlot and disowning Christ. Will they return in the Millennium?

**What about the clergy in those religions?** Many of them love the Lord and rejoice in their salvation. They are blind to the murder their religious movement is perpetrating by usurping Lordship from Christ. Will they return in the Millennium?

The answer is ‘if we endure – we will also reign with him.’ All the believing Christians whose faith persists to the end, including those in institutional religion and their religious lords – the clergy over them – whose faith also persists to the end – all these will return with Christ to reign in the Millennium.

**But here is the justice of our LORD revealed and the humiliation of all these people who humiliated Christ by willingly placing themselves under the lordship of man.** In the Millennium all those millions of deceived saints and misguided teachers – will be judged ‘manslayers by accident’ – and forced to retreat within the tiny spaces of cities of refuge. Unable to partake in the full blessings of the renewal of the earth – they will only watch the free Christians walk in it and enjoy it from afar.

What irony! What disgrace! To be in the Millennium but not a part of it. Just as they were once in the body of Christ but by religious affiliation not part of it. To be in a prison town for a thousand years – punishment for imprisoning the Holy Spirit on earth. **The clergy will be behind the innermost walls** – their names once famous in the earth – will become curse words by the prisoners they fooled.
DIVING DEEPER INTO THE WORD

Numbers 35 begins with the nation of Israel at the waters of Jordan across from Jericho poised to enter the Promised Land. The prophetic fulfillment of this will be at the end of the Tribulation when Christ returns from heaven to destroy the Beast and the False Prophet in Jerusalem.

Before the servants carrying the Ark dipped their toes in the waters of Jordan – the LORD spoke to Moses and gave instructions for the cities of refuge and the towns of the Levites. Therefore, we understand the prophetic fulfillment of Numbers 35 concerns regulations in the Millennium.

Our exegesis will rely on the usual grammatical-historical tools plus two additional advanced techniques: the spiritual meaning of the gematria (numerical values of the Hebrew words in the passage) and spiritual prophetic linking of verses in Numbers 35 to verses in the Book of Isaiah.

For example, Numbers 35:1 is the 1,242nd verse of the Book of Numbers. It says this:

“And the LORD spoke unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,”

The prophetic meaning of this verse is enlightened when we connect it to the 1,242nd verse of Isaiah:

“Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.” (Isaiah 64:11)

This is the cry of the formerly religious Christians who gape at the scene of devastation on the earth at the end of the Great Tribulation – and look in vain for their temples of worship. They are all burnt up.

The sum of the numerical value of the Hebrew letters in Numbers 35:1 is equal to 2206 (we will provide details of the calculation in the following pages). The spiritual number 2206 is equal to 2 x 1103. The spiritual number 1103 means ‘WHOLE HEARTED SERVANTS OF CHRIST‘ and corresponds to Ephesians 6 – the 1103rd chapter of the Bible. Therefore 2206 has the spiritual number meaning: ‘DIVISION’ (2) of ‘WHOLE HEARTED SERVANTS OF CHRIST’ (1103).

When the ‘the LORD spoke unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan’ what he told Moses were regulations which dealt with land-grabbing priests and Levites of his day, but which at a deeper level applied to future saints who would originate out of a temple oriented clergy religion. To wit: the intentions of the LORD for DIVIDING the Promised Land in the Millennium to justly recompense religious Christians who served the LORD with a DIVIDED HEART before the Rapture.

“Serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the LORD not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.” (Eph.6:7)

So then, let’s see what Numbers 35 tells us concerning the ‘reward’ religious Christians will receive.
NUMBERS 35 – REGULATIONS FOR THE MANSLAYER

As we taught earlier in this paper – the religious Christian is beheaded – he has exchanged the glory of Jesus Christ as his Lord for the administration of frocked men belonging to an earthly denomination or other organized religious establishment. As a result of submitting to the beheading – or in the case of the clergy – performing the execution – all the parties are GUILTY OF MURDER – whether as a perpetrator or as an accessory to the crime.

Therefore, the regulations of Numbers 35 which pertain to rules for the MANSLAYER – apply perfectly to the case at hand.

Verse 1 – In the Millennium No More Religion of Man

All the former schismatic factions known as denominations will be revealed for what they truly are – pens of Satanic control over the sheep. The Millennium we will have no more of that!

When reading gematria we combine the words in the text with the spiritual meaning of the numbers of those same words to produce a conversation. Numbers 35 begins with the Lord Jesus addressing all the resurrected saints about to receive inheritance, the wicked sons and the good sons.

The formerly religious wicked sons cry out ‘Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire; all our pleasant things are laid waste’!

Says ‘Son of a Harlot’! the LORD ‘gospel’ – truth speaker. Your religious houses were ‘Doomed to Die’.

Unto ‘Family of One God’ [Christians] Moses [was to you] ‘Synagogue of Satan’. You were told not to revert to temple worship according to Old Testament style. After the Cross, that ‘Flattery of the King’ is not worship of me – but worship of Satan. {See Revelations 3:9, Galatians 1:10 5:10-11}
In the plains ‘Behold your King!’ of Moab ‘Time of the End’ – The phrase ‘in the plains’ refers to the place in heaven where God’s throne sits – which is portrayed by every prophet who has seen it as perfectly flat – a sea of glass. The phrase ‘of Moab’ refers to the misguided Moabites who hired the prophet Balaam – becoming a type of the wicked sons who would not consult God – but listen in rapt attention to the words of men – prophesying for a fee! ‘Foundation of the Temple’ is the reminder to Christians that the teaching of Jesus and the letters of the apostles in Scripture is our guide for all matters of faith and practice – not the traditions of men.

By ‘Holy Flock’ Jordan ‘Souls in Distress’! The formerly religious Christians discover the truth – they have been deceived! At the Jordan – the very point where they expected a rich entrance into the Promised Land – they now know they were tricked into Satan worship – and missed their chance to serve the LORD and earn rewards. ‘Treasures of God Locked Up’ – no rich reward for them!

Jericho ‘Cold Blooded’ Saying ‘Rivals Assassinated’! As the formerly religious Christians look down on the burnt blackness of planet earth – they face the grim truth that God requites his enemies – even throwing them into eternal punishment! The resurrected saints arose from their sleep – ‘Awake to See God’s Face’ – but it is not the face they were expecting to see! – instead of open arms and tears wiped away – they find a Savior exasperated with his disobedient children.

APPLICATION: So all you Baptists (or other members of sects) who hoped there will be a Baptist corner in Heaven – there will not! Nor will anyone on earth or in heaven mention the names of those abominable denominations ever again! Shame on you for rejecting Christ’s headship and calling yourself by another name!
Verse 2 – Tension Between Those Who Served Christ Wholeheartedly and Those ‘Whole Harlotry’

The believers guilty of harlotry cry ‘Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O LORD? Wilt thou hold thy peace and afflict us very sore?’ (Isaiah 64:12). On Earth they scampered to the peace and safety of Satan’s temple – but now there is no protection for them – they must face the judgment of God and the consequences of their actions. The wicked sons – the Levites - confess they have sinned. A very great sin!

The LORD turns to his loyal servants – the ones who kept the faith and were not guilty of religious dalliance.

**Command ‘New Song to God’ His ‘O Lord Save Us!’ Sons ‘Jerusalem Royal City’**

The suffering servants of the LORD cried ‘O Lord Save Us!’ in their day of trial on Earth resisting Satan. God rescued them. In recompense for His mercy to them, now the LORD commands ‘New Song to God’ – someone is crying - you do the rescuing! As my good sons – build me a new ‘Jerusalem Royal City’. When you do this new thing – I will reckon you most worthy: ‘God Hears My Praise’!

**Of Israel ‘I Will See The Wicked Fall’ They That Give ‘Angel of the LORD is Near’ To The Levites ‘Prayer of Confession’**

The Spirit has heard the Levites confession, now the good sons must listen to the Spirit: ‘Hear What The Spirit Says To The Churches’. The Levites are not the remnant of Jews in the Tribulation who were crushed to death by the Angel of the LORD – these are saints who believed in Jesus’ blood and were saved. In the Millennium it will be said: ‘in judgment God remembers mercy’.

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92 WICKED DESTROYED  67 GENTILES PRAISE GOD
From the inheritance ‘God Accuses the Wicked’ of their possession ‘Wicked Will Perish Forever’ Cities ‘Shout of Victory’!

The Levites rejoice: ‘We won’t be slaughtered’! God will not because they are his sons. Out of the inheritance coming to the good sons, who by their good deeds ‘Accuse the Wicked’, God will give to the Levites who don’t deserve anything: ‘Wicked Will Perish Forever’.

To live in ‘Martyr Suffers in Silence’ Pasture ‘Good Life Restored’ For the cities ‘Prophet in Distress’.

To the good sons it seems unfair. The good sons ‘suffer in silence’ – they have lost inheritance. The Levites caused them ‘prophet in distress’, it seems unjust that the wicked sons should enjoy ‘good life restored.’ Even worse than that – the good sons don’t view the wicked sons as believers at all – therefore their existence in the Millennium constitutes ‘The End’ of ‘Believers Appear in the Holy Land’.

Round About Them ‘Heart is Humbled by Sins’ You Shall Give ‘Willing to Die For My LORD’ To The Levites ‘Prayer of Confession’.

The LORD reminds each of the ‘good’ sons how many sins of their own He forgave to keep them from eternal damnation. The LORD was willing even to die on a Cross ‘Martyr’ for the salvation of the sins of the good sons in return only for ‘Faith’. The good sons are persuaded – the Levites are truly contrite ‘prayer of confession’ – they will share in the inheritance.

APPLICATION: The whole gospel of salvation is the story of ‘Mercy Triumphs over Judgment’. How inappropriate it is for any sinner saved by grace to stand in judgment of another sinner saved by grace. No matter how justified the one sinner may be. No matter how deserving of beatings the other sinner may be. Both stand on level ground before the Cross – by the mercy of God’s grace.
 Verse 3 – The Mercy of the Good Sons is Nothing Compared to the Grace of Jesus to the Wicked Sons

The magnitude of the insolence to God by the wicked sons is off the charts. After receiving Jesus as their Savior – and the gift of God for the remittance of their sins, paid by Jesus’ death on the Cross, the wicked sons did not deem Jesus worthy to be their Lord. Rather, the wicked sons joined in league with the very persons who rejected Jesus as Lord – the religious crowd who crucified him!

Who can but pity the scorned heart of Jesus who by virtue of his most worthy Name must show mercy upon these wicked sons: “I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not; I said ‘Behold Me!’ ‘Behold Me!’ unto a nation not called by my name.” (Isaiah 65:1)

They shall have ‘Holy Truth’ the cities ‘Temple Repaired’.

God has spoken – ‘Holy Truth’. The wicked sons who loved sacred sanctuaries – will have a chance to live together in close spaces again. The good sons watch this with disdain and horror, for to grant the wicked sons breath is ‘Partner With Darkness’.

To ‘Missionaries’ live in ‘Martyr Suffers in Silence’.

The best of the good sons – the former missionaries who sacrificed all to serve the LORD – can hardly bear this rebuilding. To take inheritance away from the good sons ‘Father Eats The Children’ is one thing – but to give it to the wicked sons is an indigestible fruit of the Spirit.

And the pastures ‘Abundant Harvest’ of them ‘Family of One God’.

The vexation of the good sons is heightened more – what else can this be but a reward for bad behavior? Did God dupe the good sons – ‘Simpleton is Victimized’ - into making their sacrifices for Christ’s sake and suffering for him?
Shall be for their cattle ‘Man’s Life Ebbs Away’ and for their goods ‘God’s Right Hand’.

The good sons ponder further - what will come of it all in the end? Will not evil desires take root again – and the righteous life perish - ‘Man’s Life Ebbs Away’? Will not the love for goods and pride in herds of cattle rise up and become the powerful temptation of Satan ‘God’s Right Hand’ that it once was? And will not the culture and society that is birthed from the root of these wicked sons eventually become so powerful it contends with the kingdom of the good sons – ‘Satan Keeps Man of God Out’?

For all ‘Nations Worship God’ their beasts ‘Wicked are Worthless to God’.

And following this train of logic to its conclusion – the good sons reason – the pagan religion – ‘Nations Worship God’ – will flower again in the land. The sons of these wicked sons – their beasts - will burst their bonds – and migrate through the earth spreading their evil seeds. Surely the LORD will have to judge them a second time – ‘Rich will be Slaughtered’ Why allow this? ‘Wicked are Worthless to God’.

APPLICATION: The mercy of God makes no sense when it is examined logically – or so it seems. Yet, the logic of the wicked sons is incomplete. If God never forgave sinners he would have destroyed the world and Adam and Eve right from the beginning. The result of God’s mercy: the good sons had a chance to be born so God could save them and give them the inheritance of this wonderful Kingdom in the Millennium. So God is not only all-Mercy, but God is all-Wise.

Having said that – the good sons are correct in their analysis – at the end of the Millennium there will be one final rebellion of Satan: ‘When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth – Gog and Magog – to gather them for battle. In number they are as the sand of the sea shore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves’ (Rev. 20:7-9)

The beast will eventually break their bounds – and God’s people will be pushed back into a corner. But the LORD will rescue his people again from the hand of disaster:

‘But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the Beast and the False Prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.’ (Rev. 20:9-10)
Verse 4 – The Beast Will Live Once More But In a Pen

Now the LORD is vexed with his good sons: ‘I have spread out my hands all day to a rebellious people, which walk in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts.’ (Isaiah 65:2)

God says to the good sons – have ye come this far and not understood the Cross? On the Cross the hands of Jesus were nailed to the wood – the Messiah gave up his Kingdom – so the Gentile believers could have one! In such a way the hands of Jesus – the good sons in the Kingdom of God in the Millennium – will be restricted – all ‘day’ – meaning for 1,000 years (2 Peter 3:8). This will be God’s perpetual memorial of his mercy to the wicked sons – the good sons gave up land so they could survive. But as we will see the wicked sons will also be restricted – much more than the good sons.

And the pastures ‘God Hears My Praise’ of the cities ‘Temple Repaired’.

God permits the evil man to live – to the praise of His glorious grace! Even permits the evil man to dwell among other evil men – to the end that a veritable temple of evil will emerge. The goods sons see it ‘Lament: Land of Israel is Lost’.

That ‘Religious Control’ you shall give ‘Willing to Die for My Lord’ to the Levites ‘Prayer of Confession’.

No doubt about it – evil seeds will bear evil fruit – the most vile wickedness – ‘Religious Control’. The LORD insists the good sons must give this land – and once again ‘Die for My Lord’ – be prepared for martyrdom as a consequence of it. Why? The Levites repented. The good sons are torn to their soul and cry aloud – ‘Binding’ of ‘Saints Suffer in Silence’.

From the wall ‘Prophet in Distress’ of the city ‘Traitor Hanged’.
The LORD speaks to the good sons ‘Prophet in Distress’: Peace! Be still! I will put this Beast in a Pen behind high walls. I know his sins – he deserves to die – ‘a traitor hanged’. He thinks by my grace he has a hope and a future – but he is deluded ‘Simpleton is Victimized’ - by his own vain thoughts.

And outward ‘Deathly Silence’ a thousand ‘Fear of the LORD’.

The LORD proclaims to the good sons – for a thousand years the space between the walls of the city to the end of the pasture around the city there will be deathly silence among the wicked sons and fear of the LORD. If a beast crosses the line outside his pasture – into the land of the good sons – he will be slain! ‘Endless Strife’ – my face will be against them – for the duration of the Millennium.


The space of the wicked sons will be so small it will be measured in cubits, not kilometers. The LORD declares – I Am the ‘Man of Peace’! In the Millennium the good sons will enjoy their inheritance undisturbed.

APPLICATION: Look around you at the natural world – it is filled with forests and fishes and birds and bees. There are only a few dangerous wild things in all creation – the venomous snakes, the scorpions, the sharks, the eels. So much of what we see and enjoy is benign and beautiful. Why does God permit the vile things in his land? He does it so we will always be reminded evil exists.

In the Millennium there will be unparalleled peace, tranquility, and paradise. Like the Garden of Eden God places a forbidden tree – that man might know there is an evil – and God hates it – and it will become a test for the good sons to prove their loyalty to the Creator –not eat the fruit of the forbidden tree. Just as was the commandment to Christians in the Age of Grace – not to drink communion wine – in the forbidden sanctuary of man’s religion.
Verse 5 – The Good Sons Repent – How Foolish Were We – To Think God’s Could Be Wrong

The good sons HOLY CHURCH are relieved to hear the LORD hates evil – and they repent in HUMILITY that they doubted it. It will be clear for all to see that God reckons these Levites as ‘a people that provoke me to anger continually to my face; that sacrifice in gardens, and burn incense on altars of brick’. The vine of their evil must not creep over the wall of the city. But after 1,000 years it does!

And ye shall measure ‘Every Boastful Mouth Shut’ from outside ‘Government of All Power’.

The good sons in the position of strength in the Millennium ‘Government of All Power’. Those inside the city ‘Controlled by Sins of the Flesh’ will be severely restricted – they will possess nothing to boast about.
The city ‘Keep the Faith’ his ‘O Lord Save Us!’.

Now the Levites will depend on the LORD to save them from the good sons – even though the good sons wish them harm ‘Death to the House of Fools’.

Side ‘Many Foes Put Down’ east ‘Defend the Faith’.

Cain departed the Garden of Eden through the east gate. In the turn of fortunes – it is the good sons who fled the City of Destruction – the Institutional Church in the Age of Grace – through the east gate – the Cross of Christ {located east of the Temple Mount} – the door that is ‘Knowledge of God, Hidden’ from the religious crowd. Now the good sons keep the Levites inside city walls.

Two thousand ‘Purified Church’ cubits ‘Father’s Blessing’.

Here is the new reality in the Millennium. In the Age of Grace there was only one body of Christ. Any sects or factions were anathema. But in the Millennium it will be God’s will ‘Father’s Blessing’ for there to be two opposed tribes ‘Two Thousand’ in the Holy Land ‘Purified Church’. The spiritual blessing will not be as bright in the Millennium as it was in the Age of Grace. There will be a ‘Loss of Spirit’. ‘God’s grace made perfect in weakness’. But in the Millennium the good sons will be strong.

And ‘Rebuilding Stopped’ side ‘Many Foes Put Down’.

The same story as the first time Israel entered the Promised Land. Opposite Jericho they were a mighty army of God. On the other side of Jordan when they received their inheritance – they turned to idols. So it will be in the Millennium – the good sons will not grow in grace. The spiritual condition of the good sons will deteriorate to the point God is displeased ‘Eyes of the LORD on you for Evil.’

South ‘Resist Truth’ two thousand ‘Purified Church’.

In spiritual geography south is the land of Ham – the burnt ones. The Millennium will be populated with men of flesh and blood. Although Satan is chained in prison and religious sin is under control – the free men will be snared by other weaknesses and failings. Perhaps men gather themselves again in clans based on human lineage. Although they walk in unity of spirit in acknowledgement of the Lordship of Christ – they do not walk in unity of mankind – ‘Brotherly Love Gone’.

Cubits ‘Father’s Blessing’ and ‘Rebuilding Stopped’.

Although the extent of the land area of the blessing of the good sons will be the whole world in the Millennium –the domain of man’s love for his fellow man - ‘Father’s Blessing’ - will shrink to mere cubits. This will bring derision from the wicked sons in cities of refuge: ‘Scorned by All’.

Side ‘Many Foes Put Down’ west ‘Fire’.
The west in spiritual geography is the land of Joseph – who lived in Egypt who was corrupted by it. Egypt is ‘the furnace of iron’ (1 Kings 8:51). And so corruption will arise in the Millennium. The first inhabitants will be strong as iron – but the latter inhabitants will be as rust: ‘Corrupt Men Exposed’.  

Two thousand ‘Purified Church’ cubits ‘Father’s Blessing’. Repetition of earlier message in this verse. And ‘Rebuilding Stopped’ side ‘Many Foes Put Down’. Repetition of earlier message in this verse. 

North ‘Endless Strife’ two thousand ‘Purified Church’. 

The north in spiritual geography is the land of Naphtali – the hind set free. ‘Endless Strife’ the good sons split into opposing camps – accusing each other of sin – each evolving a city center to focus resources on fighting their brothers. A complete deterioration in to the ways of the LORD: ‘Don’t Know The Way To Go.’ Without grace to forgive and make peace – destruction comes soon from the LORD. 

Cubits ‘Father’s Blessing’ and the city ‘Deathly Plagues’. 

The ‘Father’s Blessing’ over the world now shrinks to cubits as he pours ‘Deathly Plagues’ into the cities of the good sons. God is forced to otherwise the world would become totally corrupted. Not to fear: a new people to keep faith with him will arise from a surprising place: ‘Line of Faith Survives’. 

At the center ‘Queen Crowned’ this ‘Government’. 

In the ashes of the anarchy and rebellion of the good sons – there is revival of the old deception of temple worship: ‘Holy Life Gains Nothing’. The lie of Satan that a priesthood and rituals and offerings is the perfect thing; not obedience to God’s commands for mercy, justice, and inner humility. All bow before the authority of the institutional church – O how the spirit of God is grieved! 

Will be ‘Blood’ to them ‘Missionaries’. 

The Church now in power and in a rage seeks out her nemesis the prophets. Persecutions come again – the goods sons were correct in predicting it – but God’s grace is sufficient to protect their hearts from yielding to an oath to Satan: ‘Strength in Suffering’. 

Will be the pasture ‘Horns of Enemy Cut Off’ of the cities ‘Temple Repaired’. 

Once again the world is under the control of Satan. Another temple religion dominates the landscape. All the residents of earth go into the temples to worship Satan: ‘Hearts filled with glory to god.’ 

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1 This happened the first time the Promised Land was occupied. ‘Israel served the LORD through the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him...’ (Joshua 24:31) But Israel soon rebelled. ‘After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up who neither knew the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD’ (Judges 2:10-11)
Verse 6 – Behold a Miracle! From Among the Levites a Remnant of Grace

Perhaps it is the testimony of the martyrs – or perhaps it is disgust with the emptiness of vain religious services – but from within the bowels of the Beast is born a new people: ‘Which remain among the graves’ – which grieve the martyrs – ‘and lodge in the monuments’ – which remember the giants of the faith – ‘which eat swine’s flesh’ – who are rejected by their own people – ‘and broth of abominable things in their vessels’ – who are filled with the Holy Spirit!

And ‘Rebuilding Stopped’ the cities ‘Temple Repaired’.

The expansion of the temple religion into the vacuum left by the internecine slaughter of the good sons is halted. Like the death of an enemy – all suddenly appreciated the venerable and noble aspects of their foe: ‘Martyr Suffers in Silence’.

That ‘Religious Control’ you will give ‘Willing to Die for My Lord’ to the Levites ‘Prayer of Confession’.

The realization dawns – Levites would have had no land at all if the good sons had not sacrificed. ‘Prayer of Confession’ - the Levites owe their life to the good sons – who owed their life to the sacrifice of Christ. In a miraculous change of heart there is a rebirth of genuine faith and love of God – ‘Willing

**His ‘O LORD Save Us!’ six ‘Armed Force’ cities ‘Justice Delayed’**.

Across the earth six new Cities of Refuge emerge filled with God-loving Levites: a new ‘Armed Force’ to rally against the pagan onslaught of Temple Religion. The death of the faith is turned away: ‘End’ (7) of ‘Deadly Blow’ (183).

**Of refuge ‘Believer’s Sleep’ that ‘Religious Control’ you will appoint ‘Willing to Die for My Lord’**.

The Temple Religion vows to make the only refuge for the God-loving Levites their death: ‘Believer’s Sleep’. Nothing less than ‘Death’ (23) of ‘Gentiles Praise God’ (67) will satisfy them.

**To flee ‘Evil Schemes’ there ‘Synagogue of Satan’**.

The God-loving Levites won’t back down. The Spirit won’t permit them to return to wickedness. They put their faith in the LORD for the outcome of the battle: ‘The LORD Judges’.

**The manslayer ‘Strong Rebellion’ and to them ‘Purified Church’**.

Each side believes in its own right cause. Each side believes the other side is: ‘Lost Soul’.

**You will add ‘Willing to Die for my Lord’ forty ‘False Prophets Die’**.

The death of the other side’s spiritual leaders is the aim of the struggle. A bitter struggle to the death is announced: ‘And There Was War Among the Angels’.

**And two ‘Cursed is He Who Breaks the Covenant’ cities ‘Justice is Delayed’**.

The war forces every man to examine their heart deeply – what do they believe? Would they be willing to fight and kill to preserve that belief? People from within the Temple Religion are divided. People within the revived Levites are divided. The two camps become four camps: ‘Jews and Greeks Divided’.
More to Come

This author has just been directed to another task. If God is willing – we will pick up where we left off – in the meantime, here are the remaining verses of Numbers 35. If you have a heart for wisdom – and if you have the Spirit - you may examine them yourself and discover the hidden knowledge of God.

1248 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou.

65 These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

v7 Words =11  Letters = 47

The cities הערים 325 TEMPLE REPAIRED 375 BOUND TO TRADITIONS OF MEN
that אשר 501 RELIGIOUS CONTROL 3 491 SAINTS SUFFER IN SILENCE
you will give תתנו 856 WILLING TO DIE FOR MY LORD 493 491 SAINTS SUFFER IN SILENCE
to the Levites ללוים 116 PRAYER OF CONFESSION 3724 UNSEEN GOD PUNISHES INSOLENCE
forty ארבעים 323 FALSE PROPHETS DIE 2 368 MAKE A SHOW OF REVERENCE
and eight ארבעים 401 O LORD SAVE US! 1015 5 203 ENEMY GROWS STRONGER
cities יערים 280 JUSTICE DELAYED 736 2 368 MAKE A SHOW OF REVERENCE
thesefrauenim 456 WICKED WILL PERISH FOREVER 608 ISRAEL IS REDEEMED
and ואת 407 REBUILDING STOPPED 116 PRAYER OF CONFESSION
their pastures מגרשיהן 608 ISRAEL IS REDEEMED 1248 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou.

1249 Behold, it is written before me:

65 I will not keep silence, but will recompense,
even recompense into their bosom,

v8 Words =20  Letters = 82

And the cities הערים 331 THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH 832 4 208 LOSS OF FAITH
that אשר 501 RELIGIOUS CONTROL 3 491 SAINTS SUFFER IN SILENCE
you will give תתנו 856 WILLING TO DIE FOR MY LORD 1312 3 437 WEALTHY LIVESTOCK OWNER
from the possessionמאחזת 456 WICKED WILL PERISH FOREVER 3 491 SAINTS SUFFER IN SILENCE
the sons בני 62 JERUSALEM ROYAL CITY 603 COVENANT PEOPLES GATHERED
of Israel ישראל 541 I WILL SEE THE WICKED FALL 648 LAMP OF THE LORD
his ימשר 441 CRY TO GOD IS NOT HEARD 3 491 SAINTS SUFFER IN SILENCE
from many הרב 207 LOSS OF SAFETY 3 491 SAINTS SUFFER IN SILENCE
you will give many תורמים 608 ISRAEL IS REDEEMED 1055 ONES CHOSEN TO DIE STUMBLE OVER TRUTH
and ואת 447 GOD HIDES FROM MAN 124 DEADLY TRAP ESCAPED 659 POOR & WEAK REFRESHED
from few רבים 124 DEADLY TRAP ESCAPED 3 491 SAINTS SUFFER IN SILENCE
you will give few תורמים 535 PURSUED BY RAVENOUS BEASTS 421 RULE OF LAW
every one יאש 311 FAMILY OF MERCHANTS 104 WORKERS DIVIDED 3 491 SAINTS SUFFER IN SILENCE
in proportion כימי 110 DAY OF WRATH 564 UNDIVIDED HEART FOR GOD
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and ואת 116 PRAYER OF CONFESSION 1249 Behold, it is written before me:
Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers
Isaiah together, says the LORD, who have burned incense
upon the mountains: therefore I will measure
their former work into their bosom.

Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in
the cluster, and one says 'Destroy it not - a blessing
is in it: so will I do for my servant's sake
that I may not destroy them all.

And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob,
and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains:
and my elect shall inherit it,
and my servants shall dwell there.
And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

But ye are they that forsake the LORD that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop and that furnish the drink offering to that number.
Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye hungry: Behold my servants shall drink, but ye thirsty: Behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed: for the sons of Israel I will see the wicked fall, and of Canaan you will give, and the stranger and the sojourner will be a refuge among them.

Words = 15 | Letters = 59 Total = 6458

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His את 401 O LORD SAVE US!
three שלש 630 HIDDEN KNOWLEDGE OF GOD 1356 4 339 LINE OF FAITH SURVIVES
cities העירים 325 TEMPLE REPAIRED
you will give החנה 856 WILLING TO DIE FOR MY LORD
on this side_WEB 312 CITIZENS DERAUDED 1462 3 487 THOSE WHO FORGET GOD FALL
Jordan ירד 294 SPIRIT OF WISDOM
and ואה 407 REBUILDING STOPPED
three שלש 630 HIDDEN KNOWLEDGE OF GOD 1362 6 227 BLINDNESS TO BETRAYAL
cities העירים 325 TEMPLE REPAIRED
you will give החנה 856 WILLING TO DIE FOR MY LORD
in the land בארץ 293 ACCOUNTS SETTLED 1339 13 103 IMAGE OF GOD: WORD OF GOD
of Canaan ערים 190 KINGDOM COMES
cities ערים 280 JUSTICE DELAYED
of refuge מקלט 179 POOR HAVE FAITH 939 GO TO THE LOST SHEEP OF ISRAEL
will be תהיינה 480 SON OF GOD: ON THE THRONE

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For the sons בןי 92 WICKED DESTROYED 633 ADULTERY COMMITTED
of Israel ישראל 541 I WILL SEE THE WICKED FALL
and the stranger יגר 239 GOD'S SPIRIT FILLS A NEW PROPHET 983 [166] DETEST IDOL WORSHIP
and the sojourner יתושב 744 2 372 GLORY OF GOD IS COVERED
among יהים 468 ELDER DISHONORED 948 APOSTLE FORSAKES ALL FOR GOD
will be יה יה 480 SON OF GOD: ON THE THRONE
six שש 600 ARMED FORCE 925 5 185 CROOKED GENERATION
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these יהלום 41 MAN'S RULE(S) 250 DEVOURING FIRE
a refuge מחסה 209 LOSS OF SPIRIT
may flee לומ 146 FREE OF ALL BONDS 491 SAINTS SUFFER IN SILENCE
there שם 345 SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN
every one כל 50 FIRE: Purify: Persecution 115 DEATHLY SILENCE
that kills ימכר 65 APOSTASY
any person ימכר 430 WAILING IN THE STREETS 743 [132] ANOINTED
unawares בשגה 313 LYING PROPHETS
Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.

And ye shall leave your name Isaiah for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:

If he with an instrument of iron strike so that he die he will surely be put to death the murderer

And if a stone with throwing by which he may die in he strike and he die a murderer he shall surely be put to death the murderer

In English Hebrew

If he ...........יאס 47 HUMILITY: Submission
with an instrument בצל 62 JERUSALEM ROYAL CITY
of iron בדול 239 GOD'S SPIRIT FILLS A NEW PROPHET
strike חבט 36 EXALTED MAN
so that he die יומת 456 WICKED WILL PERISH FOREVER
is a murderer רצח 298 KING EXALTS HIMSELF
he יהו 12 GOVERNMENT
will surely יומת 446 GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE SUFFER
be put to death יומת 456 WICKED WILL PERISH FOREVER
the murderer heretz 303 STRONG REBELLION

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a stone באבן 55 RESIST TRUTH
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That he who blesseth himself in the earth
Isaiah will bless himself in the God of truth;
and he that swears in the earth
will swear by the God of truth;
because the former troubles are forgotten,
and because they are hid from mine eyes.

For, behold,
I create new heavens and a new earth:
and the former shall not be remembered,
nor come into mind.

But be ye glad and rejoice for ever
in that which I create:
in that which I create Jerusalem
a rejoicing, and her people a joy.
And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.
And they shall build houses, and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. 

They will not build, and another inhabit; they will not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and my elect will long enjoy the work of their hands.

Shall judge the congregation between the manslayer and between the avenger of blood according to judgments these: 

O LORD SAVE US! COURT OF THE LORD JERUSALEM ROYAL CITY ELDER(S) VICTORIOUS DISCIPLES MAN'S RELIGION TIME OF THE END: Fathers Love HOLY FLOCK TORMENT THE RIGHTEOUS MAN'S RULE(S)
They shall not labour in vain nor bring forth trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.  

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And it shall come to pass, that before they call; I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.  

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221 GOD FORSAKES THEM  
11 MYSTERY: Darkness
1268 The wolf and the lamb will feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain saith the LORD.

[PLACE OF SUFFERING]

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PLACE OF SAFETY

1269 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool where is the house that ye build for me? and where is the place of my rest?

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9 JUDGMENT

401 O LORD SAVE US!
For all those things has my hand made, all those things have been, says the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor, of a contrite spirit, and trembles at my word.

He that kills an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrifices a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he who offeres an oblation, as if he offered pig's blood; he that burns incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations.

I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none answered; when I spake, they did not hear:

And not you will take satisfaction for the life of a murderer that he is guilty of death but he will surely be put to death whoever against any person will testify him to die for all generations will testify him to die against the murderer shall be put to death, as if he were the murderer of a murderer.

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Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that renders recompense to his enemies.

And not will you take satisfaction for him that fled to the city of refuge that he should return to live in the land until the death of the priest?
Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.