

Our Only Refuge

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The Father has always sought to provide a place of refuge to His people. Earthly refuge is merely a taste and foreshadow of eternal refuge in His arms. His refuge is eternal, from salvation to glory and beyond!

Bamidbar-Numbers 35:11 *Then you shall appoint cities to **be cities of refuge for yourselves**; that the killer may flee there, who kills any person accidentally.*

12 *And they shall be for you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the killer dies not, until he stands before the congregation in mishpat.*

13 *And of these cities which you shall give, **six cities shall you have for refuge.***

14 *You shall give three cities on this side of the Yarden River, and three cities shall you give in the land of Kanaan, which shall be cities of refuge.*

15 *These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Yisrael, and for the ger, and for the sojourner among them: that anyone that kills any person by accident may flee there*

Note there is refuge **for accidental murder, or accidental murdering brethren with the tongue and slander and false witness.** But there is NO refuge for those who malign with malicious intent and who do so not by accident, but by malicious forethought and planning. If you want YHWH's refuge in your own life, the murders you commit with your mistakes and your mouth must be of the accidental and the unintentional variety. **To qualify for refuge we must refrain from lashon hara and rechlus.** Read Wayiqra/Leviticus 19:16-18.

Those who have slandered and lied about others in Yisrael and do not see the errors of their ways, will NOT HAVE REFUGE AVAILABLE TO THEM WHEN THEY NEED IT, IN THE DAY THAT THEY CALL UPON YHWH FOR REFUGE FROM THEIR OWN ENEMIES. If you want refuge, you must flee from rechlus now!

Six cities of refuge- It's interesting to note that there are 6 different Hebrew words to describe refuge in Yahweh. These may correspond to the 6 cities and 6 days of earthly refuge for believers. YHWH's refuge for His children is also 6 levels deep, ending in a 7th day Shabbat rest, a type of eternal kingdom/heavenly refuge according to Ivrim/Hebrews 4:9.

The 6 Hebrew words used to describe refuge are **chacha** to confide in, **machacheh** to take shelter, **manoch** a place of hiding, **monah** and abode of shelter, **miqlat**, a safe asylum, **misgab** a high refuge, a lofty and inaccessible place of high altitude, or high fort, or tower of refuge.

Devarim-Deuteronomy 33:27-**The Elohim of old is your refuge**, [not a new Jesus, but Yahshua the Eternal One] and underneath are the everlasting arms: and **He shall thrust out the enemy from before you; and shall say, Destroy them.** 28 Yisrael then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Yaakov shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also His shamayim shall drop down dew. **Refuge drops down from YHWH Elohim!**

Second Shmuel-Second Samuel 22:

3 The Elohim of my Rock; in Him will I trust: He is my shield, and the horn of my Yahshua, **my High Tower, and my Refuge, my Savior; You save me from violence.**

4 I will call on יהוה, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from my enemies.

Yeshayahu-Isaiah 4:6 *And there shall be a sukkah for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for **a place of refuge, and for a cover** from storm and from rain.*

Yeshayahu-Isaiah 8:14 *And **He shall be for a Place of Refuge**; but for a Stone of stumbling and for a Rock of offence to both the houses of Yisrael, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Yahrushalayim.*

Yeshayahu-Isaiah 25:4 For You have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, **when the ruach of the ruthless is as a storm against the wall. YHWH gives refuge from the ruthless.**

Yirmeyahu-Jeremiah 16:19 O יהוה, my strength, and my stronghold, and **my refuge in the Yom of Tribulation**, the gentiles shall come to You from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our ahvot have inherited only lies, only vanity, and things in which there is no profit. **YHWH is a refuge from religious persecution, by religious people, blind to Scriptural truths.**

Psalms/Tehillim 10:9 יהוה also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

Psalms/Tehillim 46:1 Elohim is our refuge and strength, **a very present help** in trouble.

7 and 11 יהוה tzevaot is with us; the Elohim of Yaakov is our refuge. Selah.

Psalms/Tehillim 57:1 Be full of rachamim to me, O Elohim, be full of rachamim to me: for my being trusts in You: **yes, in the shadow of Your wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities have past. Pass they will.**

Psalms/Tehillim 59:7, Psalms/Tehillim 71:7, 90:2, 93:22, Psalms/Tehillim 142: 4-5.

4 I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; **no man cared for my being.**

5 I cried to You, O יהוה: I said, You are my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

Ivrim/Hebrews 6:18-19:

18 That by two immutable things, the promise and the tikvah, in which it was impossible for יהוה to lie, we might have a strong encouragement, **we who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the tikvah set before us:** 19 Which tikvah we have as an anchor of our being, both sure and firm, and that tikvah enters within the veil [holy place, not Holy of Holies;]