

## Numbers 35-36

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### Numbers 35

#### Cities for the Levites

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan *across from* Jericho, saying: <sup>2</sup> “Command the children of Israel that they give the Levites cities to dwell in from the inheritance of their possession, and you shall *also* give the Levites common-land around the cities. <sup>3</sup> They shall have the cities to dwell in; and their common-land shall be for their cattle, for their herds, and for all their animals. <sup>4</sup> The common-land of the cities which you will give the Levites *shall extend* from the wall of the city outward a thousand cubits all around. <sup>5</sup> And you shall measure outside the city on the east side two thousand cubits, on the south side two thousand cubits, on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits. The city *shall be* in the middle. This shall belong to them as common-land for the cities. <sup>6</sup> “Now among the cities which you will give to the Levites *you shall appoint* six cities of refuge, to which a manslayer may flee. And to these you shall add forty-two cities. <sup>7</sup> So all the cities you will give to the Levites *shall be* forty-eight; these *you shall give* with their common-land. <sup>8</sup> And the cities which you will give *shall be* from the possession of the children of Israel; from the larger *tribe* you shall give many, from the smaller you shall give few. Each shall give some of its cities to the Levites, in proportion to the inheritance that each receives.”

#### Cities of Refuge

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>10</sup> “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan, <sup>11</sup> then you shall appoint cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the manslayer who kills any person accidentally may flee there. <sup>12</sup> They shall be cities of refuge for you from the avenger, that the manslayer may not die until he stands before the congregation in judgment. <sup>13</sup> And of the cities which you give, you shall have six cities of refuge. <sup>14</sup> You shall appoint three cities on this side of the Jordan, and three cities you shall appoint in the land of Canaan, *which* will be cities of refuge. <sup>15</sup> These six cities shall be for refuge for the children of Israel, for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them, that anyone who kills a person accidentally may flee there. <sup>16</sup> ‘But if he strikes him with an iron implement, so that he dies, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death. <sup>17</sup> And if he strikes him with a stone in the hand, by which one could die, and he does die, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death. <sup>18</sup> Or *if* he strikes him with a wooden hand weapon, by which one could die, and he does die, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death. <sup>19</sup> The avenger of blood himself shall put the murderer to death; when he meets him, he shall put him to death. <sup>20</sup> If he pushes him out of hatred or, while lying in wait, hurls something at him so that he dies, <sup>21</sup> or in enmity he strikes him with his hand so that he dies, the one who struck *him* shall surely be put to death. He *is* a murderer. The avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death when he meets him. <sup>22</sup> ‘However, if he pushes him suddenly without enmity, or throws anything at him without lying in wait, <sup>23</sup> or uses a stone, by which a man could die, throwing *it* at him without seeing *him*, so

that he dies, while he was not his enemy or seeking his harm,<sup>24</sup> then the congregation shall judge between the manslayer and the avenger of blood according to these judgments.<sup>25</sup> So the congregation shall deliver the manslayer from the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall return him to the city of refuge where he had fled, and he shall remain there until the death of the high priest who was anointed with the holy oil.<sup>26</sup> But if the manslayer at any time goes outside the limits of the city of refuge where he fled,<sup>27</sup> and the avenger of blood finds him outside the limits of his city of refuge, and the avenger of blood kills the manslayer, he shall not be guilty of blood,<sup>28</sup> because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the manslayer may return to the land of his possession.

<sup>29</sup> ‘And these *things* shall be a statute of judgment to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.<sup>30</sup> Whoever kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death on the testimony of witnesses; but one witness is not *sufficient* testimony against a person for the death *penalty*.<sup>31</sup> Moreover you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who *is* guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death.<sup>32</sup> And you shall take no ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may return to dwell in the land before the death of the priest.<sup>33</sup> 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.<sup>34</sup> 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.’”

## Numbers 36

### Marriage of Female Heirs

<sup>1</sup> Now the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near and spoke before Moses and before the leaders, the chief fathers of the children of Israel.<sup>2</sup> And they said: “The LORD commanded my lord *Moses* to give the land as an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel, and my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of our brother Zelophehad to his daughters.<sup>3</sup> Now if they are married to any of the sons of the *other* tribes of the children of Israel, then their inheritance will be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and it will be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they marry; so it will be taken from the lot of our inheritance.<sup>4</sup> And when the Jubilee of the children of Israel comes, then their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they marry; so their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.”

<sup>5</sup> Then Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of the LORD, saying: “What the tribe of the sons of Joseph speaks is right.<sup>6</sup> This *is* what the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, ‘Let them marry whom they think best, but they may marry only within the family of their father’s tribe.’<sup>7</sup> So the inheritance of the children of Israel shall not change hands from tribe to tribe, for every one of the children of Israel shall keep the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.<sup>8</sup> And every daughter who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel shall be the wife of one of the family of her father’s tribe, so that the children of Israel each may possess the inheritance of his fathers.<sup>9</sup> Thus no inheritance shall change hands from *one* tribe to another, but every tribe of the children of Israel shall keep its own inheritance.”

<sup>10</sup> Just as the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad;<sup>11</sup> for Mahlah,

Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married to the sons of their father's brothers. <sup>12</sup> They were married into the families of the children of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of their father's family.

<sup>13</sup> These *are* the commandments and the judgments which the LORD commanded the children of Israel by the hand of Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, *across from* Jericho.

## **Mark 10:1-31**

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### **Mark 10**

#### **Marriage and Divorce**

<sup>1</sup> Then He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again.

<sup>2</sup> The Pharisees came and asked Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce *his* wife?" testing Him.

<sup>3</sup> And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?"

<sup>4</sup> They said, "Moses permitted *a man* to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss *her*."

<sup>5</sup> And Jesus answered and said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of the creation, God '*made them male and female.*'<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>7</sup> '*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,* <sup>8</sup> *and the two shall become one flesh*';<sup>[b]</sup> so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

<sup>10</sup> In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same *matter*. <sup>11</sup> So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup> And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

#### **Jesus Blesses Little Children**

<sup>13</sup> Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought *them*. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw *it*, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." <sup>16</sup> And He took them up in His arms, laid *His* hands on them, and blessed them.

#### **Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler**

<sup>17</sup> Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

<sup>18</sup> So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘*Do not commit adultery,*’ ‘*Do not murder,*’ ‘*Do not steal,*’ ‘*Do not bear false witness,*’ ‘*Do not defraud,*’ ‘*Honor your father and your mother.*’”<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>20</sup> And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.”

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.”

<sup>22</sup> But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

### **With God All Things Are Possible**

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches<sup>[d]</sup> to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup> And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men *it is* impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.”

<sup>29</sup> So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife<sup>[e]</sup> or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, <sup>30</sup> who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.”