

## Stand alone Aleph Tav of Numbers 35:6

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**Num 35:6 KJV** And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites **Aleph Tav** *there shall be* six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities.

Num 35:6 וְאֵת הָעָרִים אֲשֶׁר תִּתְּנוּ לְלוּוִיִּם אֶת שֵׁשׁ-עָרֵי הַמִּקְלָט  
אֲשֶׁר תִּתְּנוּ לָנֶס שָׁמָּה הָרֹצֵחַ וְעָלִיָּהֶם תִּתְּנוּ אַרְבָּעִים וּשְׁתַּיִם עִיר:

**Comments:** The first place the bible describes the cities of refuge is at Numbers 35:6-34. Verses 28 and 32 talk about the manslayer who flees to these cities and how it relates the high priest. The manslayer who goes to and remains in the city is redeemed after the death of the high priest. On the surface this seems a bit odd and somewhat arbitrary, but I contend this is a shadow picture of Y'shua. As one who has the testimony of Y'shua being Meshiach because of His life, death, burial and resurrection I know that Y'shua is my redeemer who atones and therefore is my High Priest i.e. HaKohen HaGadol (see the book of Hebrews).

I contend that the stand alone Aleph Tav is about the Messiah and there placement in scripture are pointers to Him. This Aleph Tav in Numbers 35:6 is an excellent example because it is found in the middle of the words where the six Levitical cities are first described and it is where the Levitical high priest resides who can do this redemptive work. The manslayer symbolizes all of mankind because we are all Adamites and have sinned and we are therefore worthy of death. The person we slew is ourselves by the act of being born. To avoid the execution death sentence from being carried out, we need to flee to where we can be redeemed which physically is the cities of refuge and spiritually where the Aleph Tav is.

**Num 35:28 KJV** Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.

**Num 35:32 KJV** And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.

**Jos 20:6 KJV** And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, *and* until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

For an expansion on the principle of life for life, see the following...

[Answering the Jewish Objections to Jesus – Vol. 2 Theological Objections](#)” by Michael Brown

“But in the case of the of unintentional homicide, the manslayer would flee to a protected place called a city of refuge, where he would remain for the rest of his life. There was only one thing that could secure his release from the city of refuge: the death of the high priest ... This is critically important. Blood had been shed unintentionally. Someone was killed, the land was polluted, and the only acceptable ransom payment was the death of the one who killed. Be he was not worthy of death. The homicide was accidental. So the innocent manslayer was banished to the city of refuge for life, unless the High Priest, the people’s representative spiritual leader and the one who interceded for the nation, died. The high priest would take the place of his own. The death of the high priest would take the place of his own” pg 163-164

### Related references

- Aleph Tav as a symbol of our atonement (see [Doc](#) or [PDF](#))
- Aleph Tav as a symbol of redemption for the first born i.e. Israel), (see [PDF](#)).
- Other biblical references about the city of refuge: Deuteronomy 19:1-13, Joshua 20:1-9 and Joshua 21:13-45

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