



Figures of Christ in the Wilderness

Types, Shadows and Applications from the Old Testament

Types & Shadows

- ▶ Moses as a Type of Christ
 - Lawgiver
 - Mediator
 - Intercessor
- ▶ The Nation of Israel as a Type of the Church of Christ ([Acts 7:38](#))



The Cities of Refuge

A Type of the Church

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The Location

1. **Kedesh** in Galilee – Naphtali
2. **Shechem** – Ephraim
3. **Kirjatharba** in Hebron – Judah
4. **Bezer** – Rueben
5. **Ramoth** in Gilead – Gad
6. **Golan** in Bashan – Menassah

Purpose

- **Joshua 20:3**

- that the slayer who kills a person accidentally or unintentionally may flee there; and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

Regulation

- Manslayer was to be received and given a hearing
- Elders of native city send for him and give him a trial
- Accused could be found guilty only by two or more witnesses
- Those acquitted were returned to the city of refuge
- Those found guilty were delivered to the avenger of blood for execution

Likeness in Appointment

- **Divine**

- Cities of Refuge (Joshua 20:2)
- Church (Eph.1:3-6; 3:7-11) (Matt.16:18)

- **Merciful**

- Cities of Refuge (Deut.19:4-10)
- Church (2Pet.3:9) (Eph.2:4-5, 16)

Likeness Seen in Name

- **Kedesh** (Holy)
 - Church is set apart (1Pet.2:9)
- **Shechem** (Shoulder)
 - Church - pillar & ground of truth (1Tim.3:15)
- **Hebron** (Alliance)
 - Fellowship of the Church (1Jn.1:3, 7)

Likeness Seen in Name

- **Bezer** (Stronghold)
 - Church is a strong fortress (Dan.2:34-35)
- **Ramoth** (Exalted)
 - Church is highly exalted (Heb.12:22-23)
- **Golan** (Migration)
 - Church is a band of pilgrims (1Pet.2:11)

Likeness in Regulation

- **Manslayer**
 - Sinner in his guilt
- **The Avenger of blood**
 - Righteous anger of God
- **Open to everyone**
 - Universal scope of salvation

Likeness in Regulation

- **Danger outside**
 - No salvation outside of Christ's body
- **Possible to leave the city**
 - Possibility of apostasy
- **Regulation concerning placement**
 - Simplicity of the gospel - grace

Likeness in Regulation

- **Redemption - death of High Priest**
 - Death of Christ – our High Priest
- **Cities of Refuge – ONLY asylum**
 - Church is the exclusive remedy for sinner
- **Capacity for all who would come**
 - Church has limitless capacity

Likeness in Regulation

- Cities only of benefit to those who by suitable effort reached them
 - Salvation in body of Christ – Church – is only for those who obey Him (Heb.5:8-9)



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