

# Numbers 35:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So these things shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

## Analysis

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**So these things shall be for a statute of judgment unto you** (לְחֻקָּת מִשְׁפָּט, l'chukat mishpat)—a perpetual legal ordinance, not a temporary expedient. **Throughout your generations in all your dwellings**—binding upon Israel wherever they lived, in Canaan or exile, until the Messianic age when these types would find fulfillment in Christ.

The phrase 'statute of judgment' combines chukat (decree, something engraved/permanent) with mishpat (justice, ordinance). God's justice isn't arbitrary or mutable but eternally grounded in His character. The cities of refuge institutionalized this truth: God is both just and the justifier (Romans 3:26).

## Historical Context

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This verse establishes the perpetuity of the refuge city system from Moses (1406 BC) through the monarchy and into the Second Temple period. Jesus and His contemporaries would have understood these laws, making Hebrews 6:18's asylum imagery immediately resonant for Jewish readers.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What does the permanence of this statute ('throughout your generations') reveal about the unchanging nature of God's justice and mercy?
2. How do the cities of refuge demonstrate that God's character balances perfect justice with merciful provision for the guilty?

## Interlinear Text

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So these things shall be for a statute

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 27:11** (Judgment): And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of judgment, as the LORD commanded Moses.

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