

Hebrew, *naqiy*, "innocent," "free," or "exempt"
in the Deuteronomistic History
[uses as "exempt" omitted]

Deuteronomy 19.9c-13	[re: sanctuary cities where murderers can be safe] then you shall add three more cities to these three so that the blood of an innocent person may not be shed in the land that YHWH your God is giving you as an inheritance, thereby bringing bloodguilt upon you. <u>But if someone at enmity with another lies in wait and attacks and takes the life of that person, and flees into one of these cities, then the elders of the killer's city shall send to have the culprit taken from there and handed over to the avenger of blood to be put to death.</u> Show no pity; you shall purge the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, so that it may go well with you.
Deuteronomy 21.8-9	Absolve, O YHWH, your people Israel, whom you redeemed; do not let the guilt of innocent blood remain in the midst of your people Israel." Then they will be absolved of bloodguilt . So <u>you shall purge the guilt of innocent blood from your midst,</u> because you must do what is right in the sight of YHWH.
Deuteronomy 27.25	"Cursed be anyone who takes a bribe to shed innocent blood. " All the people shall say, "Amen!"
1 Samuel 19.5	[Jonathan to Saul] [David] took his life in his hand when he attacked the Philistine, and YHWH brought about a great victory for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced; <u>why then will you sin against an innocent person by killing David without cause?"</u>
2 Samuel 3.27-30	When Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gateway to speak with him privately, and there he stabbed him in the stomach. So he died for shedding the blood of Asahel, Joab's brother. Afterward, when David heard of it, he said, "I and my kingdom are forever innocent before YHWH for the blood of Abner son of Ner. <u>May the guilt fall on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and may the house of Joab never be without one who has a discharge, or who is leprous, or who holds a spindle, or who falls by the sword, or who lacks food!</u> " So Joab and his brother Abishai murdered Abner because he had killed their brother Asahel in the battle at Gibeon.
2 Samuel 14.9	The woman of Tekoa said to the king, "On me be the guilt, my lord the king, and on my father's house; <u>let the king and his throne be innocent.</u> "
2 Kings 21.16	Moreover <u>Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another,</u> besides the sin that he caused Judah to sin so that they did what was evil in the sight of YHWH.
2 Kings 24.3-4	[as explanation for the impending exile] Surely this came upon Judah at the command of YHWH, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of <u>Manasseh</u> , for all that he had committed, and also <u>for the innocent blood that he had shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood,</u> and YHWH was not willing to pardon.