

Cities of Refuge (1400 BC)

Joshua 20

- 1 And Yahweh spoke to Joshua, saying,
 2 “Speak to the Israelites, saying, ‘Appoint for yourselves cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you through the hand of Moses.
 3 Anyone who kills a person by accident or unintentionally may flee there; they will be for yourselves a refuge from the avenger of blood.
 4 The killer will flee to one of these cities, stand *at* the entrance of the gate of the city, and state his case to the elders of that city; and they will take him into the city and give him a place, and he will dwell among them.
 5 And if the avenger of blood pursues after him, they will not hand over the killer into his hand, because he killed his neighbor unintentionally, and he did not hate him previously.
 6 The killer will stay in that city until he stands before the congregation for the trial, until the death of the one who is the high priest in those days. Then the killer will return to his city and to his house, to the city from which he fled.’”
 7 So they set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the hill country of Judah.
 8 Beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, they appointed Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau, from the tribe of Reuben, Ramoth in Gilead, from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in the Bashan, from the tribe of Manasseh.
 9 These were the cities designated for all the Israelites, and for the foreigners dwelling among them, for anyone that kills a person unintentionally to flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until there is a trial before the congregation.

Levi’s Inheritance of Cities (1400 BC)

Joshua 21:1–42

1 Chronicles 6:54–81

- 1 Then the heads of the families of the Levites came to Eleazar the priest, to Joshua son of Nun, and to the heads of the families of the tribes of the Israelites.
 2 And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, “Yahweh commanded through the hand of Moses to give us cities to live *in*, with their pasturelands for our livestock.”
 3 So, by command of Yahweh, the Israelites gave the Levites these cities and their pasturelands from their inheritance.

General Overview

- 4 The allotment fell for the families of the Kohathites.

The descendants of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, received by lot thirteen towns from the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin.

- 5 The remaining descendants of Kohath *received* by lot ten cities from the families of the tribes of Ephraim, Dan, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

- 6 The descendants of Gershon *received* by lot thirteen cities from the families of the tribes of Issachar, Asher, and Naphtali and from the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.

- 7 The descendants of the Merarites according to their families *received* twelve cities from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun.

- 8 The Israelites gave to the Levites these cities and their pastureland by lot, just as Yahweh commanded through the hand of Moses.

Priestly Kohathites’ Inheritance

- 9 They gave these cities, which are *here* mentioned by name, from the tribe of the families of Judah and from the tribe of the families of Simeon;

- 10 and they were for the descendants of Aaron, from the families of the Kohathites, from the descendants of Levi,

- 54 And these *are* their dwellings according to their settlements within their borders:

to the sons of Aaron of the clans of Kohathites, for the *first* lot *was* theirs,

- 61 To the Kohathites who remained from the family of the half-tribe, the half of Manasseh, *were given* by lot ten cities.

- 62 To the Gershomites according to their clans thirteen cities *were allotted* out of the tribe of Issachar, out of the tribe of Asher, out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.

- 63 To the Merarites twelve cities *were* allotted according to their clans out of the tribe of Reuben, out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun.

- 64 So the Israelites gave the Levites the cities with their pasturelands.

- 65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of Judah, out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin these cities that are mentioned by name.

because the first lot was theirs.

11 And they gave to them

Kiriath Arba, *Arba being* the father of Anak (that is, Hebron), in the hill country of Judah and the pasturelands surrounding it.

12 But the field of the city and its villages they gave to Caleb son of Jephunneh as his property.

13 To the descendants of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron, the city of refuge *for* the killer, and its pasturelands, Libnah and its pasturelands,

14 Jattir and its pasturelands, Eshtemoa and its pasturelands,

15 Holon and its pasturelands, Debir and its pasturelands,

16 Ain and its pasturelands,

Juttah and its pasturelands,

and Beth Shemesh and its pasturelands;

nine cities from these two tribes.

17 From the tribe of Benjamin,

Gibeon and its pasturelands,

Geba and its pasturelands,

18 Anathoth and its pasturelands, Almon

and its pasturelands; four cities.

19 All the cities of the descendants of Aaron the priests, thirteen cities and their pasturelands.

Nonpriestly Kohathites' Inheritance

20 For the families of the descendants of Kohath, the remaining Levites of the descendants of Kohath, they *received* the cities of their lot from the tribe of Ephraim.

21 They gave them

Shechem, the city of refuge *for* the killer, and its pasturelands in the hill country of Ephraim, Gezer and its pasturelands,

22 Kibzaim and its pasturelands,

and Beth-horon and its pasturelands; four cities.

23 From the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh and its pasturelands,

Gibbethon and its pasturelands,

24 Aijalon and its pasturelands, and Gath Rimmon and its pasturelands; four cities.

25 From the half-tribe of Manasseh,

Taanach and its pasturelands

and Gath Rimmon with its pasturelands; two cities.

26 All the cities and their pasturelands

for the remaining families of the descendants of Kohath *were* ten.

Gershonites' Inheritance

27 To the descendants of Gershon,

one of the families of the Levites,

from the half-tribe of Manasseh,

Golan in Bashan, a city of refuge for the killer,

and its pasturelands,

and Ashtarah and its pasturelands; two cities.

28 From the tribe of Issachar, Kishion and its pasturelands,

Daberath and its pasturelands,

29 Jarmuth and its pasturelands, En Gannim and its

pasturelands; four cities.

30 From the tribe of Asher, Mishal and its pasturelands,

Abdon and its pasturelands,

31 Helkath and its pasturelands, Rehob and its pasturelands; four cities.

55 and they gave to them

Hebron

in the land of Judah and its surrounding pasturelands,

56 but the fields of the city and its villages they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

57 To the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge:

Hebron,

Libnah with its pasturelands,

Jattir, Eshtemoa with its pasturelands,

58 Hilen with its pasturelands, Debir with its pasturelands,

59 Ashan with its pasturelands,

and Beth-Shemesh with its pasturelands.

60 And from the tribe of Benjamin,

Geba with its pasturelands,

Alemeth with its pasturelands, and Anathoth

with its pasturelands.

All their cities

were thirteen cities throughout their clans.

66 And of the clans of the sons of Kohath

were cities of their territory out of the tribe of Ephraim.

67 And they gave them the cities of refuge:

Shechem with its pasturelands

in the hill country of Ephraim, Gezer with its pasturelands,

68 Jokmeam with its pasturelands,

Beth-Horon with its pasturelands,

69 Aijalon with its pasturelands, and Gath-Rimmon with its pasturelands.

70 And out of the half-tribe of Manasseh:

Aner with its pasturelands,

and Bileam with its pasturelands

for the remaining the clans of the Kohathites.

71 To the Gershomites

were given out of the clan of the half-tribe of Manasseh:

Golan in Bashan

with its pasturelands

and Ashtaroth with its pasturelands.

72 And out of the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh with its pasturelands,

Daberath with its pasturelands,

73 Ramoth with its pasturelands, and Anem with its

pasturelands.

74 And out of the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its pasturelands,

Abdon with its pasturelands,

75 Hukok with its pasturelands, and Rehob with its pasturelands.

<p>32 From the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee, the city of refuge for the killer, and its pasturelands, Hammoth Dor and its pasturelands, and Kartan and its pasturelands; three cities.</p> <p>33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families <i>were</i> thirteen cities and their pasturelands.</p> <p>Merarites' Inheritance</p> <p>34 To the families of the descendants of Merarite, the remaining Levites, from the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam and its pasturelands, Kartah and its pasturelands,</p> <p>35 Dimnah and its pasturelands, and Nahalal and its pasturelands; four cities.</p> <p>36 From the tribe of Reuben, Bezer and its pasturelands, Jahaz and its pasturelands,</p> <p>37 Kedemoth and its pasturelands, and Mephaath and its pasturelands; four cities.</p> <p>38 From the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead, the city of refuge for the killer, and its pasturelands, Mahanaim and its pasturelands,</p> <p>39 Heshbon and its pasturelands, and Jazer and its pasturelands; four cities <i>in</i> all.</p> <p>40 All <i>these were</i> the cities of the descendants of Merarite according to their families, the remaining families of the Levites; their allotment was twelve cities.</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>41 All the cities of the Levites among the property of the Israelites <i>were</i> forty-eight cities and their pasturelands.</p> <p>42 Each of these cities had pasturelands surrounding them; so <i>it was</i> for all of these cities.</p>	<p>76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its pasturelands, Hammon with its pasturelands, and Kiriathaim with its pasturelands.</p> <p>77 To the remainder of the Merarites <i>were allotted</i> out of the tribe of Zebulun:</p> <p>Rimmono with its pasturelands, Tabor with its pasturelands.</p> <p>78 And beyond the Jordan at Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, out of the tribe of Reuben:</p> <p>Bezer in the wilderness with its pasturelands, Jahzah with its pasturelands,</p> <p>79 Kedemoth with its pasturelands, and Mephaath with its pasturelands.</p> <p>80 And out of the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with its pasturelands, Mahanaim with its pasturelands,</p> <p>81 Heshbon with its pasturelands, and Jazer with its pasturelands.</p>
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Summary of the Conquest (1400 BC)

Joshua 21:43–45

- 43 And Yahweh gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled in it.
- 44 Yahweh gave them rest on every side, according to all that he had sworn to their ancestors, and nobody from all their enemies withstood them, for Yahweh had given all their enemies into their hand.
- 45 And nothing failed from all the good things that Yahweh promised to the house of Israel; everything came to pass.

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