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Joshua 20.

1 . The Cities of Refuge. .

YHWH spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 “Speak to the children of Israel, saying, ‘Assign the cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you by Moses,

3 that the manslayer who kills any person accidentally or unintentionally may flee there. They shall be to you for a refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 He shall flee to one of those cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city. They shall take him into the city with them, and give him a place, that he may live among them.

5 If the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver up the manslayer into his hand; because he struck his neighbor unintentionally, and didn’t hate him before.

6 He shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days. Then the manslayer shall return, and come to his own city, and to his own house, to the city he fled from.”

7 They set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath Arba (the same is Hebron) in the hill country of Judah.

8 Beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness in the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

9 These were the appointed cities for all the children of Israel, and for the alien who lives among them, that whoever kills any person unintentionally might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stands before the congregation.

Joshua 21.

1 . Cities of the Levites. .

Then the heads of fathers’ houses of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of fathers’ houses of the tribes of the children of Israel.

2 They spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, “YHWH commanded Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for our livestock.”

3 The children of Israel gave to the Levites out of their inheritance, according to the commandment of YHWH, these cities with their suburbs.

4 The lot came out for the families of the Kohathites. The children of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, had thirteen cities by lot out of the tribe of Judah, out of the tribe of the Simeonites, and out of the tribe of Benjamin.

5 The rest of the children of Kohath had ten cities by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh.

6 The children of Gershon had thirteen cities by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, out of the tribe of Asher, out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.

7 The children of Merari according to their families had twelve cities out of the tribe of Reuben, out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun.

8 The children of Israel gave these cities with their suburbs by lot to the Levites, as YHWH commanded by Moses.

9 They gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children

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of Simeon, these cities which are mentioned by name:

10 and they were for the children of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Levi; for theirs was the first lot.

11 They gave them Kiriath Arba, named after the father of Anak (the same is Hebron), in the hill country of Judah, with its suburbs around it.

12 But they gave the fields of the city and its villages to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

13 To the children of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, Libnah with its suburbs,

14 Jattir with its suburbs, Eshtemoa with its suburbs,

15 Holon with its suburbs, Debir with its suburbs,

16 Ain with its suburbs, Juttah with its suburbs, and Beth Shemesh with its suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 Out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its suburbs, Geba with its suburbs,

18 Anathoth with its suburbs, and Almon with its suburbs; four cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 The families of the children of Kohath, the Levites, even the rest of the children of Kohath, had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21 They gave them Shechem with its suburbs in the hill country of Ephraim, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Gezer with its suburbs,

22 Kibzaim with its suburbs, and Beth Horon with its suburbs; four cities.

23 Out of the tribe of Dan, Elteke with its suburbs, Gibbethon with its suburbs,

24 Aijalon with its suburbs, Gath Rimmon with its suburbs; four cities.

25 Out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its suburbs, and Gath Rimmon with its suburbs; two cities.

26 All the cities of the families of the rest of the children of Kohath were ten with their suburbs.

27 They gave to the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the half-tribe of Manasseh Golan in Bashan with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Be Eshterah with its suburbs; two cities.

28 Out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its suburbs, Daberath with its suburbs,

29 Jarmuth with its suburbs, En Gannim with its suburbs; four cities.

30 Out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its suburbs, Abdon with its suburbs,

31 Helkath with its suburbs, and Rehob with its suburbs; four cities.

32 Out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, Hammothdor with its suburbs, and Kartan with its suburbs; three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

34 To the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its suburbs, Kartah with its suburbs,

35 Dimnah with its suburbs, and Nahalal with its suburbs; four cities.

36 Out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with its suburbs, Jahaz with its suburbs,

37 Kedemoth with its suburbs, and Mephaath with its suburbs; four cities.

38 Out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Mahanaim with its suburbs,

39 Heshbon with its suburbs, Jazer with its suburbs; four cities in all.

40 All these were the cities of the children of Merari according to their families, even the rest of the families of the Levites. Their lot was twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the children of Israel were forty-eight cities with their suburbs.

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42 Each of these cities included their suburbs around them. It was this way with all these cities.

43 The Promise Fulfilled.

So YHWH gave to Israel all the land which he swore to give to their fathers. They possessed it, and lived in it.

44 YHWH gave them rest all around, according to all that he swore to their fathers. Not a man of all their enemies stood before them. YHWH delivered all their enemies into their hand.

45 Nothing failed of any good thing which YHWH had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

Job 30.

1 “But now those who are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to put with my sheep dogs.

2 Of what use is the strength of their hands to me, men in whom ripe age has perished?

3 They are gaunt from lack and famine. They gnaw the dry ground, in the gloom of waste and desolation.

4 They pluck salt herbs by the bushes. The roots of the broom are their food.

5 They are driven out from the midst of men. They cry after them as after a thief;

6 So that they dwell in frightful valleys, and in holes of the earth and of the rocks.

7 Among the bushes they bray; and under the nettles they are gathered together.

8 They are children of fools, yes, children of base men. They were flogged out of the land.

9 “Now I have become their song. Yes, I am a byword to them.

10 They abhor me, they stand aloof from me, and don't hesitate to spit in my face.

11 For he has untied his cord, and afflicted me; and they have thrown off restraint before me.

12 On my right hand rise the rabble. They thrust aside my feet, They cast up against me their ways of destruction.

13 They mar my path, They set forward my calamity, without anyone's help.

14 As through a wide breach they come, in the midst of the ruin they roll themselves in.

15 Terrors have turned on me. They chase my honor as the wind. My welfare has passed away as a cloud.

16 “Now my soul is poured out within me. Days of affliction have taken hold on me.

17 In the night season my bones are pierced in me, and the pains that gnaw me take no rest.

18 By great force is my garment disfigured. It binds me about as the collar of my coat.

19 He has cast me into the mire. I have become like dust and ashes.

20 I cry to you, and you do not answer me. I stand up, and you gaze at me.

21 You have turned to be cruel to me. With the might of your hand you persecute me.

22 You lift me up to the wind, and drive me with it. You dissolve me in the storm.

23 For I know that you will bring me to death, To the house appointed for all living.

24 “However doesn't one stretch out a hand in his fall? Or in his calamity therefore cry for help?

25 Didn't I weep for him who was in trouble? Wasn't my soul grieved for the needy?

26 When I looked for good, then evil came; When I waited for light, there came darkness.

27 My heart is troubled, and doesn't rest. Days of affliction have come on me.

28 I go mourning without the sun. I stand up in the assembly, and cry for help.

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- 29 I am a brother to jackals, and a companion to ostriches.
30 My skin grows black and peels from me. My bones are burned with heat.
31 Therefore my harp has turned to mourning, and my pipe into the voice of those who weep.

Psalms 121.

1 . A Song of Ascents.. .

- A Song of Ascents. I will lift up my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from?
2 My help comes from YHWH, who made heaven and earth.
3 He will not allow your foot to be moved. He who keeps you will not slumber.
4 Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 YHWH is your keeper. YHWH is your shade on your right hand.
6 The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
7 YHWH will keep you from all evil. He will keep your soul.
8 YHWH will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time forth, and forevermore.

Proverbs 17.

- 1 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with strife.
2 A servant who deals wisely will rule over a son who causes shame, and shall have a part in the inheritance among the brothers.
3 The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold, but YHWH tests the hearts.
4 An evildoer heeds wicked lips. A liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue.
5 Whoever mocks the poor reproaches his Maker. He who is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.
6 Children's children are the crown of old men; the glory of children are their parents.
7 Arrogant speech isn't fitting for a fool, much less do lying lips fit a prince.
8 A bribe is a precious stone in the eyes of him who gives it; wherever he turns, he prospers.
9 He who covers an offense promotes love; but he who repeats a matter separates best friends.
10 A rebuke enters deeper into one who has understanding than a hundred lashes into a fool.
11 An evil man seeks only rebellion; therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
12 Let a bear robbed of her cubs meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.
13 Whoever rewards evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.
14 The beginning of strife is like breaching a dam, therefore stop contention before quarreling breaks out.
15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, both of them alike are an abomination to YHWH!
16 Why is there money in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, since he has no understanding?
17 A friend loves at all times; and a brother is born for adversity.
18 A man void of understanding strikes hands, and becomes collateral in the presence of his neighbor.
19 He who loves disobedience loves strife. One who builds a high gate seeks destruction.
20 One who has a perverse heart doesn't find prosperity, and one who has a deceitful tongue falls into trouble.

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- 21 He who becomes the father of a fool grieves. The father of a fool has no joy.
22 A cheerful heart makes good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.
23 A wicked man receives a bribe in secret, to pervert the ways of justice.
24 Wisdom is before the face of one who has understanding, but the eyes of a fool wander to the ends of the earth.
25 A foolish son brings grief to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him.
26 Also to punish the righteous is not good, nor to flog officials for their integrity.
27 He who spares his words has knowledge. He who is even tempered is a man of understanding.
28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is counted wise. When he shuts his lips, he is thought to be discerning. .

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