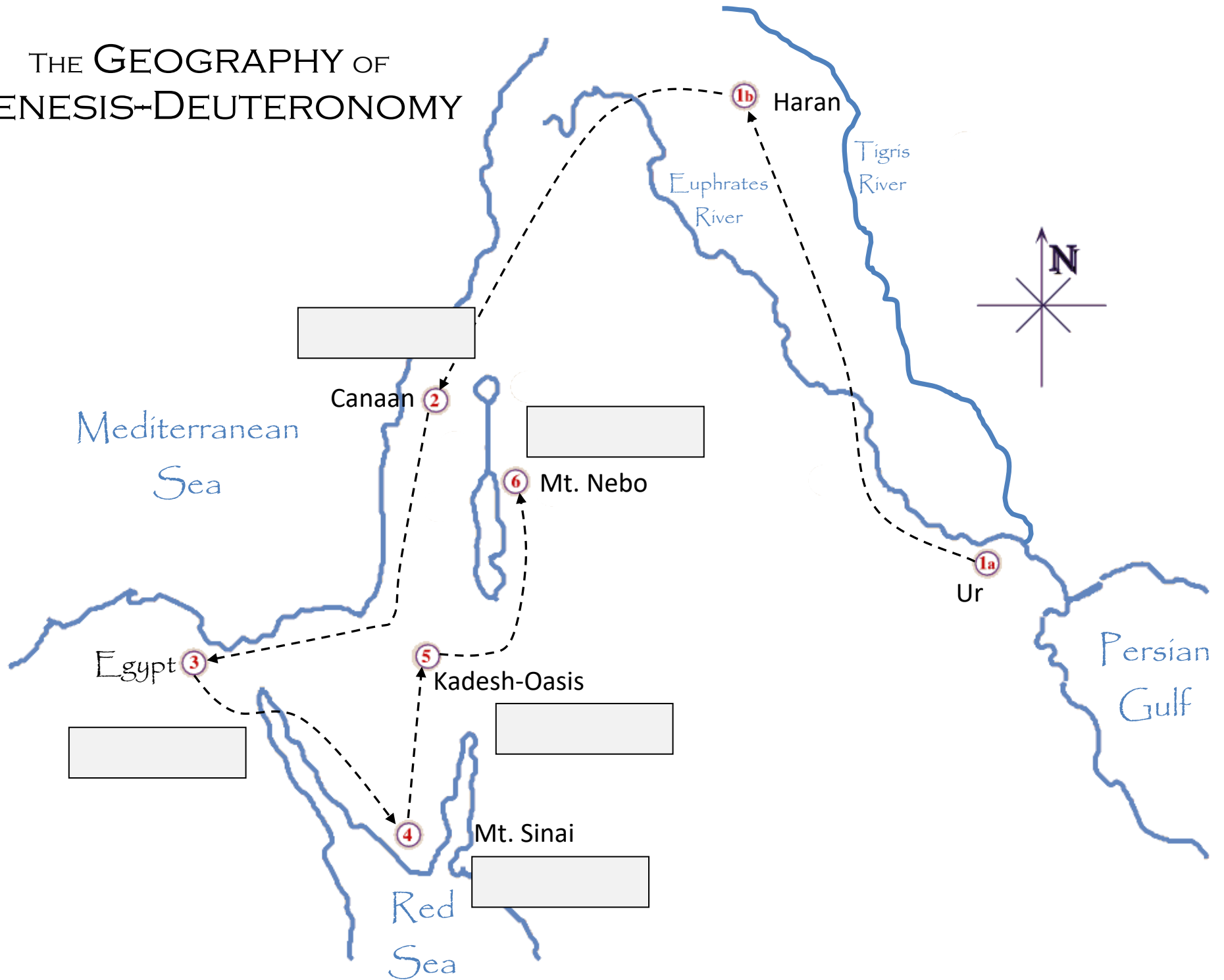


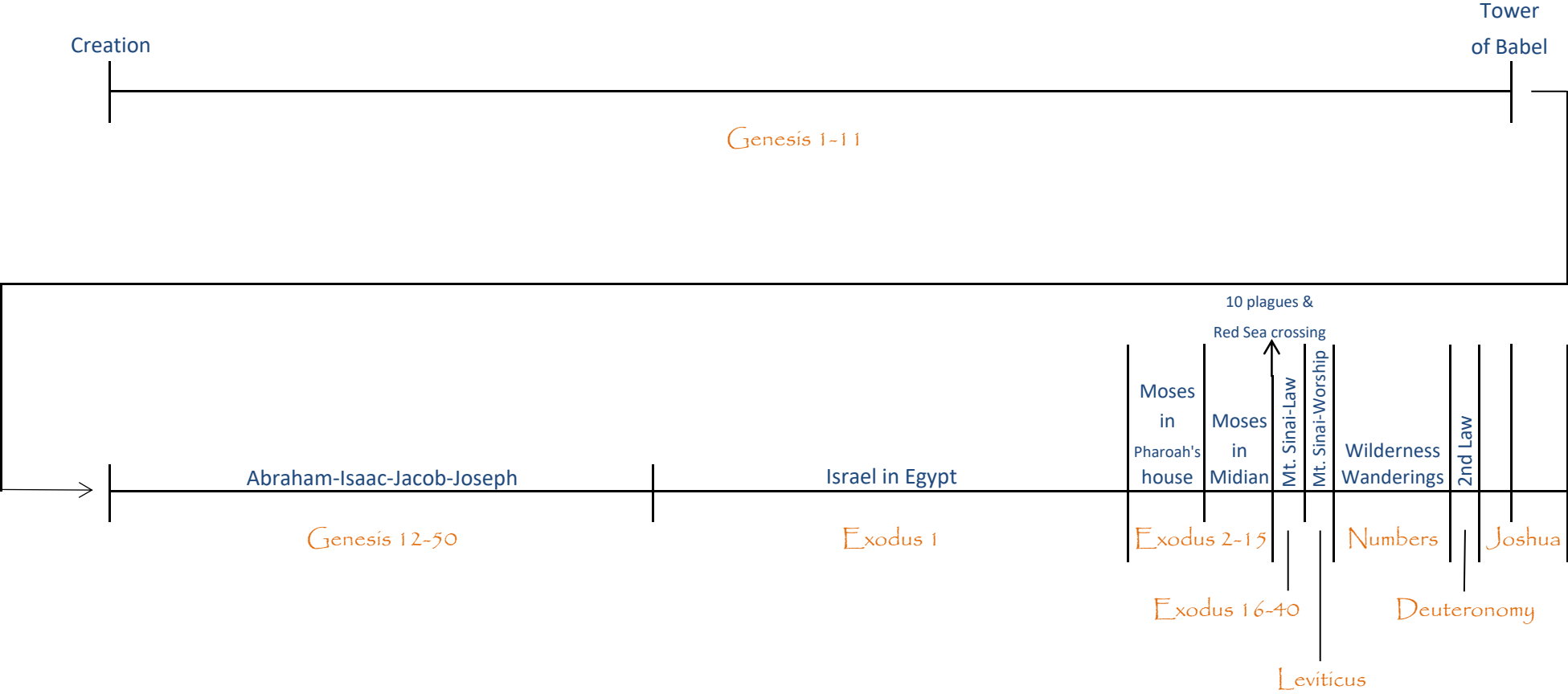
# THE GEOGRAPHY OF GENESIS-DEUTERONOMY



# KEY WORDS FOR GENESIS - DEUTERONOMY

Books of History	Key Word	Answers		Person or Event
<b>GENESIS</b>				A. Death of Moses B. Flood C. Twelve Spies D. Ten Plagues E. Five Offerings F. Two Censuses G. Three Sermons H. Abraham I. Tabernacle J. Seven Feasts
<b>EXODUS</b>				
<b>LEVITICUS</b>				
<b>NUMBERS</b>				
<b>DEUTERONOMY</b>				

# THE TIMELINE FOR GENESIS-DEUTERONOMY



# APPLYING THE TEACH-TEST PRINCIPLE

GENESIS	EXODUS	LEVITICUS	NUMBERS	DEUTERONOMY	JOSHUA
Enslaved	Redeemed	Taught	Tested	Retaught	Retested

"Knowing what to do must be translated  
into doing what you know."

1. In what area of your life has God  
been teaching and testing you recently?

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2. In order to "pass" this test and continue  
the teaching process, what should you do?

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## JOSHUA'S PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Ex. 17:9-10, 13-14	Joshua led the victorious battle against the Amalekites.
Ex. 24:13	Joshua, the servant of Moses, accompanied him to Mt. Sinai (see Ex. 32:17).
Nu. 11:28	Joshua was the attendant of Moses from his youth.
Nu. 13:16	Moses changed his name from Hoshea ("salvation") to Joshua ("the Lord saves").
Nu. 14:6-10, 30, 38	Joshua, along with Caleb, spied out the land of Canaan with 10 others. Only Joshua and Caleb urged the nation to possess the land and, thus, only they of the 12 actually entered Canaan.
Nu. 27:18	Joshua was indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
Nu. 27:18-23	Joshua was commissioned for spiritual service the first time to assist Moses.
Nu. 32:12	Joshua followed the Lord fully.
Dt. 31:23	Joshua was commissioned a second time to replace Moses.
Dt. 34:9	Joshua was filled with the spirit of wisdom.

\*Adapted from The MacArthur Study Bible.



# WAS THE CONQUEST FAIR?

The Israelites invaded and took over a land that had not been their own. And in the process they exterminated many of the people who lived there.

Chapters 6-10 are full of verses like *“They utterly destroyed everything in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword.”*

Doesn't that raise some questions in your mind? Why did God command this to be done? After all, in the giving of the Law, didn't God say, *“You shall not murder”*?

There are two simple answers to this:

## 1. The conquest of Israel was divine judgment on the Canaanites.

Centuries earlier, God told Abraham that he was postponing the takeover of the land until the Canaanites became so wicked that they must be punished:

- Genesis 15:13-16: *God said to Abraham, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.”*

God told Moses to instruct the people not to copy, imitate, or do what the polytheistic Canaanites did. These detestable, evil practices (which included child-sacrifice, sexual perversion, and ritual prostitution) were the reasons the Lord was going to drive the Canaanites out of the land:

- Leviticus 18:24-25: *Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled. For the land has become defiled, therefore I have brought its punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants.*
- Leviticus 20:23: *Moreover, you shall not follow the customs of the nation which I will drive out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I have abhorred them.*
- Deuteronomy 9:5: *It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going to possess their land, but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord your God is driving them out before you, in order to confirm the oath which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.*
- Deuteronomy 18:9-12: *When you enter the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord; and because of these detestable things the Lord your God will drive them out before you.*

The New Testament also accepts the conquest as judgment on the Canaanites for their accumulated sins (Hebrews 11:31 - *By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.*).

Imprecatory Psalms (prayers to destroy the wicked) like Psalm 69:22-28 help us understand this issue more clearly.

*May their table before them become a snare;  
And when they are in peace, may it become a trap.  
May their eyes grow dim so that they cannot see,  
And make their loins shake continually.  
Pour out Your indignation on them,  
And may Your burning anger overtake them.  
May their camp be desolate;  
May none dwell in their tents.  
For they have persecuted him whom You Yourself have smitten,  
And they tell of the pain of those whom You have wounded.  
Add iniquity to their iniquity,  
And may they not come into Your righteousness.  
May they be blotted out of the book of life  
And may they not be recorded with the righteous.*

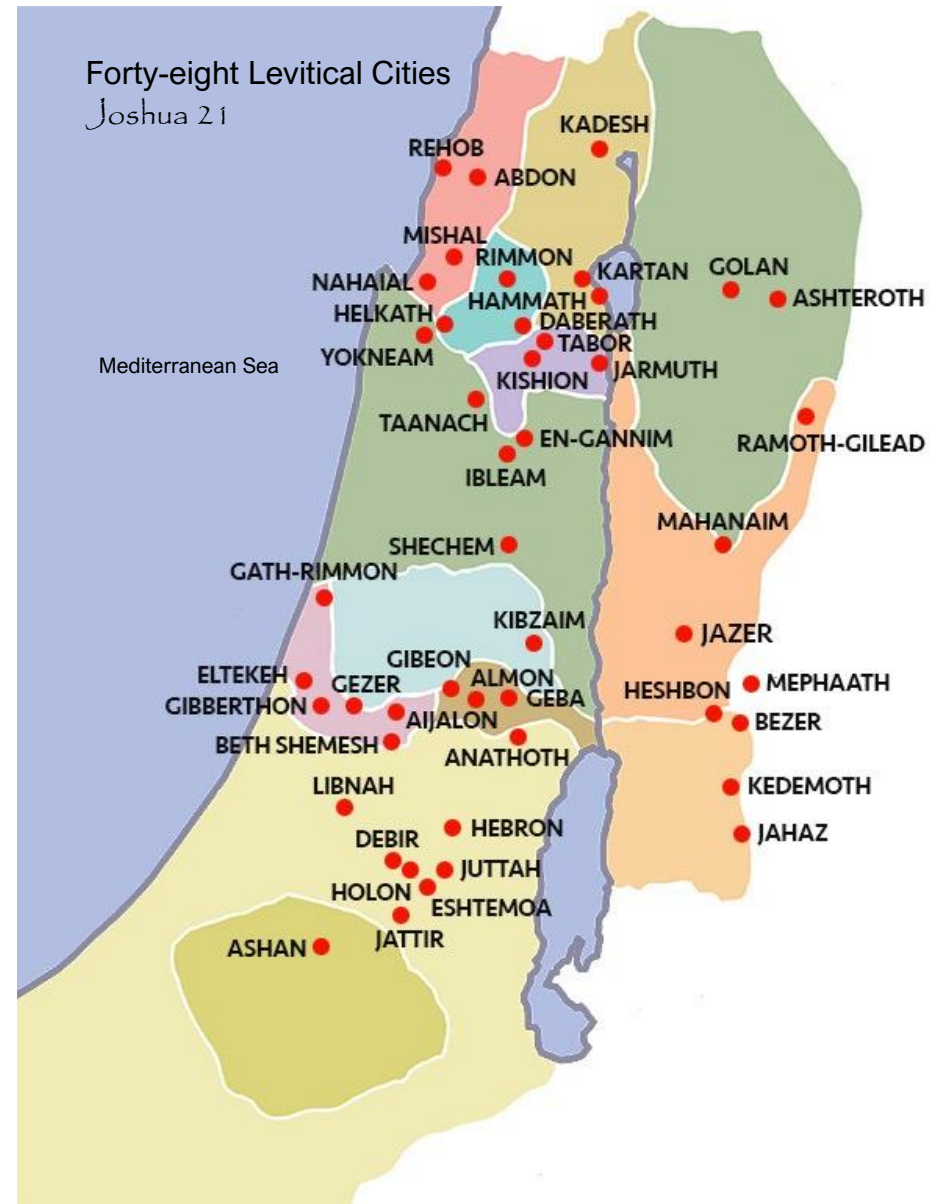
- In the imprecatory Psalms, David does not speak with personal animosity, but as a representative of God, saying “These nations are worthy of judgment.” He is upholding the honor and glory of God.
  - Revelation 6:9-10 is the New Testament version of an imprecatory prayer: *When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"*
- ☆ These are cries for justice and for the vindication of God’s name, not personal vengeance or personal animosity.

### **The Israelites were punished when they did the same.**

- They too were invaded many times, and in the end they were ejected from the land for two generations. God showed consistency in his moral judgment. The conquest was not just a one-sided piece of favoritism.
  - Leviticus 18:26-29: *But as for you, you are to keep My statutes and My judgments and shall not do any of these abominations, neither the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you (for the men of the land who have been before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become defiled); so that the land will not spew you out, should you defile it, as it has spewed out the nation which has been before you.*
  - Leviticus 20:22: *You are therefore to keep all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them, so that the land to which I am bringing you to live will not spew you out.*

## **2. The conquest of Israel was God’s plan for the salvation of the elect.**

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer: “The wars of Israel against the pagan nations were the only holy wars in history. The holy wars of Israel were prescribed specifically by God against idolators for the preservation and protection of his people for redemptive purposes and the bringing of the Messiah for the salvation of the elect.”
- In other words, the conquest of Canaan was not a campaign for political control, like most of our wars today. It was a campaign to utterly destroy those living in the land because the existence of Israel was at stake. They needed a land to survive. Israel was God’s chosen method of bringing salvation to the whole of humanity. So it was vital that the nation should have a secure home in which to live.



Joshua 13:33 - But to the tribe of **Levi**, Moses did not give an inheritance; the Lord, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as He had promised to them.

Joshua 18:7 - For the **Levites** have no portion among you, because the priesthood of the Lord is their inheritance.

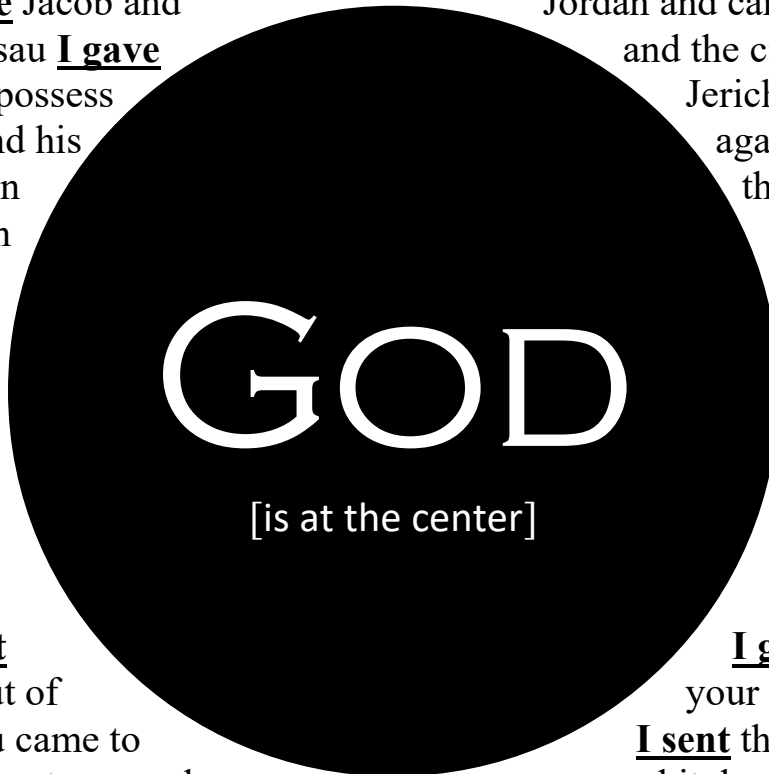
Numbers 18:21 - To the sons of **Levi**, behold, I have given all the tithes in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service which they perform, the service of the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 10:11 - “[The Levites are] to teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which the Lord has spoken to them through Moses.”

Deuteronomy 33:10 - “[The Levites] shall teach Your ordinances to Jacob, and Your law to Israel.”

Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘From ancient times your fathers lived beyond the River, namely, Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, and they served other gods. Then **I took** your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him through all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac. To Isaac **I gave** Jacob and Esau, and to Esau **I gave** Mount Seir to possess it; but Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt. Then **I sent** Moses and Aaron, and **I plagued** Egypt by what **I did** in its midst; and afterward **I brought** you out. **I brought** your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea; and Egypt pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. But when they cried out to the Lord, **He put** darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them and covered them; and your own eyes saw what **I did** in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness for a long time. Then **I brought** you into the land of the Amorites who lived beyond the Jordan, and they fought

with you; and **I gave** them into your hand, and you took possession of their land when **I destroyed** them before you. Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel, and he sent and summoned Balaam the son of Beor to curse you. But **I was not willing to listen** to Balaam. So he had to bless you, and **I delivered** you from his hand. You crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho; and the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Girgashite, and the Hivite and the Jebusite. Thus **I gave** them into your hand. Then **I sent** the hornet before you and it drove out the two kings of the Amorites from before you, but not by your sword or your bow. **I gave** you a land on which you had not labored, and cities which you had not built, and you have lived in them; you are eating of vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.”



Joshua 24:2-13