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Overview of Joshua 1-21

Chpts	Summary
1-5	Crossing Into the Land
6-12	Taking the Land
13-21	Dividing the Land
22-24	Serving the Lord in the Land



Then the LORD said to Joshua, ² “Say to the people of Israel, ‘Appoint the cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you through Moses, ³ that the manslayer who strikes any person without intent or unknowingly may flee there. They shall be for you a refuge from the avenger of blood. ⁴ He shall flee to one of these cities and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city and explain his case to the elders of that city. Then they shall take him into the city and give him a place, and he shall remain with them...

Joshua 20:1-6 (ESV)

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...⁵And if the avenger of blood pursues him, they shall not give up the manslayer into his hand, because he struck his neighbor unknowingly, and did not hate him in the past. ⁶And he shall remain in that city until he has stood before the congregation for judgment, until the death of him who is high priest at the time. Then the manslayer may return to his own town and his own home, to the town from which he fled.”

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What type of community does God want his people to create?

Joshua 20-21

One that reflects His concern for:

- 1) Justice
- 2) Our Material Needs
- 3) Our Spiritual Needs

God's Concern for Justice

And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

Genesis 9:5-6



God's Concern for Justice

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And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.
Genesis 4:10



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And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Hebrews 10:11-14



God's Concern for our Material Needs

Then the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites came to Eleazar the priest and to Joshua the son of Nun and to the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel. ² And they said to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, "The LORD commanded through Moses that we be given cities to dwell in, along with their pasturelands for our livestock." ³ So by command of the LORD the people of Israel gave to the Levites the following cities and pasturelands out of their inheritance.

Joshua 21:1-3



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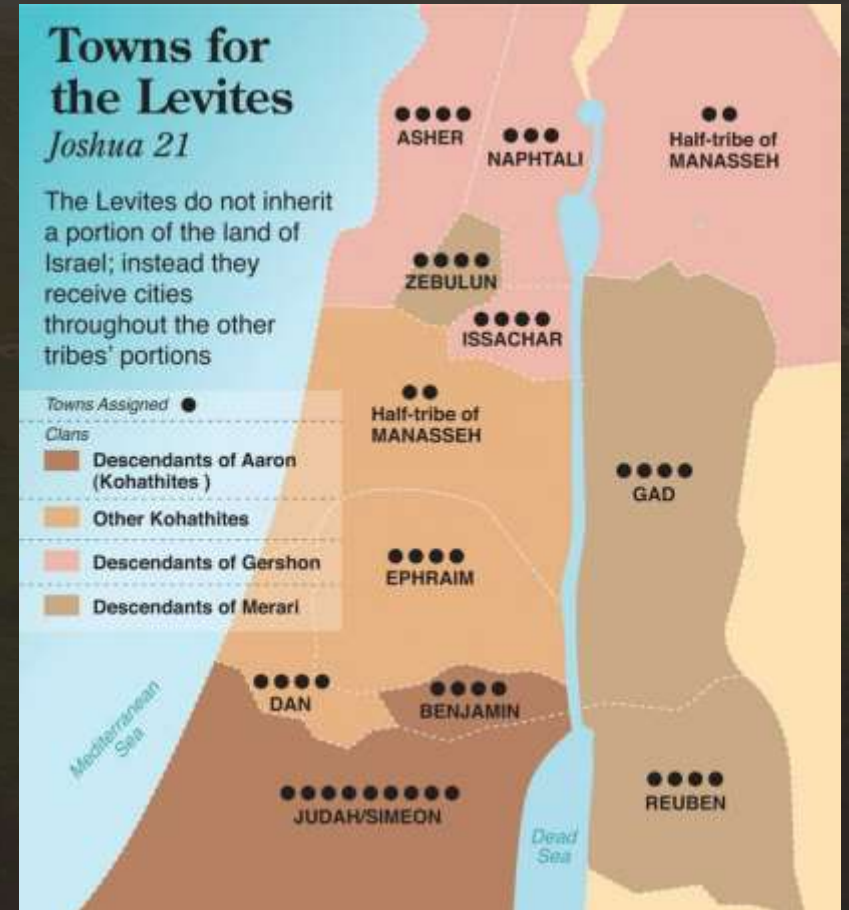
So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:10

God's Concern for our Spiritual Needs

The cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the people of Israel were in all forty-eight cities with their pasturelands.

Joshua 21:41



God's Concern for our Spiritual Needs

But you are a chosen race, *a royal priesthood*, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9



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Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there...Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

Joshua 21:43-45