

Handout 1: Joshua Lesson 9

Commands concerning the 6 Cities of Refuge are found in Ex 21:12-36; Num 35:9-34 and Dt 19:1-13.

1. The cities were to serve as places of refuge where those who had accidentally committed manslaughter can take sanctuary until a trial can be held before the community (Num 35:11-12).
2. It was where fair judicial action can take place (either in the sanctuary city or the man's own city) and guilt or innocence determined with the cooperation of the elders who stood as judges and witnesses called to testify (Num 35:20-29; Dt 19:11-12).
3. The cities were to help prevent blood vengeance in the shedding of innocent blood that would pollute and defile the land (Num 35:33; Dt 19:13).

Procedure for a person requesting asylum at a City of Refuge:

1. He was to request sanctuary at the gate of the town, presenting his case to the elders.
2. The elders will give him a place to stay within the town.
3. He cannot be given over to the Go'el Haddam of the person who has died.
4. He must stand trial to prove his guilt or innocence.
5. If found innocent of homicide, he must live in the town until the death of the high priest, at which time full amnesty will be given, and he can return to his own town without fear of reprisal.

List of Levitical cities and Cities of Refuge (*indicates a City of Refuge):

The cities assigned to the Chief Priests of Kohath (descendants of Aaron)	Tribal land location (all tribes on the west side of the Jordan river)	The cities assigned to the remaining Levites of the clan of Kohath	Tribal land location (all tribes on the west side of the Jordan River)
1. Hebron*	Judah (15:54)	1. Shechem*	Ephraim
2. Libnah	Judah (15:42)	2. Gezer	Ephraim
3. Jattir	Judah (15:49)	3. Kibzaim	Ephraim
4. Eshtemoh	Judah (15:50)	4. Beth-Horon	Ephraim
5. Holon	Judah (15:51)	5. Elteke	Dan
6. Debir	Judah (15:50)	6. Gibbethon	Dan
7. Ashan	Simeon (19:7)	7. Aijalon	Dan
8. Juttah	Judah (15:55)	8. Gath-Rimmon	Dan
9. Beth-Shemesh	Judah (15:10)	9. Taanach	Manasseh
10. Gibeon	Benjamin	10. Jibleam/Ibleam	Manasseh
11. Gega	Benjamin		
12. Anathoth	Benjamin		
13. Almon	Benjamin		

The cities assigned the Levitical clan of Gershon	Tribal land location	The cities assigned the Levitical clan of Merari	Tribal land location
1. Golan*	Manasseh (east)	1. Jokneam	Zebulun
2. Ashtaroth	Manasseh (east)	2. Kartah	Zebulun
3. Kishion	Issachar	3. Rimmon	Zebulun
4. Dobrath	Issachar	4. Nahalal	Zebulun
5. Jarmuth	Issachar	5. Bezer*	Reuben (east)
6. En-Gannim	Issachar	6. Jahaz	Reuben (east)
7. Mishal	Asher	7. Kedemoth	Reuben (east)
8. Abdon	Asher	8. Mephaath	Reuben (east)
9. Helkath	Asher	9. Ramoth*	Gad (east)
10. Rehob	Asher	10. Mahanaim	Gad (east)
11. Kedesh*	Naphtali	11. Heshbon	Gad (east)
12. Hammoth-Dor	Naphtali	12. Jazer	Gad (east)
13. Kartan	Naphtali		

"east" indicates tribes in the Transjordan on the east side of the Jordan River
 Michal E. Hunt Copyright © 2012

Handout 2: Joshua Lesson 9

The Qualifications for a <i>Go'el Haddam</i> (Blood Redeemer)	Old Testament Scripture Passages
1. He must be related by blood to those he redeems.	Lev 25:23-25, 48-49; Dt 25:5, 7-10; Rt 2:1; 3:12
2. He must have the necessary resources to pay the price of redemption.	Lev 25:25-26; Rt 2:1
3. He must be willing to redeem.	Dt 25:7, 9; Rt 3:12; 4:6, 8

JESUS IS MANKIND'S GO'EL HADDAM/BLOOD REDEEMER

He offered himself for us in order to ransom us from all our faults and to purify a people to be his very own and eager to do good.

Titus 2:14 (see CCC # 607-9, 802)

OLD TESTAMENT QUALIFICATION	JESUS OF NAZARETH'S FULFILLMENT AS THE NEW COVENANT BLOOD REDEEMER
Blood relationship	Galatians 4:4, 5 ~ <i>...but when the completion of the time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law, so that we could receive adoption as sons.</i> Hebrews 2:16, 17 ~ <i>For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself the line of Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way be made completely like his brothers so that he could become a compassionate and trustworthy high priest for their relationship to God, able to expiate the sins of the people.</i> Also see Jn 1:14; Rom 1:3; Phil 2:5-8
Necessary resources	1 Corinthians 6:20 ~ <i>Are you not your own property, then; you have been bought at a price. So use your body for the glory of God.</i> 1 Peter 1:18, 19 ~ <i>For you know that the price of your ransom from the futile way of life handed down from your ancestors was paid, not in anything perishable like silver or gold, but in precious blood as of a blameless and spotless lamb, Christ.</i> Also see 1 Cor 6:20
Willingness to redeem	John 10:15-18 ~ <i>...just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and I must lead these too. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as I have power to lay it down, so I have power to take it up again; and this is the command I have received from my Father.</i> 1 John 3:16 ~ <i>This is the proof of love that he laid down his life for us and we too ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.</i> Also see Mt 20:28; Heb 10:7; Tit 2:14