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The book of Joshua, written around 1453bc, describes the conquest of Israel over the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; now entrance the land occupied by 7 different pagan cultures. Leading the people, was Joshua, whose name means: The Lord is salvation.

The Cities of Refuge,

- ¹ The LORD also spoke to Joshua, saying,
- ² Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Designate your cities of refuge, which I spoke to you through Moses:
- ³ that the manslaver who kills any one unintentionally and accidentally may flee there: and they will be your refuge from the avenger of blood.



- ⁴ And when he who flees to one of those cities, and will stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declare his case in the hearing of the elders of that city, they will take him into the city, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.
- ⁵ And if the avenger of blood pursues him, then they will not deliver the manslayer into his hand; because he struck his neighbor accidentally, and did nor hate him previously.
- ⁶ And he will dwell in that city, until he stands before the congregation for judgment; until the death of the one who is high priest in those days. Then the manslayer will return to his own city, and to his own house, to the city from where he fled.
- ⁷ And they set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba -- which is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah.
- ⁸ And beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, they set apart Bezer in the wilderness on the plain from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan from the tribe of Manasseh.
- ⁹ These were the cities set apart for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourns among them, that whoever kills any one unintentionally might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

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