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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 entering the land occupied by 7 different pagan cultures. Leading the people, was Joshua, whose name means: The Lord is salvation.

Cities of the Levites,

¹ Then the Levite family heads approached the priest Eleazar, Joshua the son of Nun, and the family heads of the tribes of the families of **Israel**.

² And at Shiloh of Canaan, they spoke to them, saying, The Lord instructed through Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with their common-lands for our livestock. ³ So the families of **Israel** gave from their inheritances these cities and their common-lands to the Levites, at the instruction of the Lord:

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

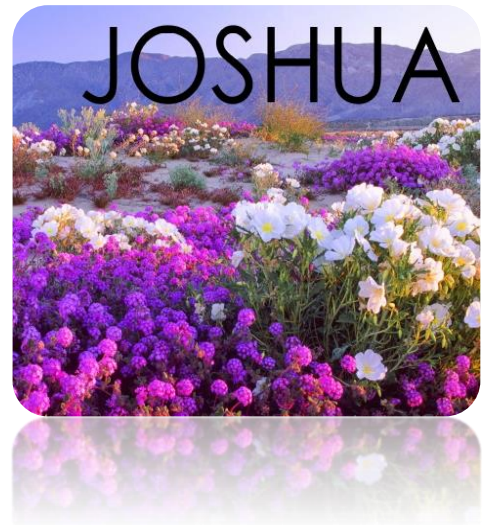
⁵ The rest of the children of Kohath had ten cities by lot from the families of the tribe of **Ephraim**, from the tribe of Dan, and from the half-tribe of **Manasseh**.

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

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

⁸ And the children of Israel gave these cities with their common-lands by lot to the Levites, as the Lord had instructed by the hand of Moses.

⁹ So they gave from the tribes of the families of **Judah** and from the tribes of the families of Simeon these cities which are designated by name, ¹⁰ which were for the families of Aaron, one of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the families of Levi; for the lot was theirs first. ¹¹ And they gave them Kirjath Arba (Arba was the father of Anak), which is Hebron, in the mountains of Judah, with the common-land surrounding it. ¹² But the fields of the city and its villages they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as his inheritance.



¹³ Thus to the families of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron with its common-land (a city of refuge for the slayer), Libnah with its common-land, ¹⁴ Jattir with its common-land, Eshtemoa with its common-land, ¹⁵ Holon with its common-land, Debir with its common-land, ¹⁶ Ain with its common-land, Juttah with its common-land, and Beth Shemesh with its common-land: nine cities from those two tribes; ¹⁷ and from the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its common-land, Geba with its common-land, ¹⁸ Anathoth with its common-land, and Almon with its common-land: four cities. ¹⁹ All the cities of the families of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their common-lands.

²⁰ And those of the lineages of Kohath, the Levites, the rest of the families of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot from the tribe of Ephraim. ²¹ For they gave them Shechem with its common-land in the mountains of Ephraim (a city of refuge for the slayer), Gezer with its common-land, ²² Kibzaim with its common-land, and Beth Horon with its common-land: four cities; ²³ and from the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with its common-land, Gibbethon with its common-land, ²⁴ Aijalon with its common-land, and Gath Rimmon with its common-land: four cities; ²⁵ and from the half-tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with its common-land and Gath Rimmon with its common-land: two cities. ²⁶ All the ten cities with their common-lands were for the rest of those of the families of Kohath.

²⁷ Also to those of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, from the other half-tribe of Manasseh, they gave Golan in Bashan with its common-land (a city of refuge for the slayer), and Be Eshterah with its common-land: two cities; ²⁸ and from the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its common-land, Daberath with its common-land, ²⁹ Jarmuth with its common-land, and En Gannim with its common-land: four cities; ³⁰ and from the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its common-land, Abdon with its common-land, ³¹ Helkath with its common-land, and Rehob with its common-land: four cities; ³² and from the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its common-land (a city of refuge for the slayer), Hammoth Dor with its common-land, and Kartan with its common-land: three cities. ³³ All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their common-lands.

³⁴ And to the families of those of Merari, the rest of the Levites, from the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its common-land, Kartah with its common-land, ³⁵ Dimnah with its common-land, and Nahalal with its common-land: four cities; ³⁶ and from the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with its common-land, Jahaz with its common-land, ³⁷ Kedemoth with its common-land, and Mephaath with its common-land: four cities; ³⁸ and from the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its common-land (a city of refuge for the slayer), Mahanaim with its common-land, ³⁹ Heshbon with its common-land, and Jazer with its common-land: four cities in all.

⁴⁰ So all the cities for those of Merari according to their families, the rest of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities.

⁴¹ All the cities of the Levites within the inheritance of the families of Israel were forty-eight cities with their common-lands.

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⁴² Every one of these cities had its common-land surrounding it; thus were all these cities.

The Promise Fulfilled,

⁴³ So the Lord gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took inheritance of it and dwelt in it.

⁴⁴ The Lord gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand.

⁴⁵ Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All happened.

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