JOSHUA:

CITIES OF REFUGE AND LEVITES

BIBLE READING PLAN
WEEK 08

DAY 1: JOSHUA 20:1-9

Joshua is fulfilling what God told Moses in Numbers 35:9-34 - that Israel was to establish cities of refuge. This was followed by instructions for the accused who needed refuge, to stand at the city gates where the elders would listen to their case. At the end of the chapter there are six cities that are established for refuge; regardless of where you lived in the land, there was a refuge city within reasonable distance. What a reflection of God the Father, waiting for our repentance, He is rock and our refuge. God is never out of reach, He is always available.

READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 20:1-9

Read with a heart ready to hear from God. Feel free to *star*, underline, and *mark up* your Bible.

EXAMINE IT THOROUGHLY:

What ideas caught your attention? What does this passage reveal about The Father, Jesus, & the Holy Spirit? Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate this passage to you and make notes below.

APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

How should you respond to this passage? How will you live differently today because of what you just read?

PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to solidify the meaning of this passage, to change your life and your heart based on the learning you've had from spending this time in God's Word.

DAY 2: JOSHUA 21:1-8

As we read in previous chapters, the tribe of Levi received no land. They were in the work of ministry serving the Lord, so He was their inheritance.

Wait, What?

How many Levites do you think wanted to or did leave the tribe when they were told they would not receive a land allotment? Would you be asking God, “But why?” As humans it is so easy to be short-sighted. We see what is in front of us; we are either pragmatic (use rationalization) or emotional towards situations. God did bless the Tribe of Levi with many cities and pasturelands, and it was more than they imagined.

Has God ever called you somewhere or to something but you had to move on or let go of what you had? His promise is that it is always for our good and for His glory. His plans are always better than our own.

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EXAMINE IT THOROUGHLY:

Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate this passage to you and make notes below.

APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

How will you live differently today because of what you just read?

PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to to shape your life and your heart.

DAY 3: JOSHUA 21:9-42

In this passage, we see how the Levites were intentionally dispersed across all twelve tribes rather than clustered together. This spread allowed God’s presence and influence to reach throughout the entire land. Similarly, when Jesus left the earth, He instructed His disciples to go out and share the gospel, knowing that staying together could lead to stagnation in their faith. If the Levites or disciples had stayed in one place, the gospel wouldn’t have spread, and they might have been tempted to overlook one another’s faults.

Thinking about this, what Christ-follower are you grateful to for sharing the gospel with you?

READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 16:1-10

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PRAY THROUGH IT:

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DAY 4: JOSHUA 21:43-45

We see God's faithfulness repeated: "The Lord gave…The Lord gave…The Lord gave." Every promise He made to Israel was fulfilled, offering them not just land but rest, protection, and hope. This repetition emphasizes His unwavering commitment to His people—then and now.
Today, we can find the same assurance in God's promises. Romans 8:35 reminds us that nothing separates us from His love, and Isaiah 26:3 promises perfect peace to those who trust Him. Where do you need to hold onto God's promises today? Rest in the knowledge that He is faithful, a good Father who always fulfills His word.

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DAY 5: JOSHUA 22:1-9

As the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned to their land east of the Jordan, Joshua reminded them of a crucial truth: their role wasn't just to settle back home but to carry forward a devoted life with God. Their calling —to love God fully, to walk in His ways, and to serve Him wholeheartedly—was just as vital as when they were in battle alongside the other tribes.

For us, this reminder applies no matter where we are in life. Just as Joshua called them to stay anchored in God's ways, we're invited to live faithfully wherever we are, clinging to His commands and following Him with our whole heart. Where can you be more intentional about living out your faith daily, wherever God has placed you?

READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 22:1-9

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APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

How will you live differently today because of what you just read?

PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to to shape your life and your heart.

RESOURCES

ENDURING WORD BIBLE COMMENTARY

The Enduring Word is a free commentary that takes you verse-by-verse through the bible and provides insights, explanations, and helpful quotes from theologians and teachers in every passage of scripture.

enduringword.com/bible-commentary/joshua-1/

ESV STUDY BIBLE

A good study bible is filled with helpful explanations or references on nearly every page for most major verses of scripture. Some great study bibles include the ESV Study Bible, NIV Study Bible, or the She Reads Truth Study Bible. You can find an ESV Study Bible in our Rise Bookstore.

THE BIBLE PROJECT

The Bible Project has built an app centered around a reading journey that equips you with the skills to see the larger story of the Bible every time you read. It's packed with helpful videos, teaches you to develop bible reading skills, and even has classes. This is great for visual learners.

bibleproject.com/explore/video/joshua/

AUDIO BIBLES

The two very best audio bible apps in existence are **Dwell** and **Streetlights**. Dwell has many different translations along with various voices all packed into a beautifully designed app. Streetlights is the NLT translation read by spoken word artists with music tracks added—it's absolutely brilliantly executed.

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THE BOOK OF JOSHUA