

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
Joshua 21:1-45
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Josh 21:1-3

Josh 21:43-45

God is the God of Promise. Num. 23:19

Israel needed Joshua 20; God had made a promise in the wilderness to provide “Cities of Refuge,” in Ex. 21:13, Num. 35:6-34, Deut. 4:41-43, 19:1-13.

1. Verses 1-7 – Claiming The Promise

2. Verses 8-42 – Trusting In Him

3. Verses 43-45 – Following Him

1. Verses 1-7 – Claiming The Promise:

Joshua 21:1

Levi – “joined to”; God did a miraculous work in this family’s heart.

Gen. 34:25

Gen 49:5-7

Exodus 32:26

Joshua 21:2

Joshua 13:33

What Levites did in reality was to claim a divine promise.

Numbers 35:1-8

Joshua 21:3

1. We should become acquainted with His promises in God’s Word.
2. We should store them in our hearts and minds.
3. We need to personally appropriate and go before the throne of grace.

Verse 2 – “give us”; Verse 3 – “gave”: Here is a promise – Isaiah 26:3

Numbers 35:8

Joshua 21:4-5

"Kohathites" – verses 4-5 – 23 cities in the tribes of Judah; Benjamin and Simeon, and Ephraim; This is in the southern kingdom where the temple would be built.

Joshua 21:6

"Gershon" – 13 cities in Eastern Manasseh.

Joshua 21:7

"Merari" – 12 cities in Trans Jordanian which was Reuben and Gad.

2. Verses 8-42 – Trusting In Him:

Verses 8-42 – Is the Assignment of the cities to the Levites.

Numbers 26:62 – says there were 23,000 Levites.

The future depended upon the influence that they would bring in the spiritual realm of Israel.

Joshua 21:11

"Hebron" – "Fellowship, Association."

Joshua 21:14 – "Jattir" – "plenty" (Those that put God first never lack!)

Joshua 21:18 – "Anathoth" – "answers to prayer" (to seek Him, share your heart); "Almon" – "concealed" (We find forgiveness, protection, comfort in Jesus!)

Joshua 21:28 – "Kishion" – "hard" (God makes the hard soft, the impossible possible!); "Daberath" – "word" (God's word never fails!)

Joshua 21:32 – "Kedesh" – "holy place" (Wherever you have been placed is Kedesh, we are set apart for His purposes!)

Joshua 21:39 – "Heshbon" – "stronghold" (Jesus breaks and is our stronghold!) "Jazer" – "helped" (The Lord is our help!)

Joshua 21:42

Deuteronomy 33:10

The furthest city was 10 miles from where the Levites lived and taught the Word.

3. Verses 43-45 – Following Him:

Joshua 21:43

Joshua 1:3-5

God Was Faithful, Giving Israel The Land – “So the LORD gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers,”

6 Lessons From Joshua In Following The Lord:

#1. In Following The Lord, We Should Expect Conflict –

Joshua 6 Israel conquered Jericho, Joshua 7 then take Ai in chapter 8, after they lost 36 men. The rest of the chapters from Joshua 6-12 is a list of battles and victories.

Eph. 6:12

#2. In Following The Lord, We Must Be Patient –

Joshua 13:1

Deuteronomy 7:22

#3. In Following The Lord, There Must Be Cooperation – We see the phrase “The sons of Israel” 62X in the book of Joshua.

Col 2:2

Joshua 21:44

Joshua 1:13-15

Joshua 11:23

#4. In Following The Lord, We Must Be Submissive –

Prov. 16:33

Joshua 17:14

#5. In Following The Lord, There Must Be Faithful Obedience –

Romans 10:17

#6. In Following The Lord, We Must Be Ever Watchful –

Joshua 17:13

Judges 1:3-36 This book reveals that God used these nations to discipline

Joshua 21:45

Application:

1. Claiming The Promise – We Need To Read The Word, We Need To Be Familiar With What God Has Promised.
2. Trusting In Him – As Israel Trusted In God, God Gave To Israel The Land That Best Suited Them, Based Upon Their Numbers, And Their Occupations. When We Trust In God And Place Him First, God Will Place Us Where He Chooses; All For His Glory And Our Good.
3. Following Him – Includes Fighting Conflicts, Being Patient, Cooperation With Others, Being Submissive To God And Others, Being Obedient To His Will and Watchful.