

GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED
A Study in the Books of Joshua and Ruth

Every Promise Fulfilled **Joshua 21**

*“Not one of all the LORD’S good promises to the house of Israel failed;
every one was fulfilled.” Joshua 21:45*

Read Joshua 21:1–8.

1. What had God promised the Levites that we see fulfilled in this chapter? (v. 2; Num. 35:1-8)

2. Why are the Levites set apart? (Num. 8: 13-19)

3. Besides overseeing cities of refuge (vv. 13, 21) what other duties do the Levites have?

Num.1:50

Num. 6:22–27

Deut. 17:8–11

Neh. 8:7-8

4. With these duties in mind, in what ways does it benefit the Israelites to have the Levites scattered throughout their land?

5. The Lord is the inheritance of the Levites, and their sustenance was provided by the other Israelites through sacrifices and giving up some cities and pasturelands. Why do you think the LORD arranges matters in such a way that the Israelites have to give up part of their inheritance to provide for the Levites?

Read Joshua 21:9–19.

6. What are the responsibilities of the clan of Kohath? (vv. 4-5; Num. 3:28b, 31)

7. Why isn't it surprising that the first lot falls to Aaron's descendants? (Ex. 28:1-2)

8. Why does it make sense for Gibeon to be one of the towns given to the Levites? (Josh. 9:23)

In what way is this curse also a blessing?

Read Joshua 21:20-33.

9. What are the tabernacle-related duties of the Gershonite clans? (v. 6; Num. 3:25-26)

10. This section of chapter 21 highlights that particular Levite towns are also "cities of refuge" (see chapter 20). What wisdom lies behind this arrangement? (Hint: See question 3.)

Read Joshua 21:34-42.

11. What are the tabernacle-related duties of the Merarite clans? (v. 7, Num. 3:36-37)

12. What specific promise does God fulfill in verses 41-42? (Num. 35:7)

13. In this chapter we have seen God turn curses into blessings in surprising ways. Consider the Gibeonites in question 8 and the Levites curse in Genesis 49:5-7. (📖 Gen. 34) What does this teach you about God? (Gal. 13-14; 2 Cor. 5:21)
Write out a prayer of response.

14. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What do you think it means that we are a royal priesthood?

Read Joshua 21:43-45.

15. The summary in Joshua 21:43-45 that emphatically declares God's fulfillment of His promises is given as a hope of what we look forward to. How does this summary strengthen your faith and give you hope?