



# CITY OF REFUGE

Joshua 20

**Wishing You  
A Blessed  
New Year**


**2023**



# The Cities of Refuge

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The background of the slide is a photograph of ancient stone ruins. On the left, a semi-circular stone wall is visible. In the center, there is a rectangular opening or doorway. To the right, a taller stone wall with a decorative capital or archway is shown. The ground is covered with loose stones and some sparse vegetation. In the distance, there are green hills under a clear blue sky.

# WHAT WERE THE CITIES OF REFUGE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?

Numbers 35 : 6 – 34

Deuteronomy 4 : 41 – 43

Deuteronomy 19 : 1 -14



What is  
the *goel*  
*hadam*  
(*avenger of*  
*blood*)?



## Numbers 35

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... <sup>12</sup> They will be places of refuge from the avenger (of blood), so that anyone accused of murder may not die before they stand trial before the assembly. <sup>13</sup> These six towns you give will be your cities of refuge. <sup>14</sup> Give three on this side of the Jordan and three in Canaan as cities of refuge.

## Numbers 35

... <sup>15</sup> These six towns will be a place of refuge for Israelites and for foreigners residing among them, so that anyone who has killed another accidentally can flee there...

<sup>25</sup> ...The accused must stay there until the death of the high priest, who was anointed with the holy oil.<sup>26</sup> ““But if the accused ever goes outside the limits of the city of refuge to which they fled <sup>27</sup> and the avenger of blood finds them outside the city, the avenger of blood may kill the accused without being guilty of murder.

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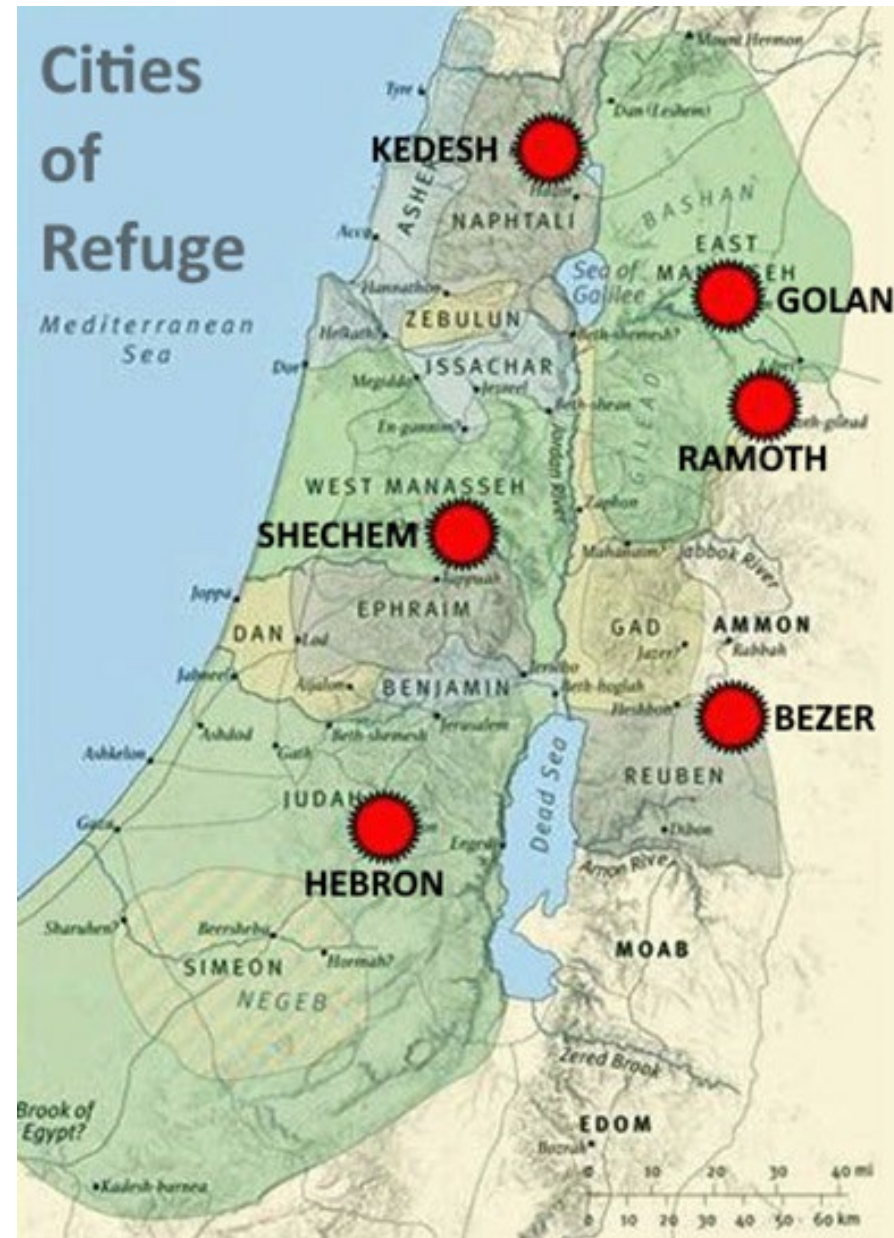
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Found through  
out the land  
No more than  
1 day's Journey

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Gates are  
always open





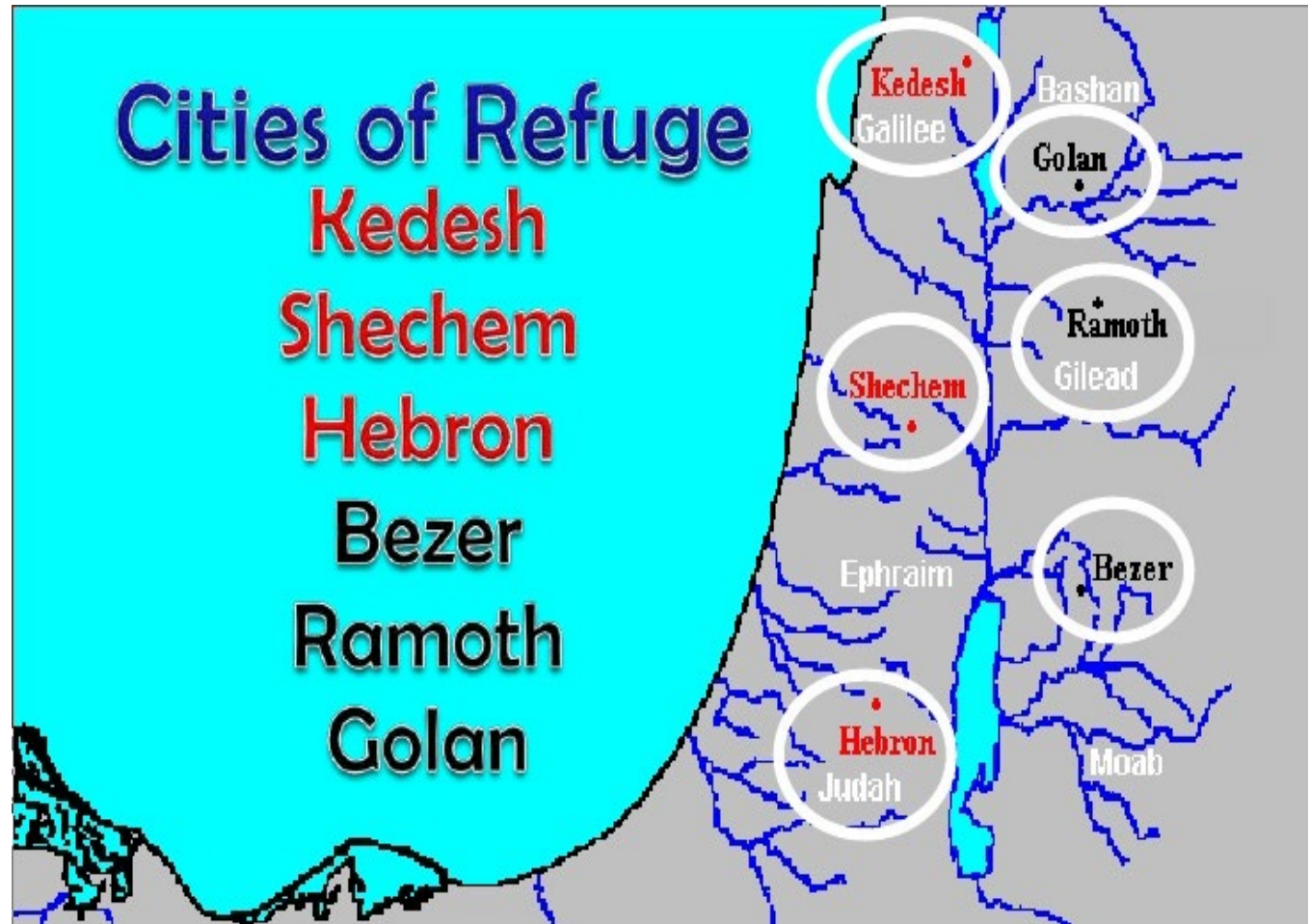
Good roads  
No obstacles





...remain there  
until the High  
Priest dies

Only 6  
cities?



**JESUS IS OUR CITY OF REFUGE**





**For the  
wages of sin  
is death, but  
the gift of  
God is  
eternal life in  
Christ Jesus  
our Lord.**

**- Romans 6:23 -**







# Christ: Our City of Refuge



1. Gate to  
Jesus is always  
open





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**John 6:37**

**The  
one who  
comes to Me  
I will certainly  
not cast  
out**

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1. Gates are always open

2. The road to Jesus is easily accessible



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**But to all who did receive Him, who  
believed in His name, He gave the  
right to become children of God**

John 1:12

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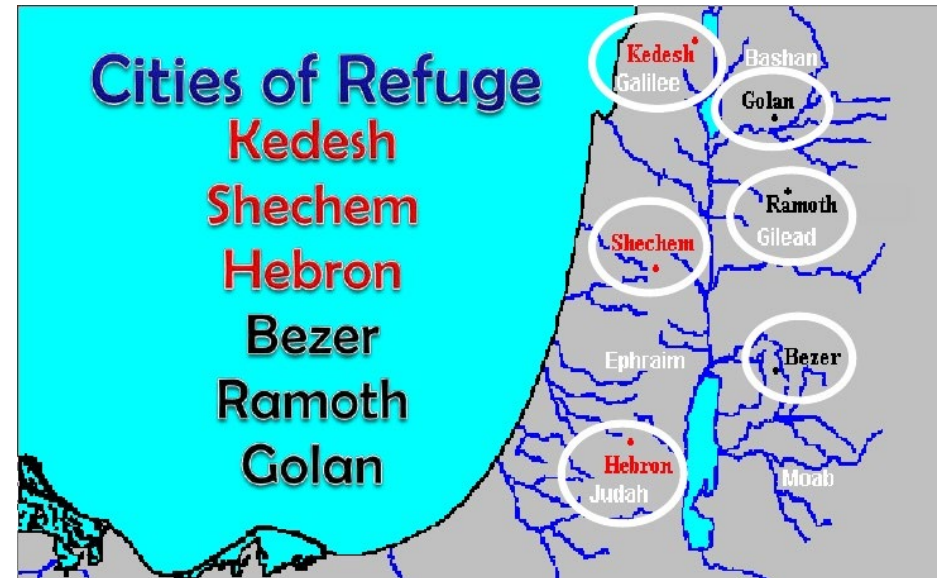
3. Jesus lives forevermore



We are  
the body  
of Christ



# 6 Physical Cities + the Church







*Love* is patient,  
love is kind.

It does **not** envy,  
it does **not** boast,  
it is **not** proud.

It does **not** dishonor others,  
it is **not** self-seeking,  
it is **not** easily angered,  
it **keeps** no record of wrongs.  
Love does **not** delight in evil  
but **rejoices** with the truth.

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

# The Church – A City of Refuge

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2. The road to Jesus is easily accessible

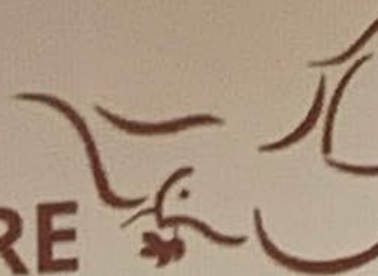
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We Are PENTECOST  
in the community and  
in the nations Carrying HIS  
Presence, Power,  
Peace, and Purposes





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PENTECOST  
METHODIST  
CHURCH

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