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# *Joshua 20-22*

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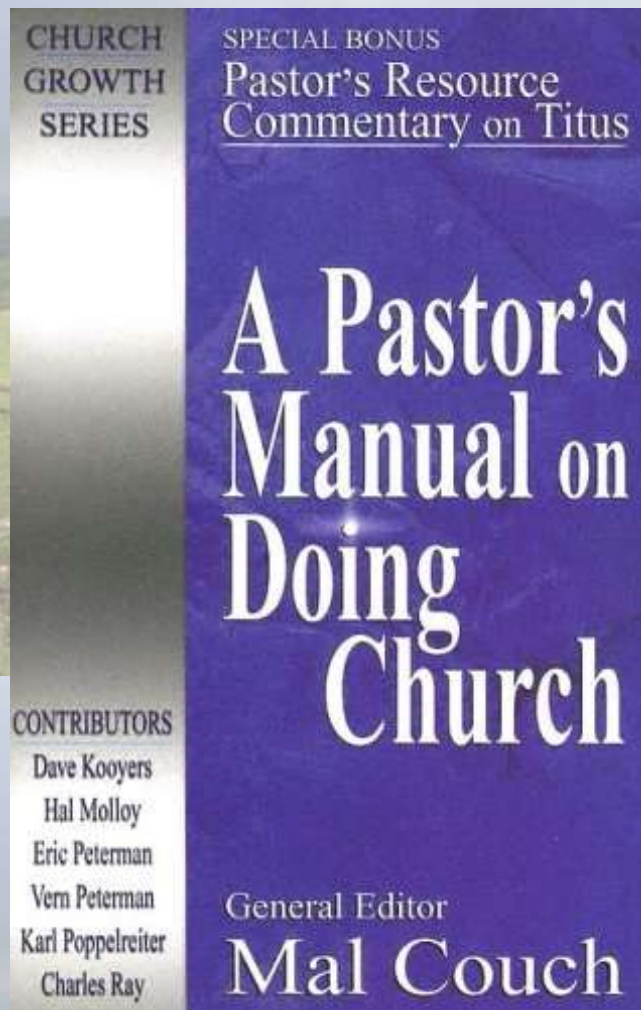
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# Let's read Joshua 20:1-6



# Joshua 20:2, Cities Of Refuge

- NAU Joshua 20:2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'Designate the cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you through Moses,
- NAU Joshua 14:4 For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim, and they did not give a portion to the Levites in the land, except cities to live in...
- God gave the Levites cities that are scattered all over the land in order that they could minister to all the people.
- NAU Deuteronomy 18:1-2, 10:9 Therefore, Levi does not have a portion or inheritance with his brothers; **the LORD is his inheritance**, just as the LORD your God spoke to him.) *[Joshua 13:14, 13:33]*
- Would you rather have land or God?
- KJV Luke 16:9-13 ...Ye cannot serve God and mammon. *[Job, Paul, 2 Corinthians 6:4-5, 12:10]*

# Joshua 20:2, For Gentiles Too!

- NAU Joshua 20:9 These were the appointed cities for all the sons of Israel and for the stranger who sojourns among them, that whoever kills any person unintentionally may flee there...
- NAU Numbers 35:15 'These six cities shall be for refuge for the sons of Israel, and for the alien and for the sojourner among them; that anyone who kills a person unintentionally may flee there.
- For gentiles too! Were/are your sins intentional or unintentional?
- What's the penalty for sin? Rom 6:23



# Joshua 20:3, Intentional/Unintentional

- Joshua 20:3 that the manslayer who kills any person unintentionally...
- NAU Numbers 35:15 ...anyone who kills a person unintentionally...
- NAU Numbers 35:16-21 ...the murderer shall surely be put to death.
- NAU Numbers 35:22...without enmity, ...without lying in wait,
- Our laws concerning homicide; accidental death, manslaughter, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Degree murder have roots here.
- Is abortion intentional/unintentional, accidental/pre-meditated?

# Joshua 20:3, Intentional/Unintentional

- Are we guilty or innocent?
- We need to flee to the city of refuge!
- Who do you suppose the only “City Of Refuge” is?
- NAU Jeremiah 23:24 "Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?" declares the LORD....
- NAU Psalm 119:114 You are my hiding place and my shield...
- NAU Psalm 32:7 You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble... *[Revelation 6:15-16]*

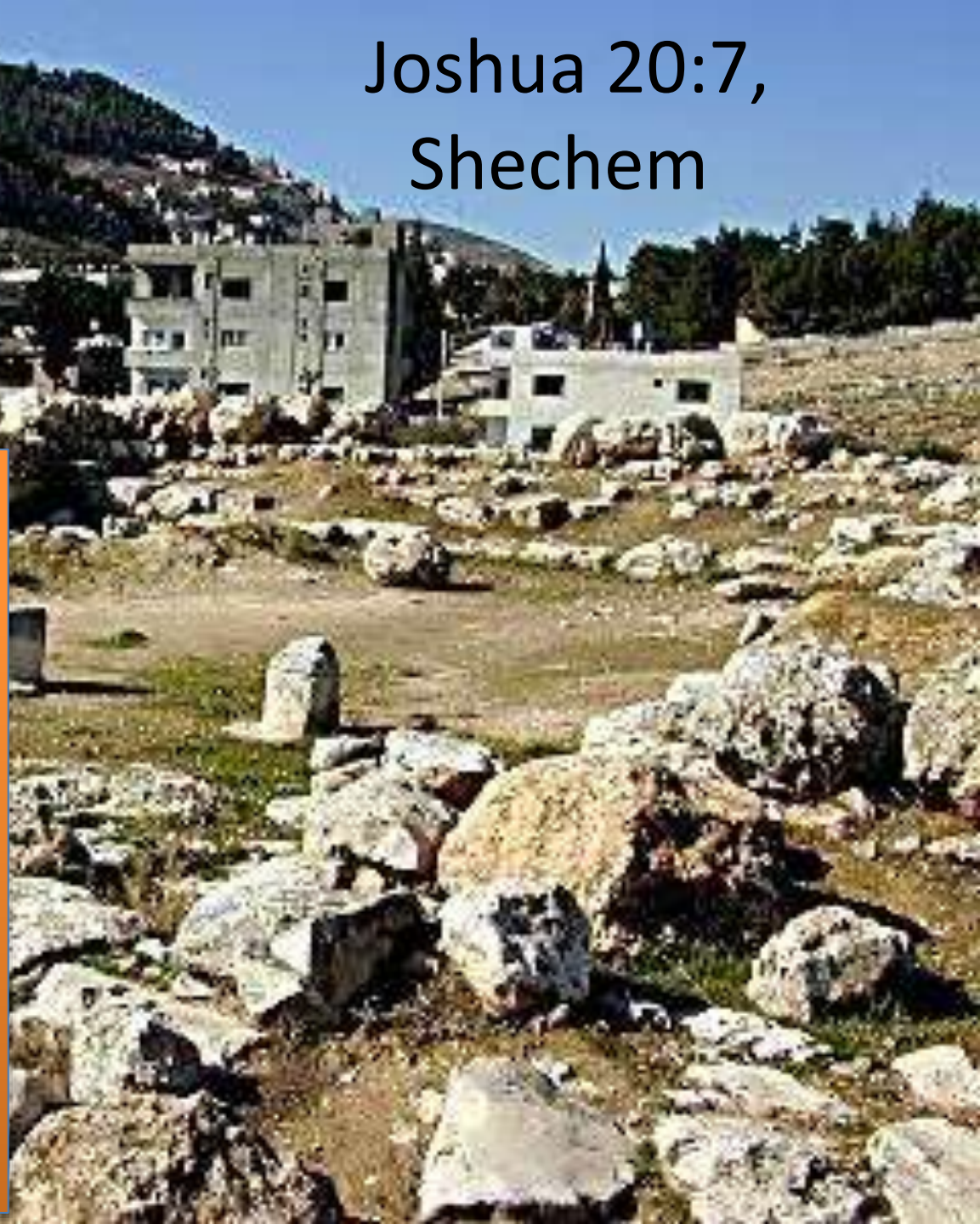
# Joshua 20:6, The Condition

- NAU Joshua 20:6 'He shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the one who is high priest in those days. Then the manslayer shall return to his own city and to his own house, to the city from which he fled.'" (Numbers 35:25)
- Once they flee to flee to the city of refuge, there is a condition
- "until the death of the high priest who was anointed with the holy oil"
- Who's our High Priest? After He saved you, how long will it be till He dies?
- Hebrews 6:20 ...Jesus...a high priest forever... *[Psalm 110:4]*
- We live in Him, our High Priest, forever



## Joshua 20:7, Shechem

NAU Joshua 20:7 So they set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the hill country of Judah.





NAU Joshua 20:7, the king of Kedesh...



Kedesh Roman temple

# Joshua 20:8, Golan Heights

- NAU Joshua 20:8 Beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, they designated Bezer in the wilderness on the plain from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan from the tribe of Manasseh.
- The next picture is the “...roaring Saars Fall in the Golan Heights by Noam Chen. The waterfalls are best visited in the winter or spring when the water and snow from Mount Hermon are still making their descent to the Sea of Galilee.”



# Josh 20:8, Saars Fall, Golan Heights





# Joshua 20:8, Golan



# Joshua 21

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# Joshua 21:43

## The LORD's Promises Are Good

- NAU Joshua 21:43 So the LORD gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it. 44 And the LORD gave them rest on every side, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers, and no one of all their enemies stood before them; the LORD gave all their enemies into their hand. 45 **Not one of the good promises which the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed**; all came to pass.



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**ALL CAME TO PASS.**

**Joshua 21:45**

- Those who do not want Israel to have God's promises fulfilled in the future emphasize the “all came to pass” rather than the fact that God's promises do not fail.

# Joshua 21:45 No Promises Failed

- The Israelites had failed in many regards. Very much of the land was still not in their possession.
- The Nelson study Bible, Page 388, says “... Some of the cities were not actually in Israel's possession at this time (for example, Gezer, v. 21), and some appear never to have been in Israel's control for any length of time (for example, the Philistine cities of Eltekek and Gibbethon, v. 23). These names may simply reflect the actual allotments in Joshua's day. Much land remain to be taken even after it had been allotted (13:1; 15:63; 16:10; 17:12, 13).”



# Joshua 21:45 No Promises Failed

- The Israelites did not take possession of Jerusalem until the time of David, 400 years later.
- NAU 1 Chronicles 11:4 Then David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (that is, Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there.
- The “all came to pass” of Joshua 21:45 means that everything that needed to be accomplished before Israel could settle in, and cease their marching around, as they have been doing for more than 40 years, was now completed.

# Joshua 21:45, Future Promises

- The “all came to pass” of Joshua 21:45 cannot possibly mean that all of God's promises up to that point were fulfilled because;
- In Genesis 3:15, God promised the virgin birth of the seed of the woman (Jesus), that Satan would strike His heel (the crucifixion), and that He would crush Satan's head (still not yet fulfilled).
- God promised Abraham the land boundaries; NAU Genesis 15:18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of **Egypt** as far as the great river, the river **Euphrates**:... 21 ...the Canaanite... and the **Jebusite**."

# Joshua 21:45, Future Promises

- NAU Deuteronomy 30:1 "So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind in all nations where the LORD your God has banished [the Diaspora] you, 2 and you return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul [not yet] according to all that I command you today, you and your sons, 3 then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity [regathering, not yet], and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you [on going].
- God has made many promises which will absolutely be fulfilled in the future (23:5 is future)
- No promises failed, but not all promises were completed.



# Joshua 21:43, All Promises Fulfilled, or The Promised Land in The Millennium

- **Q.** “...Joshua 21:43-45 seems to suggest that the land promises were fulfilled. I know other places in scripture suggest otherwise...”
- **A.** In the Messianic Kingdom the land grants will be redistributed in a manner that’s substantially different from what they were when the Israelites first entered the land as recorded in the Book of Joshua. The Temple will be in a different location and there will be a new Holy City with a new name as well, which will essentially be Earth’s capital city during the Millennium. This will be the ultimate fulfillment of the land grants. You can read all about it in **Ezekiel 45:1-8** and **Ezekiel 47:13-48:35**.

# 3 Section Outline

- Section 1; The Conquest Of The Land, 1:1-12:24
- Section 2; The Division Of The Land, 13:1 – 21:45
- Section 3; The Farewells, 22:1 – 24:33

# Joshua 22

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# Joshua 22:1–9

## Send Off Of The 2 1/2 Tribes

- Put down your sword and enter into rest



# Joshua 21:44, 22:4 Hebrews 3:11, 4:8, “that rest”

- NAU Joshua 22:4 "And now the LORD your God has given rest to your brothers, as He spoke to them; therefore turn now and go to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan.
- NAU Hebrews 4:8 For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. 9 There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. 10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. 11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.



# Joshua 21:44, 22:4 Hebrews 3:11, 4:8, “that rest”

- NAU Psalm 95:11 "Therefore I swore in My anger, Truly they shall not enter into My rest." **[20 yrs or older, 40 years wandering]**
- NAU Hebrews 3:11 As I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'" 12 Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God.
- NAU Hebrews 4:3 For we who have believed enter that rest...
- NAU Hebrews 4:6 Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience, **[it's progressive, and depends on obedience]**

# Joshua 22:10–34

## The 2 1/2 Tribes Build An Altar

- Joshua 22:10...a large altar in appearance.
- 22:12 When the sons of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the sons of Israel gathered themselves at Shiloh to go up against them in war.
- 22:16 "Thus says the whole congregation of the LORD, 'What is this unfaithful act which you have committed against the God of Israel, turning away from following the LORD this day, by building yourselves an altar, to rebel against the LORD this day?
- 22:19 ... take possession among us...
- 22:20 'Did not Achan...
- 22:22 ...If it was in rebellion...do not save us this day!
- 22:28 ...copy **[replica not substitute]** of the altar of the LORD...



# Joshua 22:22, One God, One Christ

- CCC2782, 795, 1689 Becoming Christs, capital "C", diety, priests are divine, CCC460, shared divinity
- **CCC 2782** We can adore the Father because he has caused us to be reborn to his life by *adopting* us as his children in his only Son: by Baptism, he incorporates us into the Body of his Christ; through the anointing of his Spirit who flows from the head to the members, he makes us other "Christs." ([1267](#))
- God, indeed, who has predestined us to adoption as his sons, has conformed us to the glorious Body of Christ. So then you who have become sharers in Christ are appropriately called "Christs."[34](#)... **CCC 2783** Thus the Lord's Prayer *reveals us to ourselves* at the same time that it reveals the Father to us.... "Our Father," so that you may merit being his son.[37](#)

# Joshua 22:23

## Holocaust, holokautoma

- NAU Joshua 22:23 "If we have built us an altar to turn away from following the LORD, or if to offer a burnt offering *[holokautoma, LXX]* or grain offering on it, or if to offer sacrifices of peace offerings on it, may the LORD Himself require it.

- <3646> ὅλοκαύτωμα holokautoma
- Meaning: a whole burnt offering
- NAU Hebrews 10:6, 10:8 After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE in them"...



# Joshua 21:44, 22:4, “that rest”

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# Joshua 22:5, God's Love, Question: "Why does God love us?" [GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)

- Answer: This short question is among the most profound questions ever asked. And no human would ever be able to answer it sufficiently. One thing is certain, however. God does not love us because we are lovable or because we deserve His love. If anything, the opposite is true. The state of mankind since the fall is one of rebellion and disobedience. Jeremiah 17:9 describes man's inner condition: "The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. Who can know it?" Our innermost beings are so corrupted by sin that even we don't realize the extent to which sin has tainted us. In our natural state, we do not seek God; we do not love God; we do not desire God. Romans 3:10-12 clearly presents the state of the natural, unregenerate person: "There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." How then is it possible for a holy, righteous, and perfect God to love such creatures? To understand this we must understand something of the nature and character of God.
- First John 4:8 and 16 tell us that "God is love." Never was a more important declaration made than this—God is love. This is a profound statement. God doesn't just love; He is love. His nature and essence are love. Love permeates His very being and infuses all His other attributes, even His wrath and anger. Because God's very nature is love, He must demonstrate love, just as He must demonstrate all His attributes because doing so glorifies Him. Glorifying God is the highest, the best, and the most noble of all acts, so, naturally, glorifying Himself is what He must do, because He is the highest and the best, and He deserves all glory.
- Since it is God's essential nature to love, He demonstrates His love by lavishing it on undeserving people who are in rebellion against Him. God's love is not a sappy, sentimental, romantic feeling. Rather, it is agape love, the love of self-sacrifice. He demonstrates this sacrificial love by sending His Son to the cross to pay the penalty for our sin (1 John 4:10), by drawing us to Himself (John 6:44), by forgiving us of our rebellion against Him, and by sending His Holy Spirit to dwell within us, thereby enabling us to love as He loves. He did this in spite of the fact that we did not deserve it. "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).
- God's love is personal. He knows each of us individually and loves us personally. His is a mighty love that has no beginning and no end. It is this experiencing of God's love that distinguishes Christianity from all other religions. Why does God love us? It is because of who He is: "God is love."



So, in conclusion

Work safely!



Why women live longer than men

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THE END

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God is within  
HER, She

WILL NOT FALL;

God will help her  
AT BREAK OF  
day 

Psalm 46:5



# Joshua 20:6, High Priest

- Numbers 35:25 =1<sup>st</sup>. Mention of *High Priest*
- Today is March 18, 2013
- Verse of the Day -- Hebrews 3:1 . . . *Jesus . . . the High Priest*

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY, Jesus is our High Priest.

- MINI BIBLE STUDY FOR THE DAY
- The necessity of Jesus being our High Priest stems from an Old Testament prophecy:
- . . . *thou art a priest forever.*" —Psalm 110:4 But His high-priestly work is different from the Old Testament in three ways:
- His is sinless. *For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.* —Hebrews 4:15
- His sacrifice was Himself. *Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.* —Hebrews 9:26
- His sacrifice needs never be repeated. *For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.* —Hebrews 7:26-27
- Since His ascension to heaven after the cross, He has taken His priestly position:
- . . . *we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the Heavens.* —Hebrews 8:1

# Joshua 20:7, Shechem

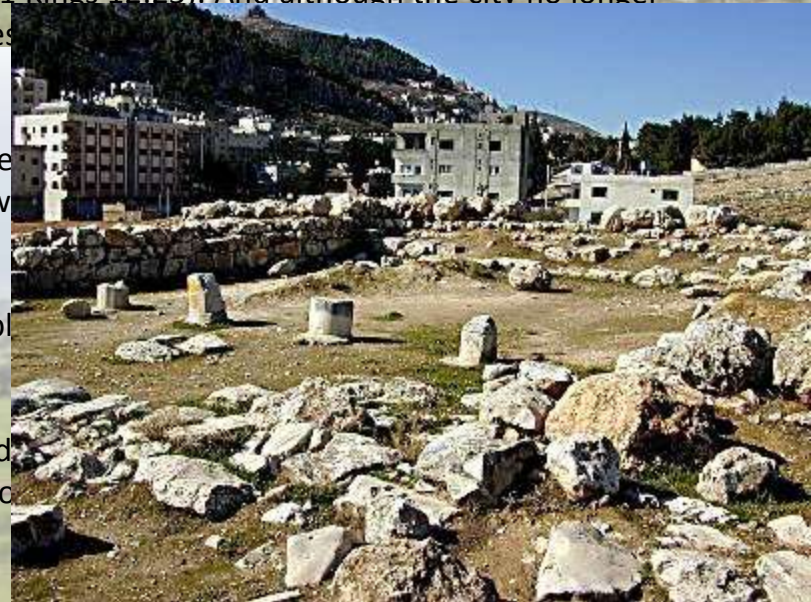
- **Shechem**

Why was the city of Shechem an important archaeological find? The ancient city of Shechem plays a prominent role in the Bible. The Lord spoke to Abraham near Shechem after commanding him to leave his home in Haran (Genesis 12:1-7). Jacob later settled near Shechem after leaving his father-in-law Laban in Padan Aram (Genesis 33:18). Simeon and Levi killed all the males of Shechem after the rape of their sister Dinah (Genesis 34). Shechem was allotted to the tribe of Ephraim following the Israelite conquest of the Promised Land (Joshua 20:7). Joseph was buried in Shechem after his body was exhumed and brought from Egypt (Joshua 24:32). Rehoboam was crowned in Shechem following the death of Solomon (1 Kings 12:1). Shechem briefly served as Jeroboam's capital following the division of the Kingdom into the Northern and Southern Kingdoms (1 Kings 12:25). And although the city no longer existed in Jesus' day, it was the original site of Jacob's Well where Jesus healed the Samaritan woman (John 4:1-42).

The city of Shechem is mentioned by name in Genesis, Joshua, Judges, Jeremiah, and Hosea. When the city of Shechem was discovered it was a significant biblical record.

Shechem is mentioned by other historical sources outside of the Bible, including Josephus.

This excavation has been identified as the Temple of Baal Berith (Judges 18:30) during Abimelech's government. It's also the building where Shechem's people were gathered (Joshua 20:7).





# Joshua 20:8, Golan

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- Jerusalem Inspiration
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understand that the ancestral link between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel  
spans all generations? The history of the Jewish people is written on the land!



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Prophet Isaiah, "He was wounded for our transgression's chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:5-6).

Although Messiah's death on the tree was a fragrant sacrifice—because of love. Yeshua gave His own life (Luke 22:42). He loved us enough to die for us. Sacrificial love always emits a beautiful fragrance.

An exhortation to believers from Rabbi Saul Steinbock mentions Yeshua's fragrant sacrifice: "And walk in love, as Messiah also has loved us, giving Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling aroma" (Ephesians 5:2).

Like the Burnt Offering (*olah*) of the Old Covenant, which gave forth "the smell of a sweet savor" unto God, Messiah's sacrifice "rose up" (the meaning of *olah*) to God. (See Genesis 8:21 and Exodus 29:18, 25.) The Greek word for "burnt offerings" in Hebrews 10:6, 8 is *holokautoma*, from which we get our English word "Holocaust." Yeshua became our "Holocaust" (whole burnt offering) outside the gates of Jerusalem at Golgotha (Hebrews 13:11-12). He understands the pain and anguish of the Holocaust of the 1930s - 1940s like no one else. And He was weeping when it happened.

### The Final Sacrifice

Yeshua fulfilled more than one aspect of the Old Testament sacrificial system. He became both the final, atoning sacrifice for sin, AND the High Priest (*Cohen Gadol*) who offered the sacrifice. The Book of Hebrews expounds beautifully on His dual role. "But Messiah came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption." (Hebrews 9:11-12)

The writer of Hebrews says of Yeshua, "But now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself" (Hebrews 9:26). "And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had

The hour we lose  
this weekend was  
the one when I was  
planning to go to  
the gym.



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# Joshua

## Shabbat Inspiration

Throughout the Bible, God does wonders and miracles to save the Jewish people, yet it is the Torah's way that people should conduct themselves in a natural manner. Only if necessary will God intervene with open miracles. Today's verse describes how in Nehemiah's time, the Jews working to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem would work with one hand while holding weapons of self-defense in the other. Though they rely on their own strength for protection, they remember that the Lord is the source of that strength, and only if He wills it will they be successful. At the swearing-in ceremonies for the Israeli army, each soldier is handed both a gun to hold in one hand and a Hebrew Bible to hold in the other. In this way, Israeli soldiers are the spiritual descendants of Nehemiah's workforce who are reminded that it is not their strength alone that protects the nation.