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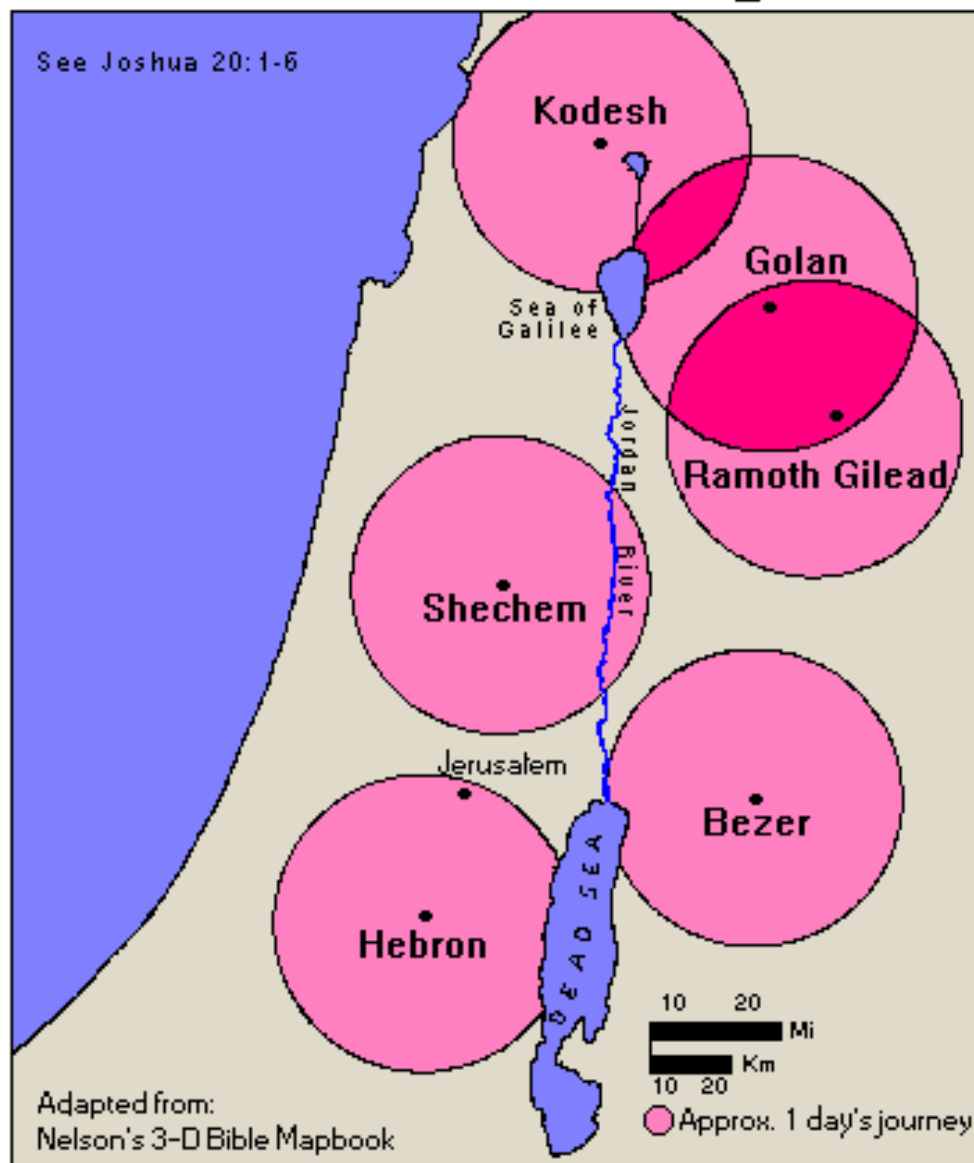
- In our war against sin, the flesh, and Satan we can't afford to complain about it, put it off, or sweep it under the carpet.
- In Joshua 13-22, we get a sense of urgency that relates to our stories.

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- One of the most important things God will do for His people is provide 6 cities of refuge.
- They were a place of safety for those who killed someone else.

Cities of Refuge

See Joshua 20:1-6



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- Important facts about the cities:
- 1. The roads to the cities were clear and well-marked
- 2. Most people lived within one day's journey

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- The names of the cities are also interesting
- **Joshua 20:7-9** (English Standard Version) ⁷So 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. ⁸And beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, they appointed Bezer in the wilderness on the tableland, from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead, from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan, from the tribe of Manasseh. ⁹These were the cities designated for all the people of Israel and for the stranger sojourning among them, that anyone who killed a person without intent could flee there, so that he might not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, till he stood before the congregation.

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- Kedesh= righteousness
- Shechen= shoulder
- Hebron= fellowship
- Bezer= fortress
- Ramoth= heights
- Golan= exile/captivity

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- If you're that guy...you've killed someone and there's no doubt; what can you do when they come for you?
- You'd run to a city of refuge!
- You ARE guilty!
- You ARE being chased by God to pay for your sin.
- You MUST run to Christ, the Person of refuge, to be saved.

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- Remember Caleb?
- The righteous, faithful spy
- He's 85 years old now and comes to Joshua

- **Joshua 14:6-12** (English Standard Version) ⁶Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. ⁷I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. ⁸But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the LORD my God. ⁹And Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.' ¹⁰And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. ¹¹ I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. ¹²So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the LORD said."

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- Caleb wasn't:
- Looking back and longing for yesterday.
- Looking around and whining about today.
- Looking ahead and worrying about tomorrow.
- He asked for giants to kill and mountains to climb!

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- Spiritual “Calebs” ask the Lord for something big and help set the pace for others!
- Only 6 times in Scripture does it say someone “wholeheartedly followed the Lord”.
- 3 times about Caleb!
- Caleb's time was short and he wanted to make the most of it.

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- **Joshua 17:14-15** (English Standard Version)

¹⁴Then the people of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given me but one lot and one portion as an inheritance, although I am a numerous people, since all along the LORD has blessed me?" ¹⁵And Joshua said to them, "If you are a numerous people, go up by yourselves to the forest, and there clear ground for yourselves in the land of the Perizzites and the Rephaim, since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you."

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- 2 things to note about Manasseh's and Ephraim's land:
- It was generous, beautiful, and fertile.
- All they had to do was clear out the remaining villages.

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- Joshua recalls God's power.
- Joshua reminds them of God's provision.
- Joshua reminds them of God's promises.

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- **Joshua 17:16-18** (English Standard Version) ¹⁶The people of Joseph said, "The hill country is not enough for us. Yet all the Canaanites who dwell in the plain have chariots of iron, both those in Beth-shean and its villages and those in the Valley of Jezreel." ¹⁷Then Joshua said to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and Manasseh, "You are a numerous people and have great power. You shall not have one allotment only, ¹⁸but the hill country shall be yours, for though it is a forest, you shall clear it and possess it to its farthest borders. For you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong."

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- These are the "iron chariot" sins.
- What causes you to complain against God?
- Stop it! It's kicking against the thorns and comes from selfishness.
- Don't complain; take what God has given you and in faith ask for a giant to kill and a mountain to climb!

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- “You can drive them out”.
- Drive them out!
- Kill and bury everything of sin and the flesh.
- Give yourself over to Christ's cleansing purposes.

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- Run to Christ for refuge today!
- Finish unfinished business.

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- **We're back!!**
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