



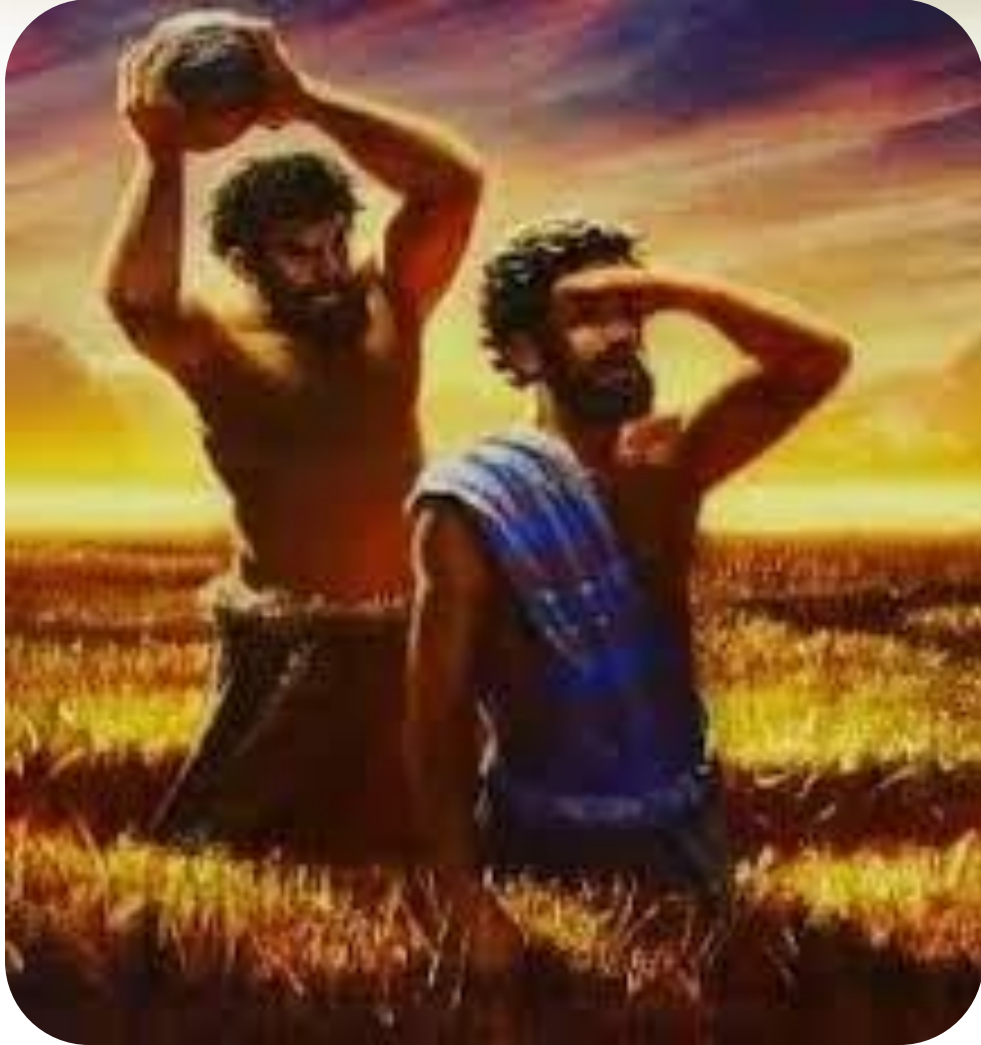
*Welcome to Rehoboth
New Life Center
Bible Study
June 7th, 2022*

The Cities of Refuge and the Avenger of Blood



Numbers 35:6 And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities.

The Reason for the Cities of Refuge



- Exodus 21:12 “Anyone who strikes a person with a fatal blow is to be put to death.
- 13 However, **if it is not done intentionally**, but God lets it happen, they are to flee to a place I will designate. 14 But if anyone schemes and kills someone deliberately, that person is to be taken from my altar and put to death.

David Selects The 24 Clans to Serve

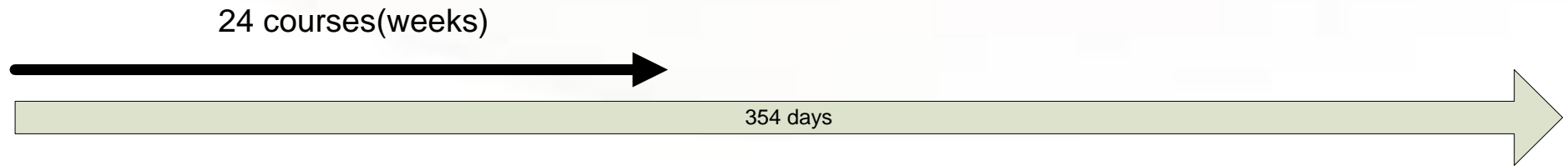
THE COURSES OF THE PRIESTS

1 Chr 24:7	1. Jehoiarib	2. Jedaiah
1 Chr 24:8	3. Harim	4. Seorim
1 Chr 24:9	5. Malchijah	6. Mijamin
1 Chr 24:10	7. Hakkoz	8. Abijah
1 Chr 24:11	9. Jeshuah	10. Shecaniah
1 Chr 24:12	11. Eliashib	12. Jakim
1 Chr 24:13	13. Huppah	14. Jeshebeab
1 Chr 24:14	15. Bilgah	16. Immer
1 Chr 24:15	17. Hezir	18. Aphses
1 Chr 24:16	19. Pethahiah	20. Jehezekel
1 Chr 24:17	21. Jachim	22. Gamul
1 Chr 24:18	23. Delaiah	24. Maaziah

Along with preparation for the construction of the temple, David classified the Levites to take upon the sacred positions and organized the priests into 24 divisions. He selected the 24 divisions of priests by casting lots and 16 patriarchs from the household of Eleazar and 8 patriarchs from the household of Ithamar; the 24 patriarchs altogether became the head of the 24 divisions.

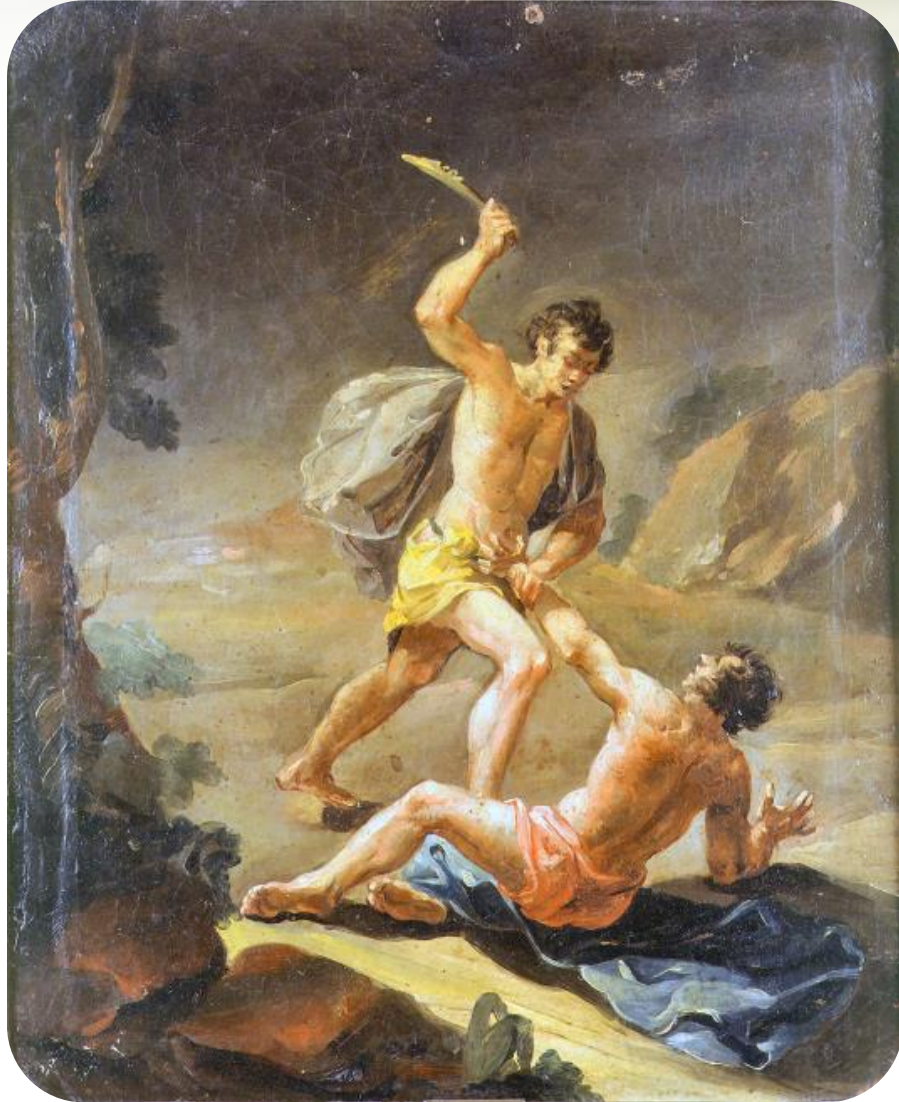
Revelation 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Each clan had two cities!
Each clan served twice a year



24 courses times 1 week, equals 24 weeks that have been served by the twenty-four courses.

God Demands Justice



- Genesis 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.
- Romans 5:13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

The Goel Ha Dam “The avenger of Blood



- Numbers 35:12 And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment.
- 19 The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him.

Blood money was not acceptable



- Numbers 35:31 Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death.
- 32 And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.
- 33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, *but by the blood of him that shed it.*



The avenger of blood needed two witnesses!

Deuteronomy 17:6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

Zechariah 4:11 ¶Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? 12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? 13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Who are the two witnesses?



- Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:
- Who has not died?

Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

2 Kings 2:1 ¶And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

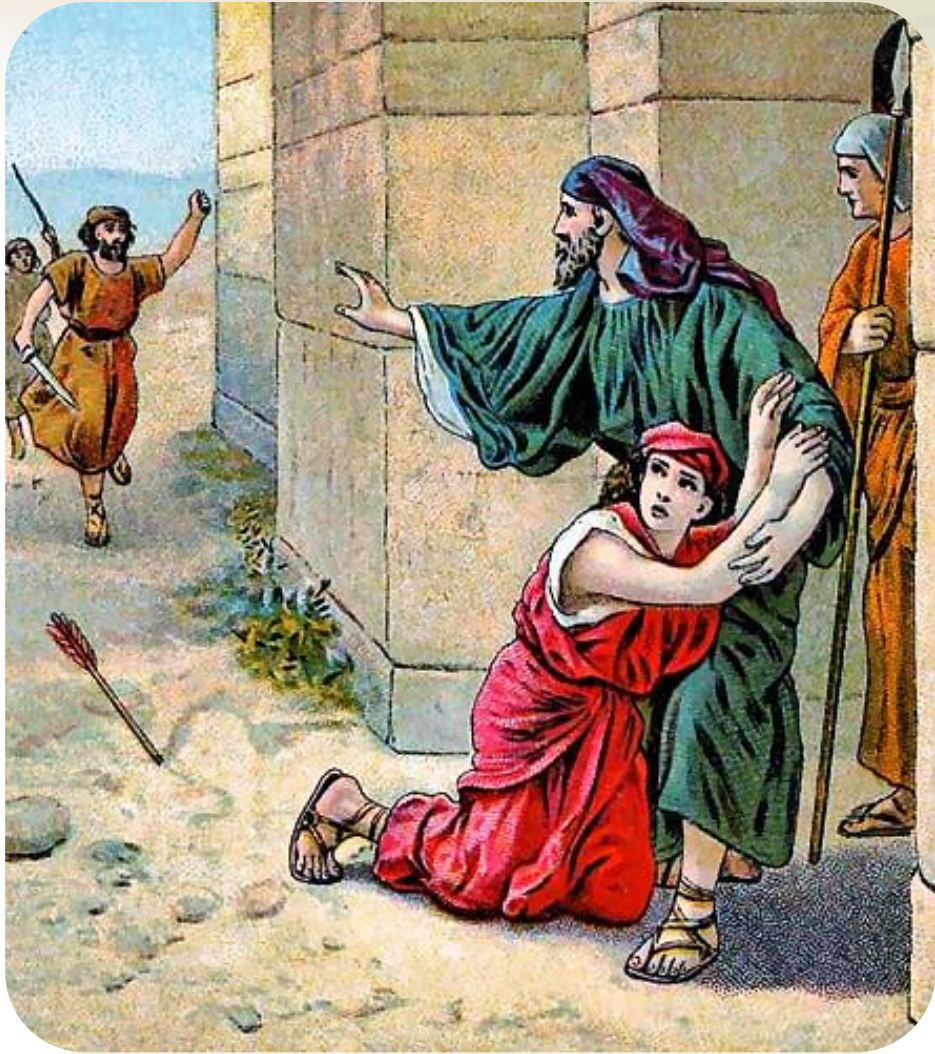
The avenger of blood needed two witnesses!



Deuteronomy 17:6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

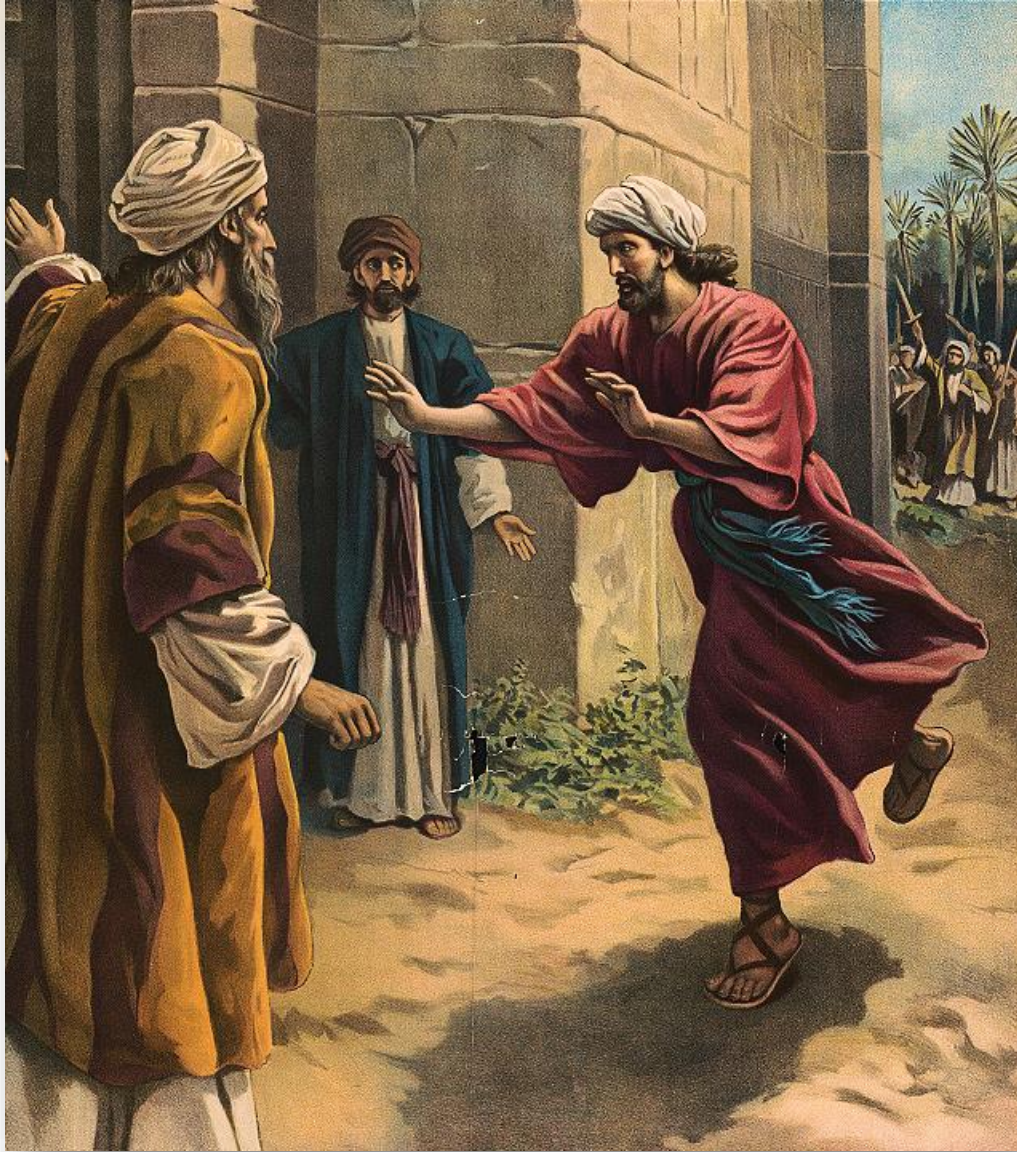
Revelation 11:3 ¶And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. 4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

The Rule



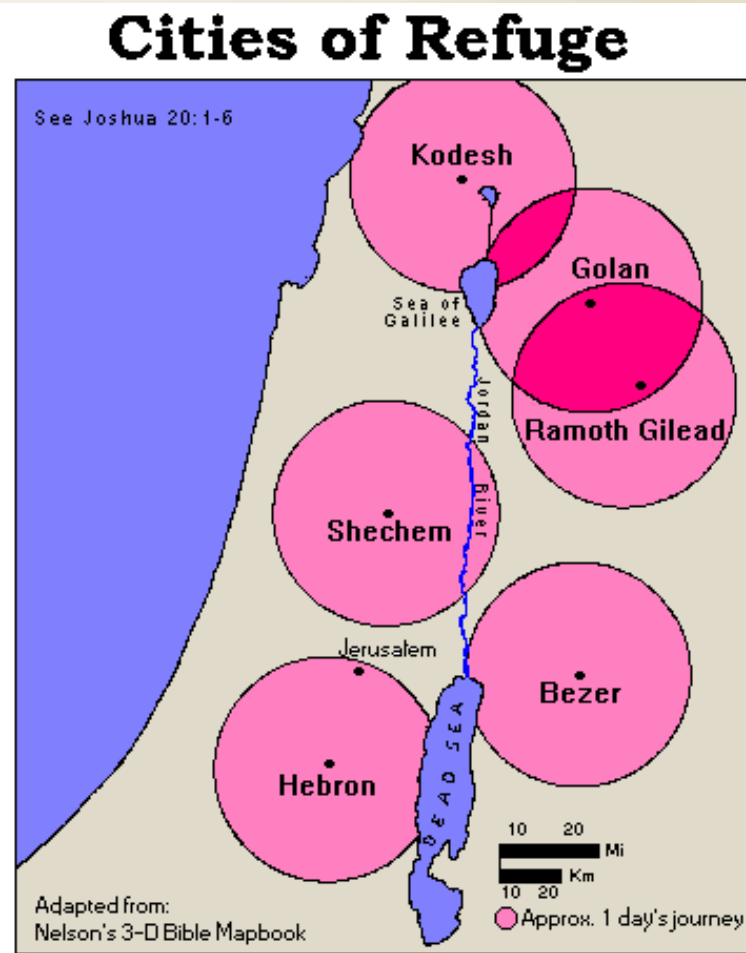
- Numbers 35:24 Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments:
- 25 And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil.

The Rule



- 26 But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled;
- 27 And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood:
- 28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.

The cities of refuge



Numbers 35:14 Ye shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, which shall be cities of refuge.

The meaning of the names

- KODESH=to consecrate, sanctify, prepare, dedicate, be hallowed, be holy, be sanctified, be separate.
- SHECHEM= neck as a place of burden; to incline shoulder; to load up a man or a beast with a burden.
- HEBRON= to unite, join, bind together, be joined, be in league, have fellowship with, be compact.

The meaning of the names

- BEZER= to gather, restrain, fence, fortify, make inaccessible, enclose.
-
- RAMOTH= to be lifted up, to be raised.
-
- GOLAN= to uncover, remove ,to reveal (as God reveals Himself)

David Selects The 24 Clans to Serve

THE COURSES OF THE PRIESTS

1 Chr 24:7	1. Jehoiarib	2. Jedaiah
1 Chr 24:8	3. Harim	4. Seorim
1 Chr 24:9	5. Malchijah	6. Mijamin
1 Chr 24:10	7. Hakkoz	8. Abijah
1 Chr 24:11	9. Jeshuah	10. Shecaniah
1 Chr 24:12	11. Eliashib	12. Jakim
1 Chr 24:13	13. Huppah	14. Jeshebeab
1 Chr 24:14	15. Bilgah	16. Immer
1 Chr 24:15	17. Hezir	18. Aphses
1 Chr 24:16	19. Pethahiah	20. Jehezekel
1 Chr 24:17	21. Jachim	22. Gamul
1 Chr 24:18	23. Delaiah	24. Maaziah

Along with preparation for the construction of the temple, David classified the Levites to take upon the sacred positions and organized the priests into 24 divisions. He selected the 24 divisions of priests by casting lots and 16 patriarchs from the household of Eleazar and 8 patriarchs from the household of Ithamar; the 24 patriarchs altogether became the head of the 24 divisions.

Revelation 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Revelation :

**God is our refuge
and strength, an
ever-present
help in trouble.**

– Psalm 46:1 –

- Avenger of Blood is also
- Our city of refuge!
- Psalms 46:1 ¶<<To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth.>> *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*



Our city of refuge



- Psalms 91:1 ¶He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say of the LORD, *He is my refuge and my fortress*: my God; in him will I trust.
- 9 ¶*Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;*
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Jesus our “Kodesh” Holy Place



Jesus is your Kodesh(Holy place) where you're pronounced pure again and whole again!

Luke 4:34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? ***I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.***

Jesus is our “Shechem “ shoulder”



A place where He offers His and shoulders for your burden.

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and **the government shall be upon his shoulder**: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Jesus is our Hebron “fellowship”



1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called *unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

John 13:8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me(NO FELLOWSHIP!) .

Jesus is our “Bezer” a place of safety

A remote fortress



John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Revelation 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might ***fly into the wilderness, into her place,*** where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

A place where He keeps you inaccessible from others to get you.

Jesus is our “Ramoth” place of lifting!



- A place where you're lifted out of your pit and placed on solid ground.
- Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

Jesus is our “Golan”



- A place where your shame, pain and hurt are uncovered and removed and God is revealed in a new glory!
- Literally “Their captivity, There rejoicing”

Jesus is our “Golan”



- Revelation 21:1 ¶ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
- 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
- 4 *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;* and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Come running to the Mercy Seat



Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.