

Last But Not Least--The Levites **Joshua 20, 21**

Where to flee to for protection, 20:1-9

- God had prescribed six Cities of Refuge: Ex. 21:12-14, Dt. 4:41-43, 19:1-13, Num. 35:9ff. This guaranteed a fair trial for manslaughter.
- These cities were spread out and easily accessible with good roads.
- 20:6—only a death can atone for killing someone, Num. 35:31-34.
What should this remind us of? Rom. 6:23, Heb. 7:25-27

Where to live in order to serve the Lord, 21:1-42

- Levites shared the fate of Simeon (Gen. 49:7) which is ever repeated (13:14,33, 18:7), yet they are chosen, Ex. 32:26-29, Num. 25:6-13.
- What should they do? See Dt. 33:8-10, II Chron. 17:6-9, Josh. 22:13.
What should this remind us of? I Pt. 2:5, Mtt. 5:13-16, 28:19,20

Who to trust in to always fulfill a promise, 21:43-45

- These triumphant-sounding verses are key, as they proclaim God's promise to give the land in 1:2,3,6 has now been fulfilled.
- Some wrongly take this fulfillment as negating any future land promises for Israel. But the land was to be forever theirs (Gen. 17:8) plus it wasn't fully possessed (13:1-7), and they lose it later. Thus, we expect to see a full restoration for Israel in the future.

What should this remind us of? See Jn. 14:2,3, I Jn. 2:25, Heb. 13:14, Rev. 21:2.

