

## **~PRIESTS CITIES (436)**

- **Locations in the Promised Land that were set aside as places of residence for the Aaronic priests and their families. Of the 48 cities given to the tribe of Levi by Israel's other tribes, 13 were assigned to the Kohathite priests of Aaron's family.**
- **The heads of the fathers of the Levites now approached Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel. (Joshua 21:1)**
- **And they proceeded to speak to them in Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying; Yehowah by means of Moses commanded cities to be given us in which to dwell, together with their pasture grounds for our domestic animals. (Joshua 21:2)**
- **So the sons of Israel gave the Levites, at the order of Yehowah, these cities and their pasture grounds out of their inheritance. (Joshua 21:3)**
- **Then the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites, and thirteen cities came to belong to the sons of Aaron the priest, of the Levites, by lot, out of the tribe of Judah and out of the tribe of the Simeonites and out of the tribe of Benjamin. (Joshua 21:4)**
- **And for the sons of Kohath that were left over there were by lot ten cities out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim and out of the tribe of Dan and out of the half tribe of Manasseh. (Joshua 21:5)**
- **And for the sons of Gershon there were by lot thirteen cities out of the families of the tribe of Issachar and out of the tribe of Asher and out of the tribe of Naphtali and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan. (Joshua 21:6)**
- **For the sons of Merari by their families there were twelve cities out of the tribe of Reuben and out of the tribe of Gad and out of the tribe of Zebulun. (Joshua 21:7)**
- **Thus the sons of Israel gave the Levites these cities and their pasture grounds by lot, just as Yehowah had commanded by means of Moses. (Joshua 21:8)**

- So out of the tribe of the sons of Judah and out of the tribe of the sons of Simeon they gave these cities that were called by name. **(Joshua 21:9)**
- And they came to belong to the sons of Aaron out of the families of the Kohathites of the sons of Levi, because the first lot became theirs. **(Joshua 21:10)**
- Thus they gave them Kiriath-arba, said Arba being the father of Anak, that is to say; Hebron, in the mountainous region of Judah, and its pasture ground all around it. **(Joshua 21:11)**
- And the field of the city and its settlements they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as his possession. **(Joshua 21:12)**
- And to the sons of Aaron the priest they gave the city of refuge for the manslayer, namely, Hebron, and its pasture ground, also Libnah and its pasture ground. **(Joshua 21:13)**
- And Jattir and its pasture ground, and Eshtemoa and its pasture ground. **(Joshua 21:14)**
- And Holon and its pasture ground, and Debir and its pasture ground. **(Joshua 21:15)**
- And Ain and its pasture ground, and Juttah and its pasture ground, Beth-shemesh and its pasture ground, nine cities out of these two tribes. **(Joshua 21:16)**
- And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon and its pasture ground, Geba and its pasture ground. **(Joshua 21:17)**
- Anathoth and its pasture ground, and Almon and its pasture ground, four cities. **(Joshua 21:18)**
- All the cities of the sons of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities and their pasture grounds. **(Joshua 21:19)**
- And for the families of the sons of Kohath, the Levites who were left over of the sons of Kohath, there came to be by their lot cities out of the tribe of Ephraim. **(Joshua 21:20)**
- Accordingly they gave them the city of refuge for the manslayer,

namely, Shechem, and its pasture ground in the mountainous region of Ephraim, and Gezer and its pasture ground. ([Joshua 21:21](#))

- And Kibzaim and its pasture ground, and Beth-horon and its pasture ground, four cities. ([Joshua 21:22](#))
- And from the tribe of Dan, Elteke and its pasture ground, Gibbethon and its pasture ground. ([Joshua 21:23](#))
- Aijalon and its pasture ground, Gath-rimmon and its pasture ground, four cities. ([Joshua 21:24](#))
- And from the half tribe of Manasseh, Taanach and its pasture ground, and Gath-rimmon and its pasture ground, two cities. ([Joshua 21:25](#))
- All the cities together with their pasture grounds that the families of the sons of Kohath who were left over had were ten. ([Joshua 21:26](#))
- And for the sons of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, there was out of the half tribe of Manasseh the city of refuge for the manslayer, namely, Golan, in Bashan, and its pasture ground, and Beeshterah and its pasture ground, two cities. ([Joshua 21:27](#))
- And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion and its pasture ground, Daberath and its pasture ground. ([Joshua 21:28](#))
- Jarmuth and its pasture ground, En-gannim and its pasture ground, four cities. ([Joshua 21:29](#))
- And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal and its pasture ground, Abdon and its pasture ground. ([Joshua 21:30](#))
- Helkath and its pasture ground, and Rehob and its pasture ground, four cities. ([Joshua 21:31](#))
- And out of the tribe of Naphtali, the city of refuge for the manslayer, namely, Kedesh in Galilee, and its pasture ground, and Hammoth-dor and its pasture ground, and Kartan and its pasture ground, three cities. ([Joshua 21:32](#))
- All the cities of the Gershonites by their families were thirteen

cities and their pasture grounds. (**Joshua 21:33**)

- And the families of the sons of Merari, the Levites who were left over, had out of the tribe of Zebulun Jokneam and its pasture ground, Kartah and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:34**)
- Dimnah and its pasture ground, Nahalal and its pasture ground, four cities. (**Joshua 21:35**)
- And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer and its pasture ground, and Jahaz and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:36**)
- Kedemoth and its pasture ground, and Mephaath and its pasture ground, four cities. (**Joshua 21:37**)
- And out of the tribe of Gad, the city of refuge for the manslayer, namely, Ramoth in Gilead, and its pasture ground, and Mahanaim and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:38**)
- Heshbon and its pasture ground, Jazer and its pasture ground, all the cities being four. (**Joshua 21:39**)
- All the cities that came to belong to the sons of Merari by their families, who were left over from the families of the Levites, were, as their lot, twelve cities. (**Joshua 21:40**)
- All the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the sons of Israel were forty-eight cities together with their pasture grounds. (**Joshua 21:41**)
- These cities came to be each a city together with its pasture ground all around it, thus as to all these cities. (**Joshua 21:42**)
- And these were their dwelling places by their walled camps in their territory, for the sons of Aaron belonging to the family of the Kohathites, for the lot had come to be theirs. (**1 Chronicles 6:54**)
- Accordingly they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, with its pasture grounds all around it. (**1 Chronicles 6:55**)
- And the field of the city and its settlements they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. (**1 Chronicles 6:56**)

- **And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, Hebron, and Libnah with its pasture grounds and Jattir and Eshtemoa with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:57)**
- **And Hilen with its pasture grounds, Debir with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:58)**
- **And Ashan with its pasture grounds and Beth-shemesh with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:59)**
- **And from the tribe of Benjamin Geba with its pasture grounds and Alemeth with its pasture grounds and Anathoth with its pasture grounds. All their cities were thirteen cities among their families. (1 Chronicles 6:60)**
- **And to the sons of Kohath that were left over they gave from the family of the tribe, from the half tribe, the half of Manasseh, by the lot ten cities. (1 Chronicles 6:61)**
- **And to the sons of Gershom by their families they gave from the tribe of Issachar and from the tribe of Asher and from the tribe of Naphtali and from the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. (1 Chronicles 6:62)**
- **To the sons of Merari by their families they gave from the tribe of Reuben and from the tribe of Gad and from the tribe of Zebulun by the lot twelve cities. (1 Chronicles 6:63)**
- **Thus the sons of Israel gave the Levites the cities with their pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:64)**
- **Furthermore, by the lot they gave from the tribe of the sons of Judah and from the tribe of the sons of Simeon and from the tribe of the sons of Benjamin these cities, which they proceeded to call by names. (1 Chronicles 6:65)**
- **And some of the families of the sons of Kohath came to have the cities of their territory from the tribe of Ephraim. (1 Chronicles 6:66)**
- **Accordingly they gave them the cities of refuge, Shechem with its pasture grounds in the mountainous region of Ephraim, and Gezer with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:67)**

- And Jokmeam with its pasture grounds and Beth-horon with its pasture grounds. ([1 Chronicles 6:68](#))
- And Aijalon with its pasture grounds and Gath-rimmon with its pasture grounds. ([1 Chronicles 6:69](#))
- And from half of the tribe of Manasseh, Aner with its pasture grounds and Bileam with its pasture grounds, to the family of the sons of Kohath that were left over. ([1 Chronicles 6:70](#))
- And to the sons of Gershom they gave from the family of the half tribe of Manasseh Golan in Bashan with its pasture grounds and Ashtaroth with its pasture grounds. ([1 Chronicles 6:71](#))
- And from the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh with its pasture grounds and Daberath with its pasture grounds. ([1 Chronicles 6:72](#))
- And Ramoth with its pasture grounds and Anem with its pasture grounds. ([1 Chronicles 6:73](#))
- And from the tribe of Asher, Mashal with its pasture grounds and Abdon with its pasture grounds. ([1 Chronicles 6:74](#))
- And Hukok with its pasture grounds and Rehob with its pasture grounds. ([1 Chronicles 6:75](#))
- And from the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its pasture grounds and Hammon with its pasture grounds and Kiriathaim with its pasture grounds. ([1 Chronicles 6:76](#))
- To the sons of Merari that were left over they gave from the tribe of Zebulun Rimmono with its pasture grounds, Tabor with its pasture grounds. ([1 Chronicles 6:77](#))
- And in the region of the Jordan at Jericho to the east of the Jordan, from the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with its pasture grounds and Jahaz with its pasture grounds. ([1 Chronicles 6:78](#))
- And Kedemoth with its pasture grounds and Mephaath with its pasture grounds. ([1 Chronicles 6:79](#))
- And from the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its pasture grounds and Mahanaim with its pasture grounds. ([1 Chronicles](#)

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- **And Heshbon with its pasture grounds and Jazer with its pasture grounds. (1 Chronicles 6:81)**
- **The tribes of Judah and Simeon gave them nine cities and four were given by the tribe of Benjamin. Thus, all the cities of the sons of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities and their pasture grounds.**
- **Then the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites, and thirteen cities came to belong to the sons of Aaron the priest, of the Levites, by lot, out of the tribe of Judah and out of the tribe of the Simeonites and out of the tribe of Benjamin. (Joshua 21:4)**
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- **All the cities of the sons of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities and their pasture grounds. (Joshua 21:19)**
- **These cities were Hebron, a city of refuge, Libnah, Jattir, Eshtemoa, Holon, apparently Hilen, Debir, Ain, or Ashan, Juttah, Beth-shemesh, Gibeon, Geba, Anathoth, and Almon, or Alemeth, all except Juttah and Gibeon again being named at;**
- **And these were their dwelling places by their walled camps in their territory, for the sons of Aaron belonging to the family of the Kohathites, for the lot had come to be theirs. (1 Chronicles 6:54)**
- **Accordingly they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, with its pasture grounds all around it. (1 Chronicles 6:55)**
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- **David sent word to priests in their various cities to gather together when he was about to bring the ark of Yehowah to Jerusalem.**
- **And David proceeded to consult with the chiefs of the thousands and of the hundreds and with every leader. (1 Chronicles 13:1)**



- And David went on to say to all the congregation of Israel; If it seems good to you and it is acceptable with Yehowah our God, let us send to our brothers that are left over in all the lands of Israel and with them to the priests and the Levites in their cities with pasture grounds, that they may collect themselves together to us. (1 Chronicles 13:2)
- And let us bring the ark of our God around to ourselves. For they had not cared for it in the days of Saul. (1 Chronicles 13:3)
- So all the congregation said to do that way, for the thing seemed right in the eyes of all the people. (1 Chronicles 13:4)
- Accordingly David congregated all Israel from the river of Egypt as far as the entering of Hamath, to bring the ark of the true God from Kiriath-jearim. (1 Chronicles 13:5)
- And specific reference is made to the appointment of men to distribute contributed portions to their priestly brothers residing in **priests** cities during King Hezekiah's reign.
- At this Hezekiah said to prepare dining rooms in the house of Yehowah. Accordingly they prepared them. (2 Chronicles 31:11)
- And they kept bringing in the contribution and the tenth and the holy things in faithfulness, and Conaniah the Levite was in charge of them as leader, and Shimei his brother was second. (2 Chronicles 31:12)
- And Jehiel and Azaziah and Nahath and Asahel and Jerimoth and Jozabad and Eliel and Ismachiah and Mahath and Benaiah were commissioners at the side of Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by the order of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah was the leading one of the house of the true God. (2 Chronicles 31:13)
- And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite was the gatekeeper to the east, in charge of the voluntary offerings of the true God, to give Yehowah's contribution and the most holy things. (2 Chronicles 31:14)
- And under his control there were Eden and Miniamin and Jeshua and Shemaiah, Amariah and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in office of trust, to give to their brothers in the divisions,

equally to great and small. (2 Chronicles 31:15)

- Apart from their genealogical enrollment of the males from three years of age upward, of all those coming to the house of Yehowah as a daily matter of course, for their service by their obligations according to their divisions. (2 Chronicles 31:16)
- This is the genealogical enrollment of the priests by the house of their fathers and also of the Levites, from the age of twenty years upward, by their obligations in their divisions. (2 Chronicles 31:17)
- Both for the genealogical enrollment among all their little ones, their wives and their sons and their daughters, for all the congregation, because in their office of trust they proceeded to sanctify themselves for what was holy. (2 Chronicles 31:18)
- And for the sons of Aaron, the priests, in the fields of pasture ground of their cities. In all the different cities there were men that had been designated by their names, to give portions to every male among the priests and to the entire genealogical enrollment among the Levites. (2 Chronicles 31:19)