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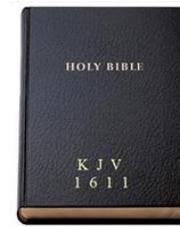
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Survey Of The Bible I

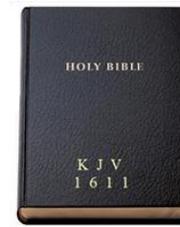
Genesis-Deuteronomy



Num 31-36

- The children of Israel slew all the adult males of Midian including 5 (# of DEATH) kings and Balaam, but they spared all the women and children and spoiled all the cattle and goods (31:8-9)
 - Moses commanded them to kill all the male children and all the women who were not virgins (31:18)
 - If this happened today, almost all would refuse on the grounds that it was barbaric and inhumane, and Moses would be brought up on “war crimes” for “ethnic cleansing”
 - The mathematical calculations that follow (31:36-46) are perfect cf. (7:84-88)
 - Not a single man of the 12,000 died in battle against the Midianites (31:49)
 - Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh wanted to dwell in the land of COMPROMISE rather than the land of PROMISE- it all started WHEN THEY SAW the land (32:1) cf. (Gen 3:6)
 - Their excuse was that they had a lot of cattle and the land of Jazer and Gilead would accommodate them (32:4-5)- why didn't they trust the Lord to provide for them in the Promised Land?
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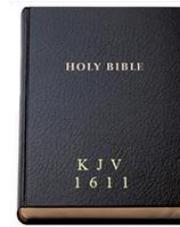




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- They typify **CARNAL CHRISTIANS** who want immediate gratification rather than to wait on the Lord; they want to be close to the Lord but stay in the world
- They offered to fight with their brethren and make sure they possessed their inheritance before going back and settling in theirs (32:16-19)
- They were willing to **MEDDLE** for their brethren , but **SETTLE** for themselves- there are Christians who will help other Christians to live a victorious life while not wanting to live it themselves
- A total of 40 locations are mentioned in the journeys of Israel from Egypt to Canaan (33:3-49)
- **THE EGYPTIANS BURIED (33:4)**= unlike the pagans who cremated their dead, the Egyptians practiced burial and innovated methods of bodily preservation and entombment (e.g.- embalming, mummification, sarcophagus', pyramids, etc.)
- **DESTROY ALL THEIR PICTURES (33:52)**= the word **PICTURE** is changed in all the new bibles: “carved images” (NIV); “figured stones” (NASB); “engraved stones” (NKJV)
- The heathen used **PICTURES** as part of their idolatrous worship (Isa 2:16; Eze 8:10; 23:14)





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- The borders of the land first possessed by the 12 tribes of Israel (34:1-15) were not the same as the original land grant promised to Abraham (Gen 15:18; Deu 12:20; 19:8; Jud 2:20-23)

The Borders Of The Land Possessed By The 9 ½ Tribes

1. SOUTH= the Dead sea (34:3)
 2. WEST= the Mediterranean sea (34:5-6)
 3. NORTH= Hazar-enan (34:9)
 4. EAST= the Jordan river (34:10-12)
- The Levites were appointed 48 cities and their suburbs to dwell in throughout the 12 tribes of Israel (35:1-8)
 - ✓ Six of the 48 cities were cities of refuge (35:6); three on each side of the Jordan (35:14)
 - ✓ The distribution of cities was not equal among the tribes but based on the number of cities each tribe possessed (35:8)
 - ✓ The likely reason these cities were among the 12 tribes was so they all would be directly exposed to the spiritual influence of the Levites
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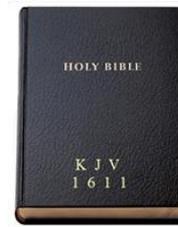




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- The cities of refuge were Levitical cities that manslayers could flee to or dwell in with secured protection from the avenger of blood (35:11-12)
 - *Manslayers* are defined as those accused of murder who have yet to be tried, and those who have been tried and found innocent
 - If the manslayer chose not to flee to a city of refuge, whether he was truly guilty or innocent of murder, he was presumed GUILTY because he did not seek legal protection and justice; therefore, if he was killed by the avenger of blood, the avenger of blood was not guilty of murder
 - The manslayer dwelled safely and securely in the city of refuge until the time of trial before the congregation- if found guilty, he was delivered into the hands of the avenger of blood; if found innocent, he was granted continued sanctuary in the city of refuge until the death of the high priest (35:24-25; Jos 20:6)
 - If the manslayer left the confines of the city of refuge before the death of the high priest, and was killed by the avenger of blood, the avenger of blood was not guilty of murder (35:26-27)
 - Following the death of the high priest, the manslayer was free to return home (35:28)- if the avenger of blood killed him at this time, he was guilty of murder
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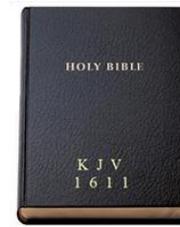
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The 6 Cities Of Refuge cf. (Jos 20:7-8)

1. Kedesh (in Galilee in mount Naphtali)
 2. Shechem (in mount Ephraim)
 3. Kirjath-arba (Hebron)
 4. Bezer (within the inheritance of Reuben)
 5. Ramoth-Gilead (within the inheritance of Gad)
 6. Golan (in Bashan within the inheritance of Manasseh)
- } Located west of Jordan
- } Located east of Jordan

- Spiritually, the cities of refuge typify CHRIST
- Those tried and found not guilty dwelled in the city of refuge until the death of the high priest; similarly, Christians are JUSTIFIED by God (Rom 5:1; 8:1) and since our high priest EVER LIVETH (Heb 7:25), we are safe and secure IN him FOREVER (Heb 6:18-20)
- Prophetically, the entire scene presented by the cities of refuge pictures the flight of Israel from the Antichrist during the last half of the Tribulation (Matt 24:15-16; Rev 12:6,14)

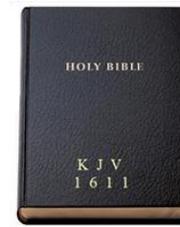




Num 31-36

- The Lord will prepare “cities of refuge” for Israel to flee to in the wilderness, most notable of these is SELAH PETRA (“rest in the rock”)
- Petra is located in the south of Edom in one of the most inaccessible places on the earth
- The only entrance to the city is an extremely narrow (i.e.- no more than 12 feet wide) gorge extending about a mile long, situated between towering red granite cliffs
- This gorge eventually opens out and descends to the Red Rock Canyon, the place of the “rose red city”, which contains the Carved Rock Temple
- For decades, Christians have been storing Bibles and tracts in the city, in anticipation of the inevitable arrival of thousands of Jews in the Tribulation

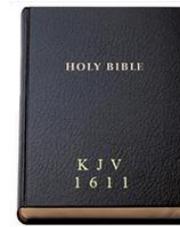




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- If a man had no sons to pass his inheritance on to, it would pass on to his daughters (27:8); in order to PRESERVE the inheritance and prevent it from moving from one tribe to another, any daughters who inherited land had to marry within their tribe (36:6-9)





Deu- Introduction

- **Statistics:** 34 chapters; 959 verses; 28,352 words
 - **Author:** Moses
 - **Date:** 1450 BC
 - **Theme:** The book of REMEMBRANCE

 - Deuteronomy is a compound Greek word: *Deutero*= “second”; *nomos*= “law”
 - It repeats the law to a generation that grew up in the wilderness and is about to possess the land
 - While the land was PROMISED under the unconditional Abrahamic covenant, the land was POSSESSED under the conditional Palestinian covenant
 - Israel would later violate the conditions of this covenant and be cast out of the land (2 Kin 17; 25), but the same covenant promises a national restoration that will be fulfilled at the Second Coming
 - DEUTERONOMY holds the same position in the Torah as JOHN does in the Gospels- both provide a more SPIRITUAL perspective to HISTORIAL events
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