

LESSON #11 DIVISION OF THE LAND

Joshua 13:1-19:51

Principle: God ordains the circumstances of our lives.

Use this lesson outline to record your notes as you watch the Lesson 11 video.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT: DON'T STOP NOW!

13:1-7

- **God's intent is not just to begin a work in us but to bring it to completion.**

II. ALLOTMENT OF LAND

13:8-19:51

- **God gives to each the life which accomplishes His purposes.**

III. ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD'S ALLOTMENT

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- **The Christian's attitude toward the life God has given him determines the extent to which he experiences God's fullness and blessing.**

LESSON #12**SPECIAL CITIES****Joshua 20:1-21:45****Subject: Israel sets aside special cities for protection and the priesthood.****Please answer these lesson questions for the next lesson prior to watching the Lesson 12 video.****Review**

1. What thought about the division of the land challenges you most in your spiritual life?

Read Joshua 20:1-9. Numbers 35:6-34**Cities of Refuge**

In ancient times when there was not a well established legal system, if a person was killed by another, either accidentally or intentionally, the victim's family would appoint an "avenger of blood." It was the duty of this family member to find the killer and carry out justice by killing him.

2. Why were the cities of refuge established by God?
3. What all important principle of God lay behind the practice of the avenger of blood and the cities of refuge?
4. What safeguards were included in the establishment of these cities so justice was not perverted?
5. How is God's justice evidenced in this ancient system?
6. How is God's mercy seen?
7. Why is it important to understand both aspects of God's character through these cities? Can you explain how the same aspects are seen in the Cross of Jesus Christ?

8. The cities of refuge were located throughout the land and were well marked and easily accessible. What does this fact reveal about God?

9. What similarities do you see in a person fleeing to a city of refuge and the Cross of Jesus Christ? Try to think of several points.

Read Joshua 21:1-45, Numbers 35:1-7, Deuteronomy 18:1-8

The Levitical towns

10. Why were the Levites not granted a land inheritance?

11. What provisions did God make for the priests and their families since they could not have their own land?

12. In 21:43-45 God gives three wonderful statements of what He had done for Israel. Give each.

13. Take each affirmation from question 12 and relate it to what God has done in *your* life.

14. Are there any of these affirmations you have *not* experienced from God? What are your thoughts about why you have not?

Reflection and Personal Application

15. In thinking of what you have learned about the character of God in the establishment of these special cities, choose one quality *you* have experienced personally and tell why you appreciate it.