



THE FAITHFUL FINISHER

Joshua 20-21



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Chapter 20 — Cities of Refuge

Chapter 21

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CITIES OF REFUGE

Then the Lord said to Joshua, “Say to the people of Israel, ‘**Appoint the cities of refuge**, of which I spoke to you through Moses, that the **manslayer** who strikes any person without intent or unknowingly may flee there. They shall be for you a **refuge from the avenger of blood.**’”



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“...then the congregation shall judge between the manslayer and the avenger of blood, in accordance with these rules. And the congregation shall rescue the manslayer from the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to his city of refuge to which he had fled, and he shall live in it until the death of the high priest who was anointed with the holy oil.”

Numbers 35:24–25



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Cities of Refuge

Scale of Miles
0 10 20 30 40





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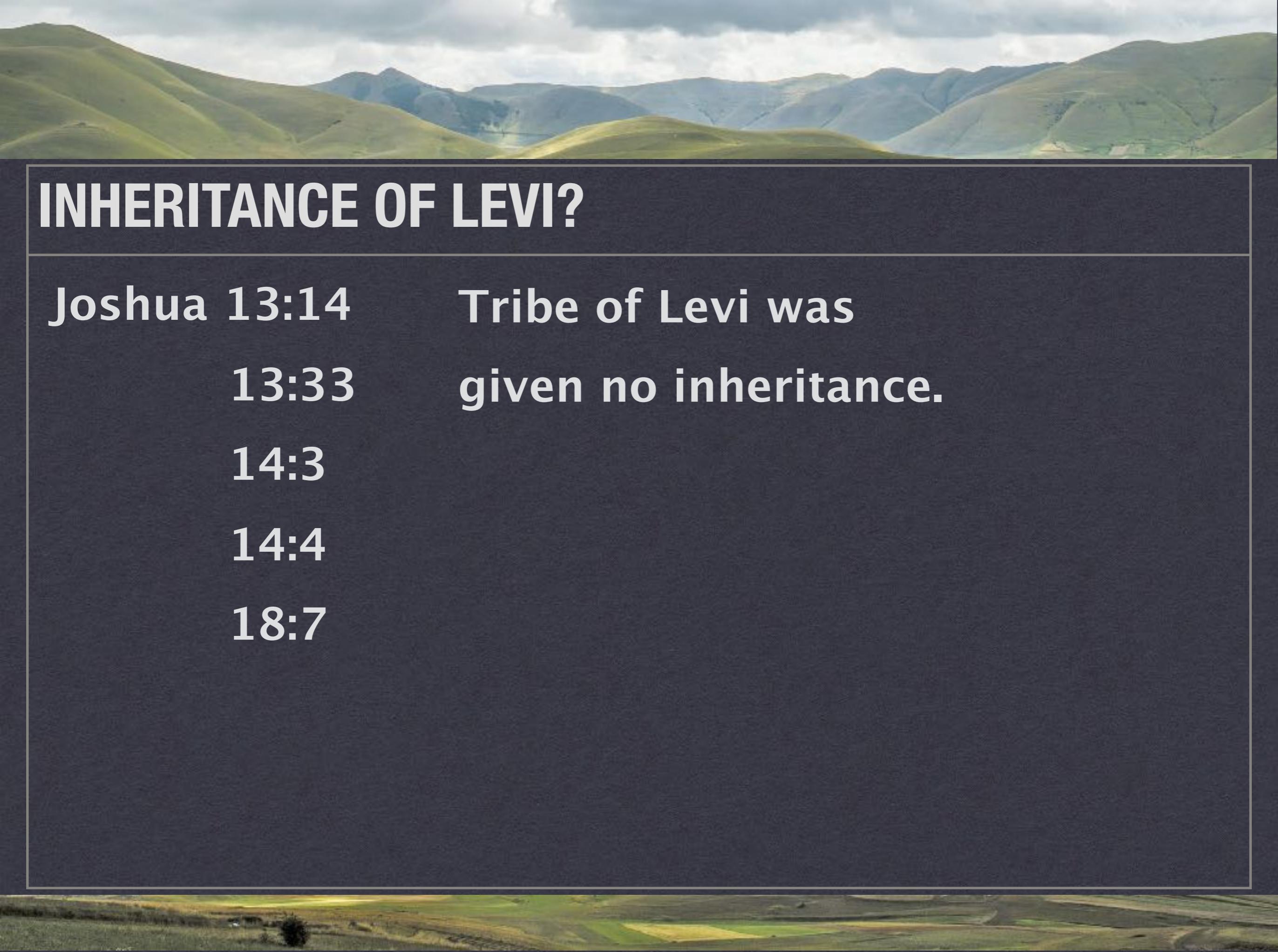
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Joshua 20:9

“The **sojourner** is distinguished from the foreigner in that he has settled in the land for some time and is recognized as having a special status. As individuals, or a group, they have abandoned their homeland for political or economic reasons and sought refuge in another community...”

A.H. Konkel



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Joshua 13:14

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“You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any portion among them. I am your portion and your inheritance among the people of Israel.”

Numbers 18:20





INHERITANCE OF LEVI?

“Command the people of Israel to give to the Levites some of the inheritance of their possession as cities for them to dwell in. And you shall give to the Levites pasturelands around the cities.”

Numbers 35:2





INHERITANCE OF LEVI?

Then the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites came to **Eleazar** the priest and to **Joshua** the son of Nun and to the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel. And they said to them at **Shiloh** in the land of Canaan, “**The Lord commanded through Moses** that we be given cities to dwell in, along with their pasturelands for our livestock.”

Joshua 21:1–2





INHERITANCE OF LEVI?

Verses 4–8 Levitical cities determined by lot.

Verses 9–42 Levitical cities listed by name.



The Distribution of Levitical cities

Joshua 21

Mediterranean Sea
(Great Sea)

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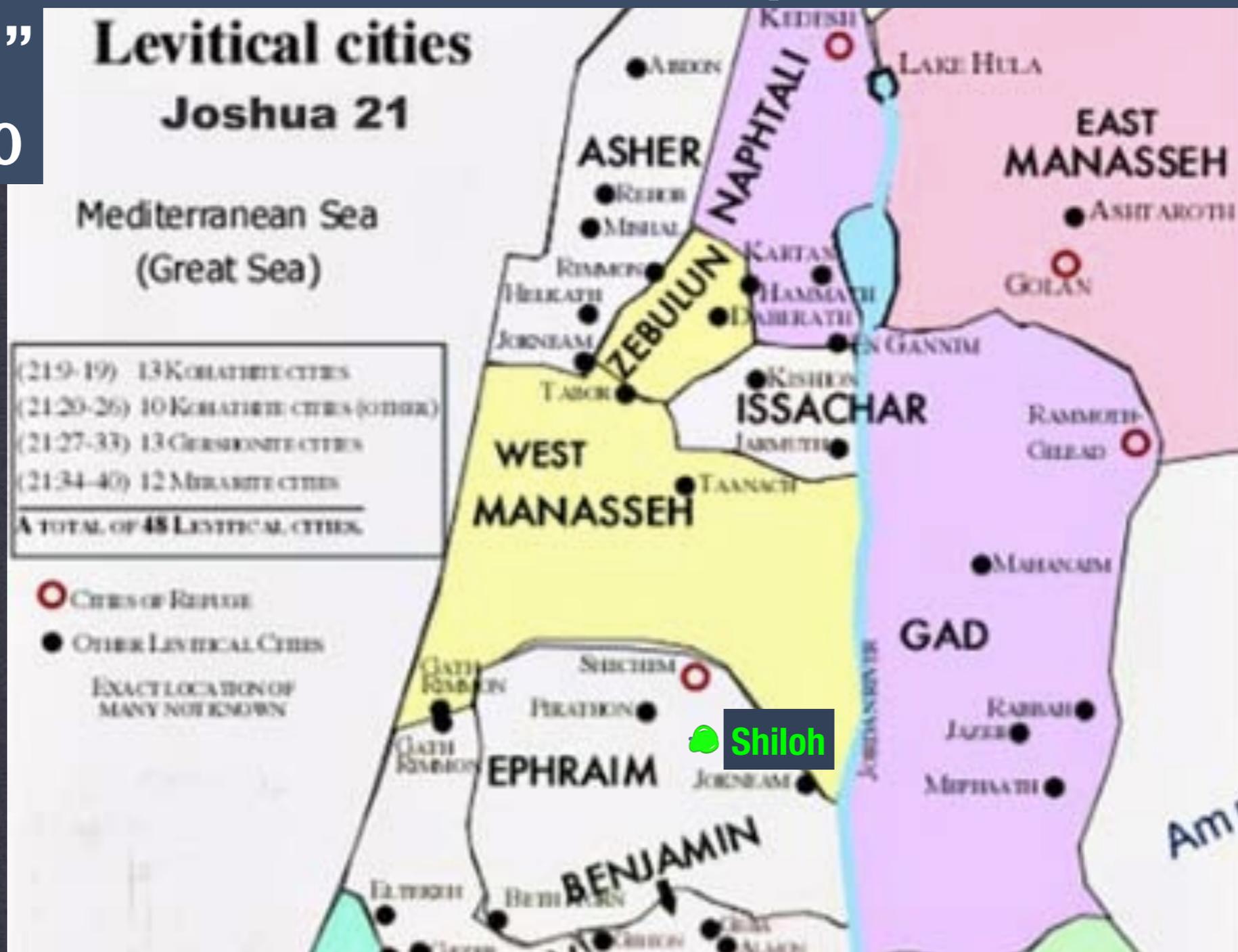
“To the Levites I have given every tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service that they do, their **service in the tent of meeting**, so that **the people of Israel do not come near the tent of meeting, lest they bear sin and die**. But **the Levites** shall do the **service of the tent of meeting**, and they **shall bear their iniquity**. It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations, and among the people of Israel they shall have no inheritance.”

Numbers 18:21–23



“They (Levites) shall teach Jacob your rules and Israel your law...”

Deut. 33:10



“So by command of the Lord the people of Israel gave to the Levites the following cities and pasturelands out of their inheritance.”

Joshua 21:3

“you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the **end of the earth.**” Acts 1:8





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Joshua 21:43–44a



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Joshua 21:44b



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Joshua 21:45



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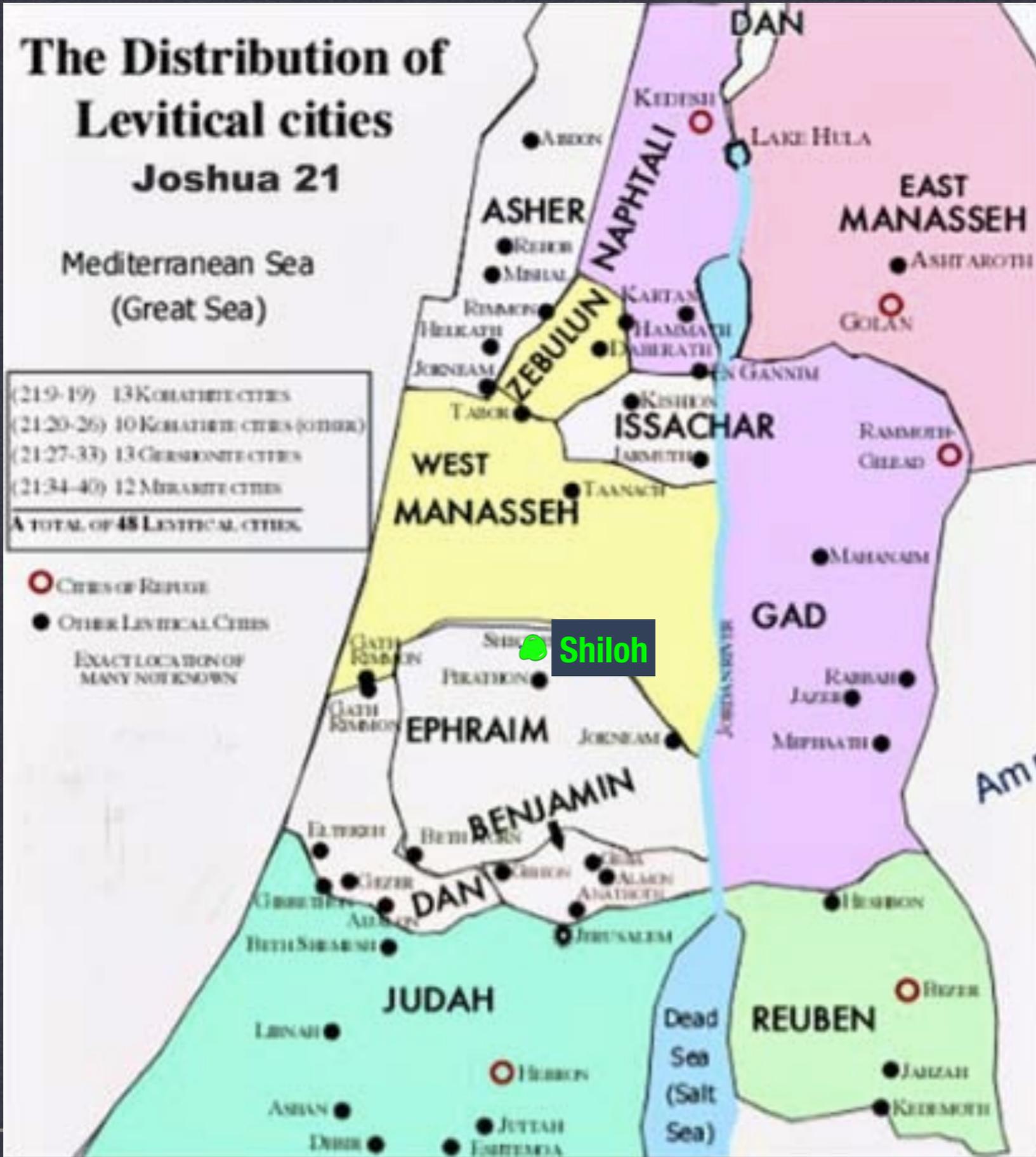
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