

Numbers 35 - Living as God's People in the Promised Land

Recap

Preparing the 2nd generation of Israelites to take possession & live in the Promised Land:

Numbers 26 Census of the fighting men

Numbers 27 The daughters of Zelophehad & the appointment of Moses' successor, Joshua

Numbers 28-30 Commands regarding offerings, feasts and vows

Numbers 31 God's vengeance on the Midianites

Numbers 32 Inheritance for the tribes of Reuben & Gad & half-tribe of Manasseh

Numbers 33 Record of journey from Egypt to the plains of Moab

Numbers 34 Delineation of the inheritance for the nine and a half tribes

As God prepares the Israelites to live as His people in the Promised Land, He wants:

1. Godly influence to spread throughout the land (Num 35:1-1-8)

[God commands the Israelites to give cities and pasturelands to the Levites from their inheritance]

Reflection:

- What godly influence do we exert?
- Over whom do we exert godly influence?

2. Purity to be maintained in the land (Num 35:9-34)

[God commands the Israelites to set up 6 cities of refuge]

Implication 1: City of refuge as a picture of salvation in Christ

Implication 2: Christian communities as cities of refuge