

# “that which was right in his own eyes”

Jdg 17:6-13

Deuteronomy 12 warns against local sanctuaries:

Deu 12:8 Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, **every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes.**

Deut. 12:28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest **that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God.**

Judg. 14:3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for **she pleaseth me well [is right in my eyes]**. ... 7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well [was right in Samson's eyes].

Israel “did evil **in the eyes of the Lord**” (Judg. 2:11; 3:7, 12; 4:1; 6:1).

Pro 16:25 = 14:12 There is a way that seemeth **right** unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Isa 53:6 we have turned every one to **his own way**, and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

# The Distribution of Levitical cities

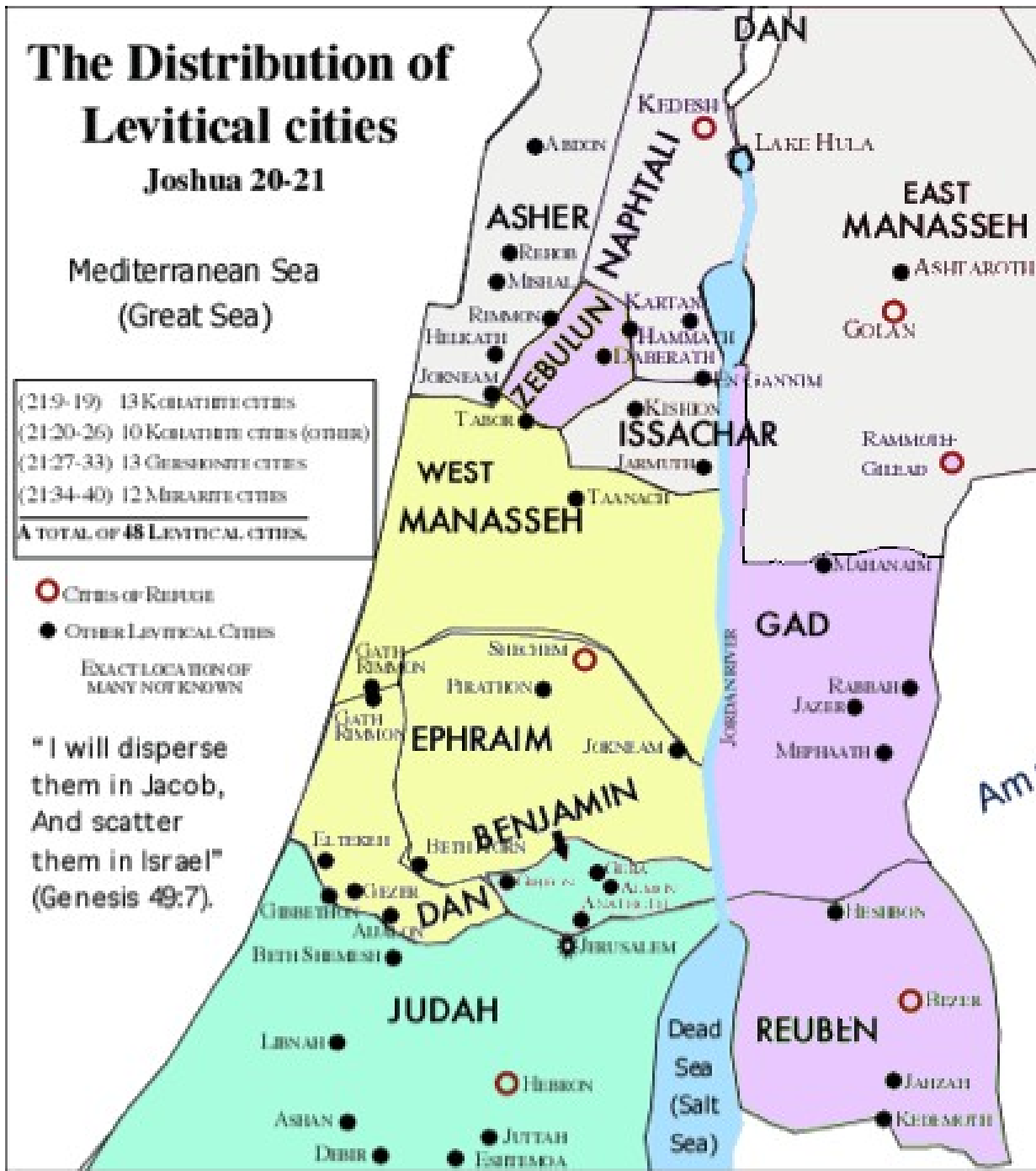
Joshua 20-21

Mediterranean Sea  
(Great Sea)

(21:9-19) 13 KOHATHITE CITIES  
(21:20-26) 10 KOHATHITE CITIES (OTHER)  
(21:27-33) 13 GERSHONITE CITIES  
(21:34-40) 12 MERARITE CITIES  
**A TOTAL OF 48 LEVITICAL CITIES.**

○ CITIES OF REFUGE  
● OTHER LEVITICAL CITIES  
EXACT LOCATION OF MANY NOT KNOWN

"I will disperse them in Jacob, And scatter them in Israel" (Genesis 49:7).



# Levitical Cities

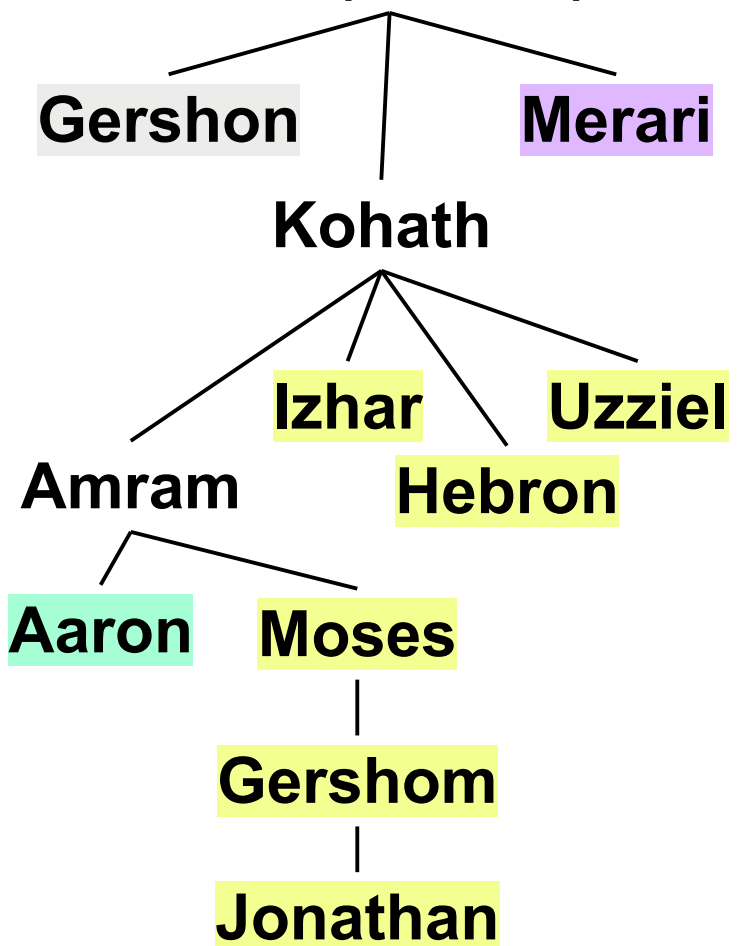
**Kohathite: Aaron (priests)**

**Other Kohathite**

**Gershonite**

**Merarite**

Levi (1 Chr 6)

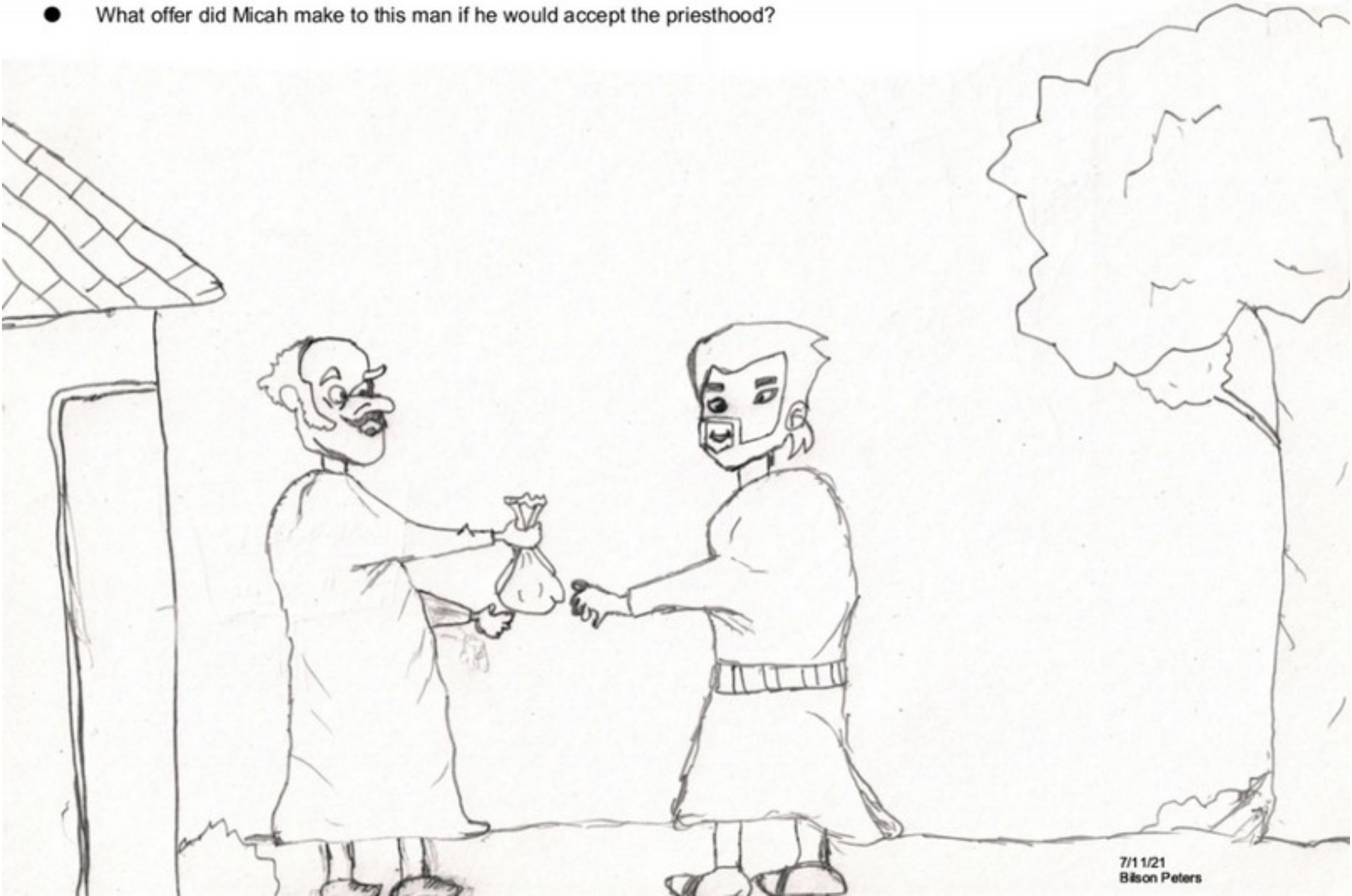


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Judges 17:10

10 And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.

- What offer did Micah make to this man if he would accept the priesthood?



# Warnings against Paid Clergy

## Old Testament

Num 3:11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore **the Levites shall be mine**; 13 Because all the firstborn are mine; for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: **mine shall they be**: I am the LORD.

Mic. 3:11 The heads thereof [of Zion and Jerusalem] judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.

## New Testament

Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the **elders** of the church. 18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, ... 28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you **overseers**, to **feed [pastor]** the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. ... 33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. 34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. 35 I have shewed you all things, how that **so labouring ye ought to support the weak**, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

1 Pet 5:1 The **elders** which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 **Feed [pastor]** the flock of God which is among you, taking the **oversight** thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; **not for filthy lucre**, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

# Exceptions: 1 Corinthians 9?

1 Cor 9:3 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this, 4 Have we not power to eat and to drink? 5 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? 6 Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working? ... 11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? 12 If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. 13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? 14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

Eph. 2:20 [Ye] built upon the foundation of [laid by] **the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Eph. 4:11 And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors and teachers**; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for [unto] the work of the ministry, for [unto] the edifying of the body of Christ:

	Planting new churches	Shepherding existing churches
First generation	Apostles	Prophets
Later generations	Evangelists	Pastors and teachers



# Exceptions: 1 Timothy 5?

1 Tim 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of **double honour**, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

Double Honor:

1Tim. 5:3 **Honour** widows that are widows indeed.

1Tim. 6:1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of **all honour**, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

Muzzling the Ox: Deut 25:4



The Labourer:

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Luke 10:5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. 6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. 7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for **the labourer is worthy of his hire**. Go not from house to house.

## Our Lord's Warning

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. 12 **But he that is an hireling,** and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

## Micah consecrated the Levite ...

Num 18:6 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you they are given as a gift for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. 7 Therefore thou **[Aaron]** and thy sons with thee shall keep **your priest's office** for every thing of the altar, and within the vail; and ye shall serve: I have given your priest's office unto you as a service of gift: and **the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.**

Heb 5:4 And **no man taketh this honour unto himself**, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.