

## Elders in the gate

Protect your gates

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## Isaiah 60:11

"Your gates will be open continually; They will not be closed day or night, So that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, With their kings led in procession.

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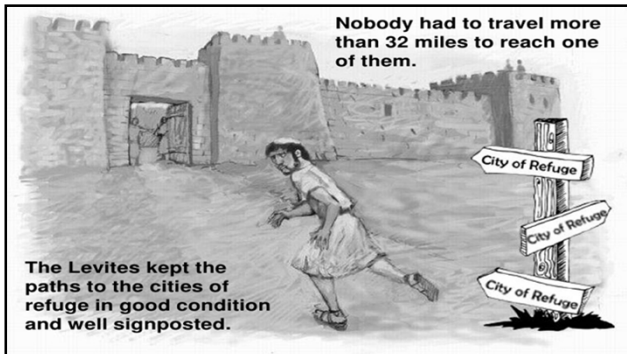
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### Cities of Refuge

1. **Kedesh:** to sanctify, set apart, consecrate and therefore to make holy.
2. **Shechem:** between the shoulders or burden bearer.
3. **Hebron:** Joining or fellowship.
4. **Bezer:** signifies a fortified place
5. **Ramoth:** signifying to be high, raised up, exalted.
6. **Golan:** is rejoicing through deliverance.

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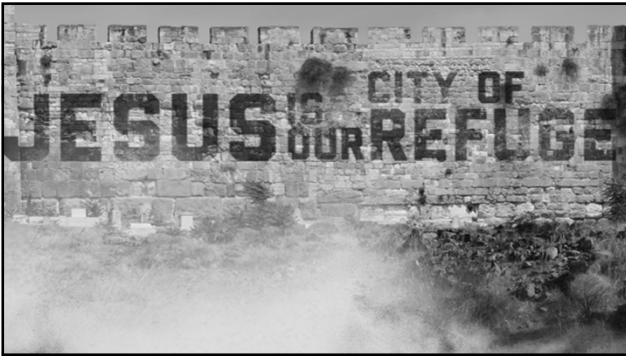
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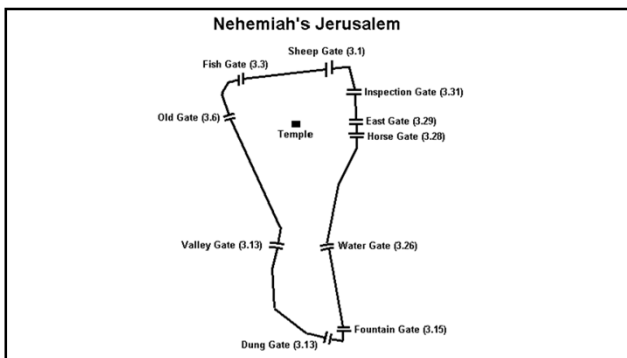
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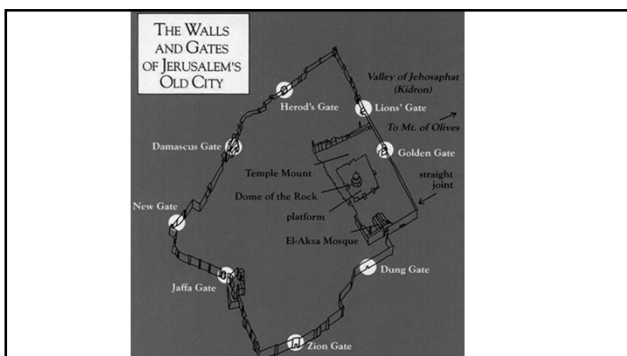
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## Elders in the Gate

- Gen 19:1
- Deut. 21:19; 22:15; 25:7
- Ruth 4:1
- Lam 5:14
- Job 29:7
- Proverbs 31:23
- 1 Samuel 4:18
- 2 Samuel 18:1-5; 19:1-8

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## Proverbs 31:10;23 (NIV)

Who can find a virtuous and capable wife?

Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

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### Proverbs 24:7

<sup>7</sup> Wisdom is too high for a fool;  
in the gate he does not open his mouth.

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### Titus 1:5-7

<sup>5</sup> I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete our work there and appoint elders in each town as I instructed you. <sup>6</sup> An elder must live a blameless life. He must be faithful to his wife, and his children must be believers who don't have a reputation for being wild or rebellious.

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### Titus 1:5-7

<sup>7</sup> A church leader is a manager of God's household, so he must live a blameless life. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money.

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**Gen 22:17** (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

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**Psalm 24:7**

Lift up your heads, O gates, And be lifted up, O ancient doors, That the King of glory may come in!

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**2 Samuel 15:1-5** (NLT)

**15** After this, Absalom bought a chariot and horses, and he hired fifty bodyguards to run ahead of him. <sup>2</sup> He got up early every morning and went out to the gate of the city. When people brought a case to the king for judgment, Absalom would ask where in Israel they were from, and they would tell him their tribe.

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### 2 Samuel 15:1-5 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> Then Absalom would say, “You’ve really got a strong case here! It’s too bad the king doesn’t have anyone to hear it. <sup>4</sup> I wish I were the judge. Then everyone could bring their cases to me for judgment, and I would give them justice!”

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### 2 Samuel 15:1-5 (NLT)

<sup>5</sup> When people tried to bow before him, Absalom wouldn’t let them. Instead, he took them by the hand and kissed them. <sup>6</sup> Absalom did this with everyone who came to the king for judgment, and so he stole the hearts of all the people of Israel.

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### 2 Samuel 15:9-11 (NLT)

...So Absalom went to Hebron. <sup>10</sup> But while he was there, he sent secret messengers to all the tribes of Israel to stir up a rebellion against the king. “As soon as you hear the ram’s horn,” his message read, “you are to say, ‘Absalom has been crowned king in Hebron.’” <sup>11</sup> He took 200 men from Jerusalem with him as guests, but they knew nothing of his intentions.

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### Nehemiah 4:7-9 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the work was going ahead and that the gaps in the wall of Jerusalem were being repaired, they were furious.

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### Nehemiah 4:7-9 (NLT)

<sup>8</sup> They all made plans to come and fight against Jerusalem and throw us into confusion. <sup>9</sup> But we prayed to our God and guarded the city day and night to protect ourselves.

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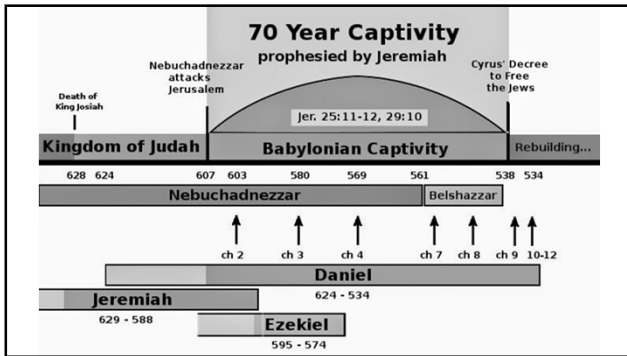
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### Heb11:24-26

It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin.

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### Heb11:24-26

He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible.

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**1 Peter 2:4-6** (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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