

The background of the image is a photograph of a beach at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with vibrant orange, yellow, and red clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright glow over the water and the sandy beach. The beach is in the foreground, with some footprints visible. The water is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. In the distance, there is a dark, rocky coastline. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

TAKE REFUGE

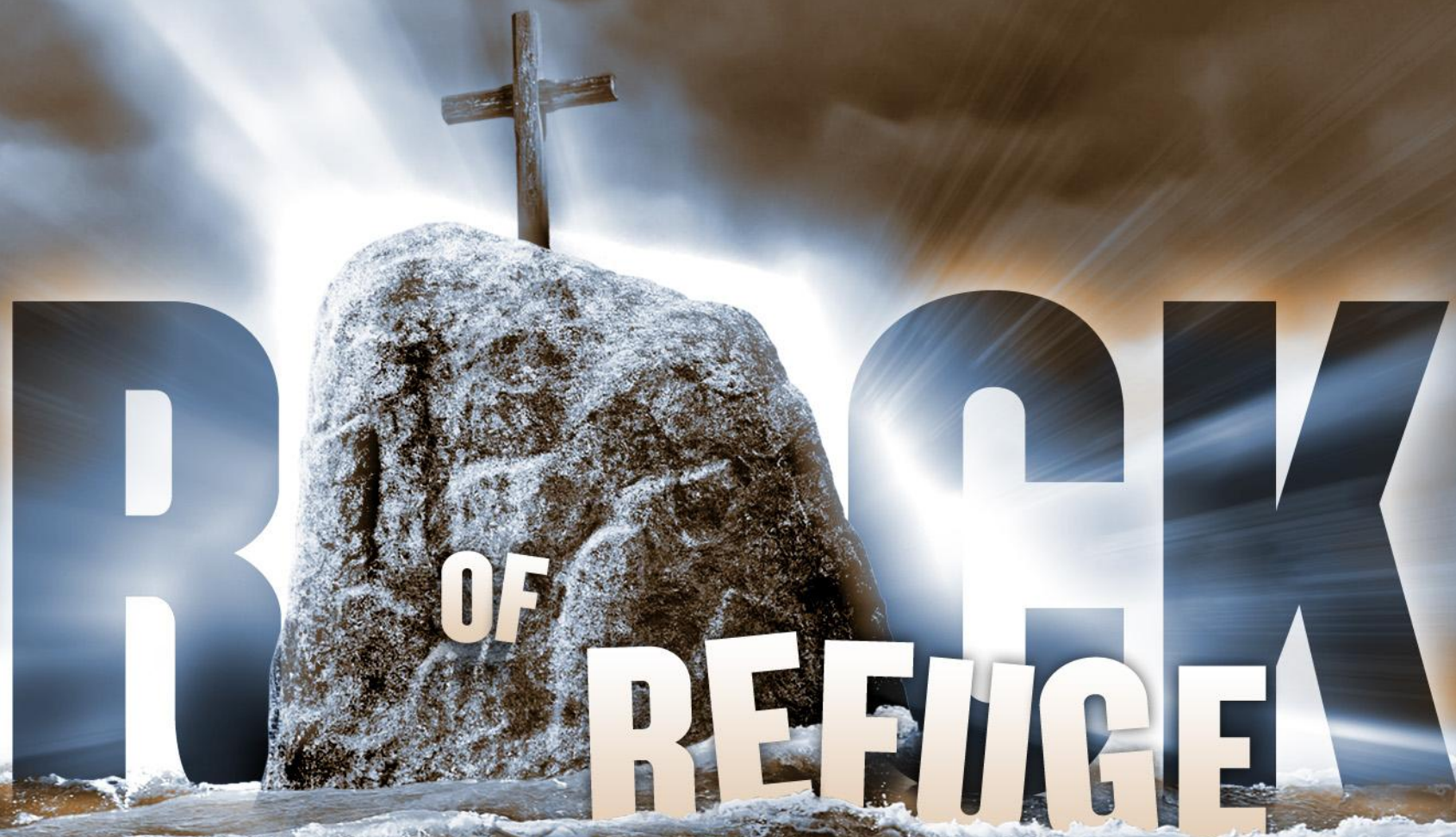
Psalm 34:15-22



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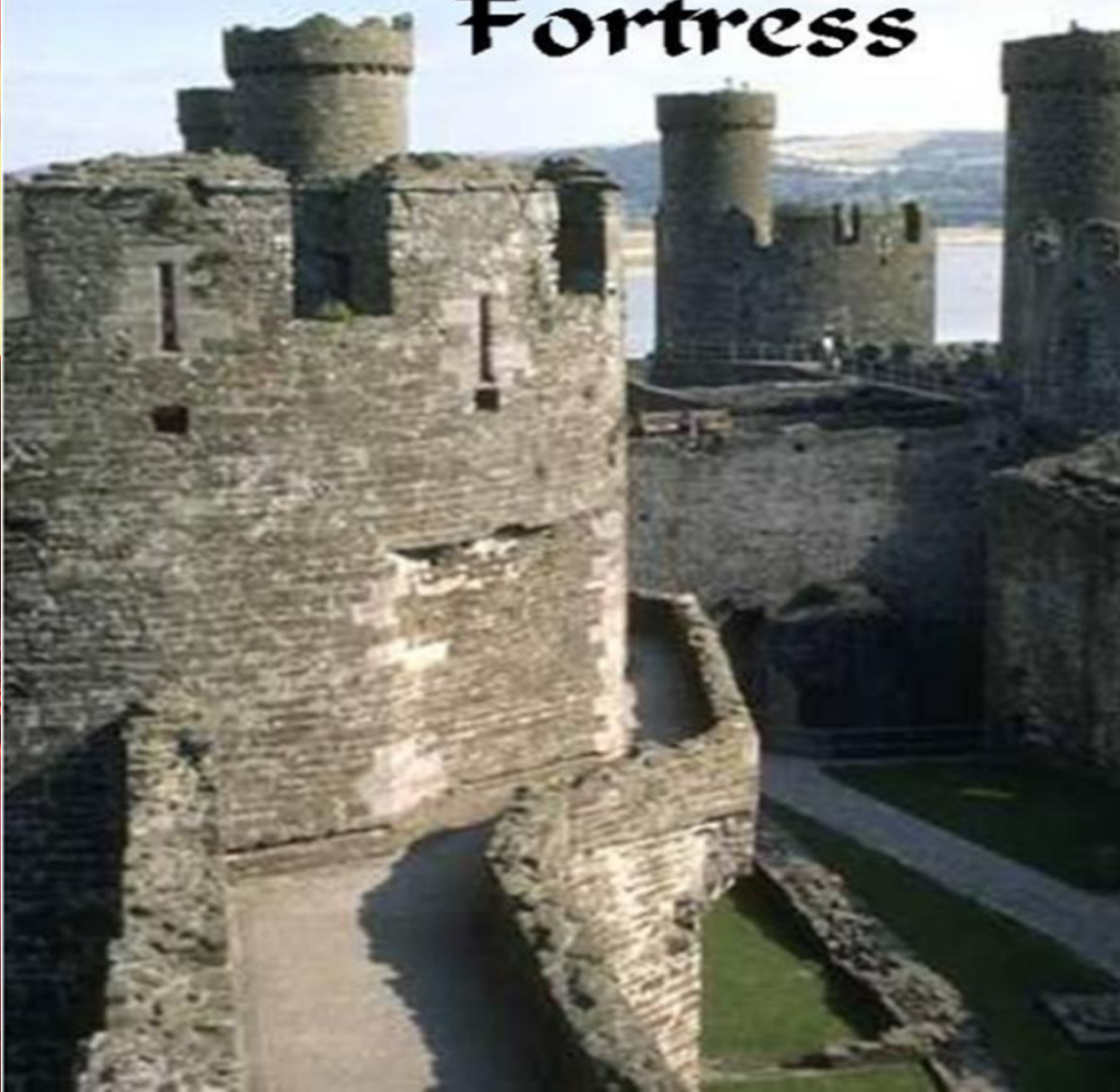
Definition of REFUGE

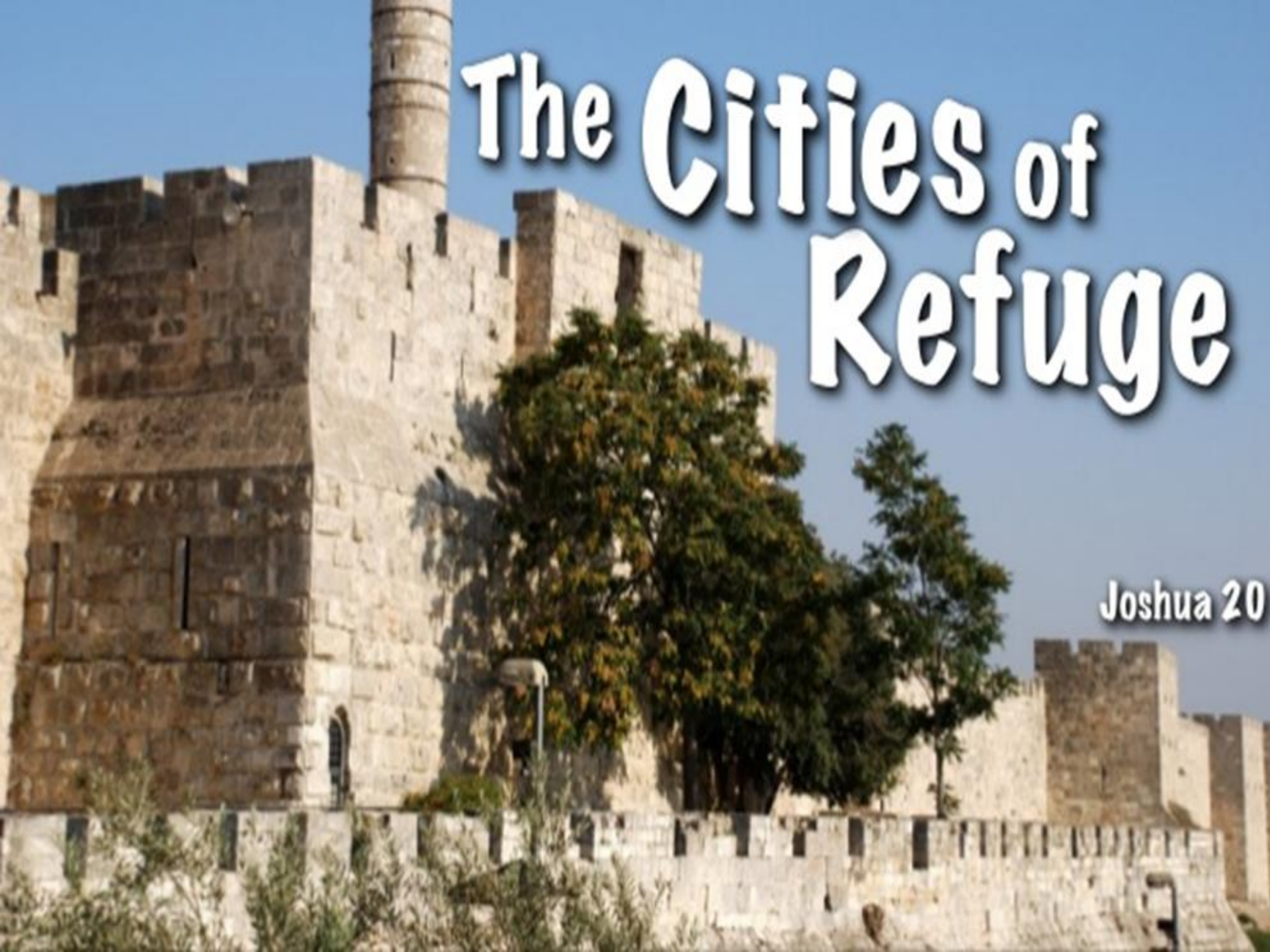
- 1: Shelter or protection from danger or distress
- 2: To find relief or recourse in a time of difficulty

A dramatic seascape with a large, dark, textured rock in the center. A simple wooden cross stands on top of the rock. The background is a sky with dark, swirling clouds and bright, radiating light rays. The foreground shows dark, turbulent water with white foam from breaking waves.

ROCK OF REFUGE

A Mighty Fortress





The Cities of Refuge

Joshua 20

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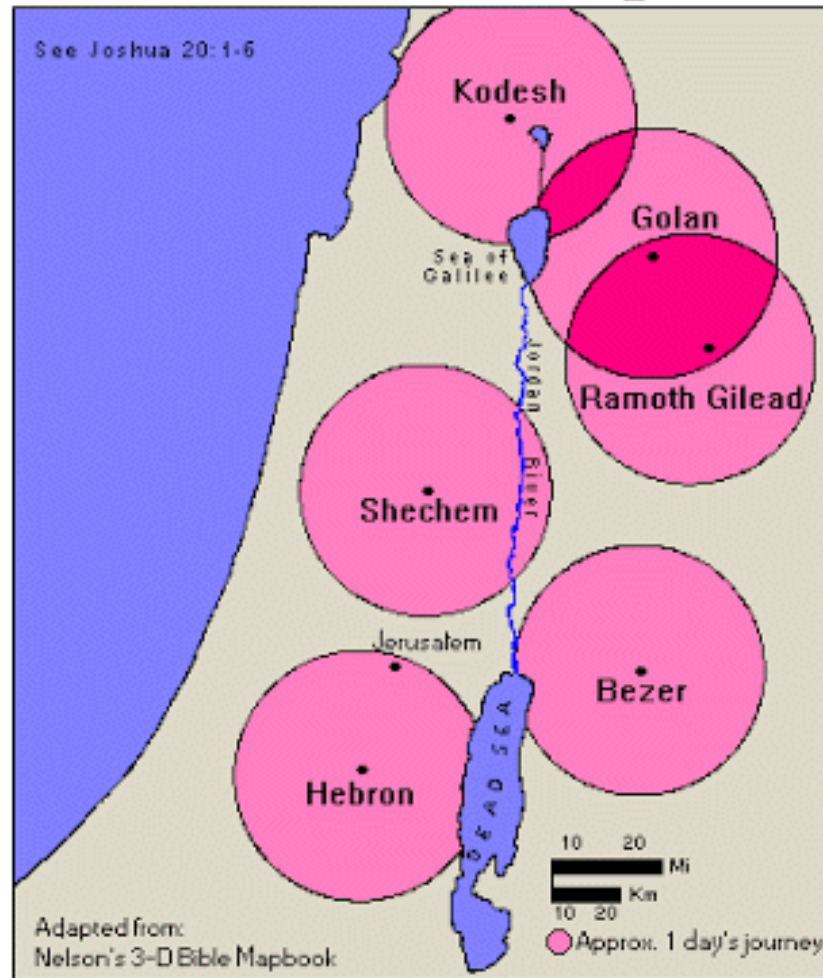
Cities of Refuge

Scale of Miles
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Cities of Refuge

See Joshua 20:1-6



Adapted from:
Nelson's 3-D Bible Mapbook

The Cities of Refuge – Why Necessary?

- Murder was a capital crime (Gen 9:6).
- Depended upon citizens to enforce.
- What if it was an accident? Manslaughter?
- Numbers 35: 11-12



The Cities of Refuge



Points to Ponder



- **Divinely Appointed.**
 - Numbers 35: 1-2, 9-10.
 - Deuteronomy 4:41-43.
 - Joshua 20: 1-9.
- **For the Guilty and Troubled.**
 - Numbers 35: 11-12.
- **The Way was Clearly revealed** (Josh 20:4, 7-9, Deut 19:3).

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- **Accessible. .**
 - To **All** (Numbers 35:15).
 - **Always** –Gates open day and night!
- **Places of Protection** (Joshua 20: 5-6).
 - Had a procedure for entrance (Joshua 20:4).

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- **The Assembly was involved** (Numbers 35: 24-25).
 - Judge
 - Deliverer
 - Restorer
- **The one who fled is set free when the high priest dies** (Numbers 35: 25-28, Joshua 20:6).



JESUS IS OUR CITY OF REFUGE

“WE .. HAVE FLED FOR REFUGE TO LAY
HOLD OF THE HOPE SET BEFORE US, ,
WHICH WE HAVE AS AN ANCHOR OF THE
SOUL, A HOPE BOTH SURE AND
STEADFAST” (Heb 6: 18b – 19a).

Each City's Name has Significance



- **Kedesh** = *“Holy sanctuary.”*
- **Shechem** = *“Shoulder; place to lay burdens.”*
- **Hebron** = *“Friend; alliance; fellowship.”*

Each City's Name has Significance



- **Bezer** = “*An inaccessible fortress.*”
- **Ramoth** – “*High place; lifted up.*”
- **Golan** – “*A Circle of self-imposed banishment.*”

Can I Find Refuge in Christ?



I Find Refuge in Christ?



Find Refuge in Christ?



Refuge in Christ?



in Christ?



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