# **JOSHUA 20**



## **WHEN**

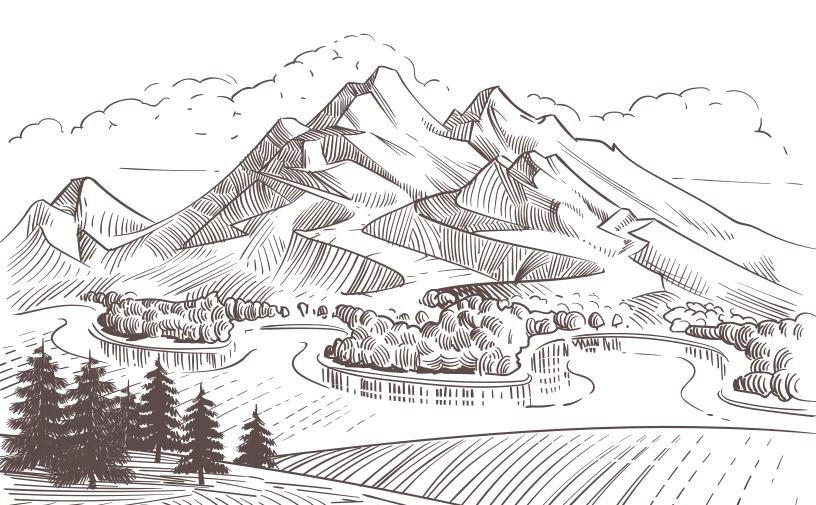
- Israel's conquest of the Promised Land began around 1450 B.C. and lasted approximately 5-7 years.

# **CHARACTERS**

- **Joshua** Moses' long-time assistant. God selected Joshua to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land after Moses' death.
- Manslayer A person who accidently kills another person.
- Avenger of Blood A person seeking vengeance for the manslaughter of their friend or relative.

#### **WHERE**

- Joshua 20 focuses on 6 cities of refuge which were established throughout Israel's land.
- There were 3 cities of refuge west of the Jordan River and 3 cities east of the Jordan.





## **OUTLINE**

- CITIES OF REFUGE (20:1-9):
  - + God told Joshua to appoint cities of refuge in the Promised Land.
  - + These cities were specifically established to protect manslayers.
  - + A person who accidently killed someone could run to one of these cities and receive protection from the "avenger of blood."
  - + You can read more about these cities in Numbers 35.
  - + Six cities were established: Kadesh in Naphtali, Shechem in Ephraim, Hebron in Judah, Bezer in Reuben, Ramoth in Gad, and Golan in Manasseh.

