

The last in order is :

GOLAN, in Bashan, out of the tribe of Manassah. Golan, signifies the place of captives : The menslayers who had fled for refuge to Golan were captives. They were deprived of their liberty till the death of the High Priest. Yet the manslayer in Golan was free. He was free from the sword of the avenger of blood. All who are in Christ are captives ; they have been recaptured by the Lord. They were the captives of sin and Satan, but through faith in Christ they have been set free. The prophet speaks of Christ as having ascended up on high and led the captivity captive, literally, "Thou hast led captive a troop of captives." All who believe are the captives of Christ, they are free, but their freedom springs out of their relation to *him*. The manslayer in Golan was free and yet bound. He was free from his enemy, the avenger of blood, but for that freedom, he must remain in captivity in the city of his refuge. So the man who is in Christ is free, free from the condemnation of sin. But for that freedom, he must remain in captivity to Christ. The sinner must remain in this the city of his refuge. In this case, the High Priest cannot die. He died once, but, he now lives, and lives for ever. Sin hath no longer dominion over him. Abide in him, believing hearer, and, your salvation will be an everlasting salvation. But it will be true, throughout eternity, that you are a captive recaptured by Christ. Be joyful then, exceeding joyful, that you have the freedom of such a city. But, it is a refuge for none but captives. "He came, not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." What a meeting place : all that have been redeemed from Satan are in this Gospel Golan. "Stand fast, therefore," believing reader, in that liberty which is in Christ Jesus, "and be not again entangled with the yoke of bondage." Sinner, rise you with all speed to this refuge. The gates of it are open to receive you,

"Why will ye doubting stand,
Why still delay?"

There is no time to linger, the avenger of blood is at your heels. Haste, O haste thee to the refuge.

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As Noah was safe in the ark, so the sinner is safe in Christ. Let sinners beware, lest, as destruction overtook the antediluvians because they repented not, woe fall on them, because of rejecting Christ.