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JOSHUA 15-19 – Land of Judah;

Jos 15:1 *So this was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families: The border of Edom at the Wilderness of Zin southward was the extreme southern boundary. [2] And their southern border began at the shore of the Salt Sea, from the bay that faces southward. [3] Then it went out to the southern side of the Ascent of Arabism, passed along to Zin, ascended on the south side of Kadesh Barnea, passed along to Hezron, went up to Adar, and went around to Karaka. [4] From there it passed toward Amon and went out to the Brook of Egypt; and the border ended at the sea. This shall be your southern border. [5] The east border was the Salt Sea as far as the mouth of the Jordan. And the border on the northern quarter began at the bay of the sea at the mouth of the Jordan. [6] The border went up to Beth Hogan and passed north of Beth Arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohdan the son of Reuben. [7] Then the border went up toward Debir from the Valley of Achor, and it turned northward toward Gilgal, which is before the Ascent of Damman, which is on the south side of the valley. The border continued toward the waters of End She mesh and ended at End Rugel. [8] And the border went up by the Valley of the Son of Hinnom to the southern slope of the Jebusite city (which is Jerusalem). The border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the Valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the Valley of Repaid northward. [9] Then the border went around from the top of the hill to the fountain of the water of Nashotah, and extended to the cities of Mount Ephron. And the border went around to Bablah (which is Kirjath Jeri). [10] Then the border turned westward from Bablah to Mount Seir, passed along to the side of Mount Jeri on the north (which is Che salon), went down to Beth She mesh, and passed on to Tinman. [11] And the border went out to the side of Ekron northward. Then the border went around to Shimron, passed along to Mount Bablah, and extended to Janel; and the border ended at the sea. [12] The west border was the coastline of the Great Sea. This is the boundary of the children of Judah all around according to their families.*

Caleb Occupies Hebron & Debir

[13] Now to Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a share among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, namely, Kirjath Arba, which is Hebron (Arba was the father of Anak). [14] Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak from there: Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak. [15] Then he went up from there to the inhabitants of Debir (formerly the name of Debir was Kirjath Sepher). [16] And Caleb said, "He who attacks Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will give Achsah my daughter as wife." [17] So Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife. [18] Now it was so, when she came to him, that she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. So she dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you wish?" [19] She answered, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water." So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

Cities of Judah: [20] *This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families: [21] The cities at the limits of the tribe of the children of Judah, toward the border of Edom in the South, were Kabzeel, Eder, Jagur, [22] Kinah, Dimonah, Adadah, [23] Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan, [24] Ziph, Telem, Bealoth, [25] Hazor, Hadattah, Kerioth, Hezron (which is Hazor), [26] Amam, Shema, Moladah, [27] Hazar Gaddah, Heshmon, Beth Pelet, [28] Hazar Shual, Beersheba, Bizjathjah, [29] Baalah, Ijim, Ezem, [30] Eltolad, Chesil, Hormah, [31] Ziklag, Madmannah, Sansannah, [32] Lebaoth, Shilhim, Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities are twenty-nine, with their villages.*

Joshua is now about 100 years old. The lands is being allotted to tribes, according to the will of God. The tribes will have the individual tribe responsibility to drive out the enemy pockets

vs. 1-12 Joshua allotted to Judah, Ephraim, and the half of Manasseh, their inheritances before they left Gilgal. Afterwards removing to Shiloh, another survey was made, and the other tribes had their portion assigned. In due time all God's people are settled.

vs. 13-19 Caleb - "followed the Lord wholly" Kirjath Arba – re named Hebron given to Caleb Caleb drove out the giants! Othniel, one of the first judges of Israel, took the city of Debir and was given Achsah as wife. She persuaded her husband to accompany her in asking – tremendous influence a wife has on the husband. Husband is the head, but the wife is the “neck”, which turns the head!

Here is a beautiful picture of a bride asking for a spring. Achsah obtained land by Caleb's free grant. She obtained more, on her request, and he gave the upper and the lower springs. Those who understand it but of one field, watered both with the rain of heaven, and the springs that issued out of the earth, countenance the allusion commonly made to this, when we pray for spiritual and heavenly blessings which relate to our souls, as blessings of the upper springs, and those which relate to the body and the life that now is, as blessings of the nether springs. **All the blessings, both of the upper and the nether springs, belong to the children of God. As related to Christ, they have them freely given of the Father, for the lot of their inheritance.**

Key Points:

Chaps. 15-17 -Failure to drive out the enemy - Jos 15:63; 16:10; 17:12-13

Chapter 15 Caleb – A Type of the Holy Spirit?
A picture of the work of the Spirit. (*John 7:37-38*)

Chapter 17 Daughters of Zelophehad – Christ's Genealogy -Our eternal inheritance is secure!

Chapter 18 Joshua's Rebuke of Seven Tribes – Greatness is based on action, not talk.

Chapter 19 Simeon & Levi Scattered (*Gen. 49:7*)
How accurate is God's prophecy for His inheritance!

Chap. 15:13-19 Caleb – A Type of the Holy Spirit?

First, Caleb pictures the Holy Spirit, as he travelled alone with Joshua, a type of our Jesus, as the only two believers into the Promised Land. Second, Caleb was victorious over giants, as the Holy Spirit gives us victory over our adversary (*Eph. 6:17*). Third, Caleb gives a bride away. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to form a church, a Bride for Jesus. Fourth, Caleb provides both the upper and lower springs, a picture of the work of the Spirit. (*John 7:37-38*) A beautiful picture, the Bride of Christ asking for springs of living water - *John 7:37-38; Luke 11:13*. **Are you constantly being filled to overflowing with the Living Water – the Holy Spirit? Is that your request every day?**

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[33] In the lowland: Eshtaol, Zorah, Ashnah, [34] Zanoah, En Gannim, Tappuah, Enam, [35] Jarmuth, Adullam, Socoh, Azekah, [36] Sharaim, Adithaim, Gederah, and Gederothaim: fourteen cities with their villages; [37] Zenan, Hadashah, Migdal Gad, [38] Dilean, Mizpah, Joktheel, [39] Lachish, Bozkath, Eglon, [40] Cabbon, Lahmas, Kithlish, [41] Gederoth, Beth Dagon, Naamah, and Makkedah: sixteen cities with their villages; [42] Libnah, Ether, Ashan, [43] Jiphtah, Ashnah, Nezib, [44] Keilah, Achzib, and Mareshah: nine cities with their villages; [45] Ekron, with its towns and villages; [46] from Ekron to the sea, all that lay near Ashdod, with their villages; [47] Ashdod with its towns and villages, Gaza with its towns and villages—as far as the Brook of Egypt and the Great Sea with its coastline. [48] And in the mountain country: Shamir, Jattir, Sochoh, [49] Dannah, Kirjath Sannah (which is Debir), [50] Anab, Eshtemoah, Anim, [51] Goshen, Holon, and Giloh: eleven cities with their villages; [52] Arab, Dumah, Eshean, [53] Janum, Beth Tappuah, Aphekah, [54] Humtah, Kirjath Arba (which is Hebron), and Zior: nine cities with their villages; [55] Maon, Carmel, Ziph, Juttah, [56] Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah, [57] Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah: ten cities with their villages; [58] Halhul, Beth Zur, Gedor, [59] Maarath, Beth Anoth, and Eltekon: six cities with their villages; [60] Kirjath Baal (which is Kirjath Jearim) and Rabbah: two cities with their villages. [61] In the wilderness: Beth Arabah, Middin, Secacah, [62] Nibshan, the City of Salt, and En Gedi: six cities with their villages. [63] As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

Chapter 16 – The Allotment for Ephraim and Manasseh:

Jos 16:1 The lot fell to the children of Joseph from the Jordan, by Jericho, to the waters of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goes up from Jericho through the mountains to Bethel, [2] then went out from Bethel to Luz, passed along to the border of the Archites at Ataroth, [3] and went down westward to the boundary of the Japhletites, as far as the boundary of Lower Beth Horon to Gezer; and it ended at the sea. [4] So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance. [5] The border of the children of Ephraim, according to their families, was thus: The border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth Addar as far as Upper Beth Horon. [6] And the border went out toward the sea on the north side of Michmethath; then the border went around eastward to Taanath Shiloh, and passed by it on the east of Janohah [7] Then it went down from Janohah to Ataroth and Naarah, reached to Jericho, and came out at the Jordan. [8] The border went out from Tappuah westward to the Brook Kanah, and it ended at the sea. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim according to their families. [9] The separate cities for the children of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. [10] And they did not drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites to this day and have become forced laborers.

Chapter 15:63

A failure on the part of Judah! - *As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day. (was too hard for them)* Rather than obeying the Lord to drive them out, they decided it was too hard. So they would just live with them. Here is a parallel for us! The temptation that we have to live with Biblically prohibited sin in our lives. It's not worth the effort! I'll make the effort to eliminate and keep out 90% of the sin in my life but I'll just keep these small pockets of sin and live with them. It's just too much to drive them out. ***“they could not”*** drive them out.

We know for a fact it was not a lack on God's part.

Look at the evidence. Look at Caleb! He said, give me the toughest place in the land “if God's wills, I'll be able to drive them out! But here Judah is not drawing on the power of God. Caleb types run into this problem as other believers aren't willing to go to the same effort. Then they ridicule and say a Caleb is too fanatical, too crazy about the Lord and about keeping the word of the Bible

Jos 16:10 .. they did not drive out the Canaanites... but dwell among the Ephraimites to this day and have become forced laborers

Here is failure for different reasons – lessons for us! –

1. They failed for a lack of desire and commitment!

Their failure also was one of covetousness – We can profit on them by using them as forced labor! Maybe God doesn't understand as fully as I do. Let's take them and make forced laborers out of them, making our land stronger and greater for God! Amazing how we can rationalize sin. - we look at sinning and say, yes, we shouldn't do that, but it will cost us if we don't do that sin. The lesson here, repeated many times in the Bible, is that **no profit from sinning is worth the eventual cost of the damage sin will do in our lives!** Manasseh had the power - if they could subjugate the people they could have driven them out! Parallel is with sin in our lives. They compromised for the sake of material wealth. (continued to the right, column 3)

2. Look at the Book of Judges. We find now that leaving the Canaanites in the land will result in them being in charge, **bringing the Israelites into subjection to them. Just like sin in our lives!!!! It all gets flipped around.** It all begins here!

Chapter 15:63 Most Christians work about 80:20 on their sin. They drive out 80% of their sin but continue to live with 20% of it. To displace that sin requires great work and sweat on our part. We need to remember that God has given us precious promises of providing His Divine power and enablement for all things: Look at **2 Peter 1:2-4** *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, [3] as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, [4] by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

The temptation comes into our lives and we think, we'll never get rid of that sin, that enemy. It's just too hard for me. Yes, I know others have done it, but they're like Caleb, not like me! I'll never have victory over that! That's not worth the effort, not worth the aggravation. You've just got to learn to live with it. But go back to **2 Peter 1:2-4. It's not just about Caleb, it's about me!** **It's so important for us to learn not to live with sin in our lives or enemies, but have the willpower to drive them out!** So are you more like a Caleb? Or Judah

Chapter 16 – How content are you with your “portion”?

Are you content in doing all that the Lord has for you, where you are right now?

Chap 16v. 10 continued from previous column Anytime we make the wrong decision to disobey God, I may get away with it for a short time, but someday it will bite me. God knows what we can tolerate in our lives and what we can't. If we allow any part of sin or flesh to remain in our lives, that sin will grow until it takes command over us! And the sin now has me subjected to it. **Jas 1:12-16**

3. Also it is a warning in the Christian life of being content in conquering the areas of the big sins in our life, taking them under the control through obedience to the Word of God, but **later becoming casual and not eliminating the small sins!** Initially, the back of sin is broken, then after a while, I'm good with this Christian life and I won't pursue Christ likeness any longer, but I'll settle with this. Who want to be a fanatic? But the little sin has the same goal as the big ones. They grow and take us into bondage. We need to continue to grow in every area. *Rom 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.* **You need to cold bloodedly starve sin to death!**

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Chapter 17 – The Other Half Tribe of Manasseh:

Jos 17:1 There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh, for he was the firstborn of Joseph: namely for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was a man of war; therefore he was given Gilead and Bashan. [2] And there was a lot for the rest of the children of Manasseh according to their families: for the children of Abiezer, the children of Helek, the children of Asriel, the children of Shechem, the children of Hepher, and the children of Shemida; these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph according to their families. [3] But Zelophehad the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but only daughters. And these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. [4] And they came near before Eleazar the priest, before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the rulers, saying, "The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers." Therefore, according to the commandment of the LORD, he gave them an inheritance among their father's brothers. [5] Ten shares fell to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which were on the other side of the Jordan, [6] because the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance among his sons; and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead. [7] And the territory of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethath, that lies east of Shechem; and the border went along south to the inhabitants of En Tappuah. [8] Manasseh had the land of Tappuah, but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim. [9] And the border descended to the Brook Kanah, southward to the brook. These cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manasseh. The border of Manasseh was on the north side of the brook; and it ended at the sea. [10] Southward it was Ephraim's, northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea was its border. Manasseh's territory was adjoining Asher on the north and Issachar on the east. [11] And in Issachar and in Asher, Manasseh had Beth Shean and its towns, Ibleam and its towns, the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, the inhabitants of En Dor and its towns, the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns—three hilly regions. [12] Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities, but the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land. [13] And it happened, when the children of Israel grew strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.

More Land for Ephraim & Manasseh:

[14] Then the children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given us only one lot and one share to inherit, since we are a great people, inasmuch as the LORD has blessed us until now?" [15] So Joshua answered them, "If you are a great people, then go up to the forest country and clear a place for yourself there in the land"

Chap. 17:3-4 Zelophehad – Num 27:7 "The daughters of Zelophehad speak what is right; you shall surely give them a possession of inheritance among their father's brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them."

Num 36:6 This is what the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, 'Let them marry whom they think best, but they may marry only within the family of their father's tribe.'

The LORD's commandment, given through Moses, is **most important** for us as it relates to Jesus, our Joshua, when considering the inheritance of daughters who have no brothers.

Note in the genealogy of our Lord Jesus, **Mat 1:11** *Josiah begot Jeconiah* (cursed by God in Jer.22:28-30) *and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. Mat 1:16 And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born* (feminine singular tense) Jesus who is called Christ. So Jesus could not come through the line of the kings through David's son Solomon because that line was cut off at Jeconiah, because of his wickedness. But we see the prophecy exactly fulfilled through Mary, who came through the line of David's son, Nathan.

How could Jesus come to us spiritually as the perfect inheritance? It was because of the law given to Zelophehad!

Chap. 17:14-15 - since we are a great people – Note the self pride in this verse of the tribe of Manasseh. Joshua gives them a **two fold answer**. In **v. 15**, he says okay, if you're so great then **show us by your deeds**, your taking the territory from the enemy. Go prove it! By being faithful. They responded with excuses. A person that is good at excuses is rarely good at anything else!
v. 17 He speaks to them softly and encourages them. Now speaking in diplomacy – you are great and you will have one lot. The potential is there. But it needed to be acted upon! No manipulating. Joshua stays on message. This is what you need to do.

Chap. 17:3-4 God's perfect fulfillment of prophecy for the Messiah and His inheritance to come through the line of David causes us to be jubilantly victorious. What a God we serve! **Are you sure of your eternal inheritance? All of His promises are sure! Do you believe this?**

Jos 17:12-13 *the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities, but they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.*

Failure again to drive them out. It too hard! We're called to continue to engage those sins and those temptations until they realize they have no place in our lives. Ultimately they will give away. It will take some time. It may be sweaty and hard, but eventually they will give way. Why doesn't He knock out all of my sin? The reason He leaves sin in our lives, **is that we learn things in the battle!** Initially when we first came to the Lord, He quickly knocked a number of big things out of the way – we recognize that only through His supernatural work that that could have happened. Only God could have done that! **But fighting these battles keep us close to God and it also gives us compassion!** The fact that we still fight with it, causes us to have compassion. Somedays it's hand to hand combat! Sometimes we get a period of light warfare – you're about ready to write an autobiography – we have the power and peace of God, with victory over sin. But then! The battle again rages! Always that fight! Always that battle. We're not to think that it because I'm some kind of a deficient Christian, because I have this battle. The fact of the matter is that we will continue to have the battle. Only when we get our new body will we be free from sin!

Chap. 17:13 The children of Manasseh "could not" drive out all the Canaanites. Like some of us, we want to receive something without earning it and then brag about what all we have! Don't be self deceived! **Do you have enemy pockets that you have not yet driven out but have made them an ongoing part of your life? Do you give a two fold answer to those who come to you in self pride and arrogance?**

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of the Perizzites and the giants, since the mountains of Ephraim are too confined for you.” [16] But the children of Joseph said, “The mountain country is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both those who are of Beth Shean and its towns and those who are of the Valley of Jezreel.” [17] And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph—to Ephraim and Manasseh—saying, “You are a great people and have great power; you shall not have only one lot, [18] but the mountain country shall be yours. Although it is wooded, you shall cut it down, and its farthest extent shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots and are strong.”

Chapter 18 - The Remainder of Land Divided;

Jos 18:1 Now the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of meeting there. And the land was subdued before them. [2] But there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance. [3] Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: “How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you? [4] Pick out from among you three men for each tribe, and I will send them; they shall rise and go through the land, survey it according to their inheritance, and come back to me. [5] And they shall divide it into seven parts. Judah shall remain in their territory on the south, and the house of Joseph shall remain in their territory on the north. [6] You shall therefore survey the land in seven parts and bring the survey here to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God. [7] But the Levites have no part among you, for the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance. And Gad, Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.” [8] Then the men arose to go away; and Joshua charged those who went to survey the land, saying, “Go, walk through the land, survey it, and come back to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD in Shiloh.” [9] So the men went, passed through the land, and wrote the survey in a book in seven parts by cities; and they came to Joshua at the camp in Shiloh. [10] Then Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions.

The Inheritance for Benjamin

[11] Now the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families, and the territory of their lot came out between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. [12] Their border on the north side began at the Jordan, and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the mountains westward; it ended at the Wilderness of Beth Aven. [13] The border went over from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz (which is Bethel) southward; and the border descended to Ataroth Addar, near the hill that lies on the south side of Lower Beth Horon. [14] Then the border extended around the west side to the south, from the hill that lies before Beth Horon southward; and it ended at Kirjath Baal (which is Kirjath Jearim), a city of the children of Judah. This was the west side. [15] The south side began at the end of Kirjath Jearim, and the border extended on the west and went out to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah. [16] Then the border came down to the

Chap. 18

The place for assembly was moved to Shiloh. Seven tribes hadn’t come to Joshua yet! Neglect! Slack! Joshua rebukes – to be relaxed, too relaxed. You need to get going fulfilling what the Lord has for you. Here, Joshua rebuked the 7 tribes who have not yet stepped up to ask for their allotment of land to possess and drive out the remaining enemies. Interesting that at this point, more tribes have not stepped up than have. It seems like in the allotment procedure that God used, **there was the requirement for the tribes to step forward and request their allotment, offering to take responsibility of possessing their land and driving out the enemy.**

Remember the courage and faith of Caleb, in this regard. Joshua sent out seven 3-man survey teams. Survey and bring it to me (probably trained in Egypt). Some of the slaves must have been surveyors. Seven division were brought back – but they will be determined by God through lot. This scene is all too familiar in the body of Christ today. **Too many born again believers want to just float around** and not step up to takes positions of responsible work.

Chap. 18:8 survey it - Where and when did these men who went out learn how to survey? In the wilderness march? During the 7 years of battle? Most likely they were taught how to survey **while they were in Egypt as young students.** Note how the Lord lets nothing go to waste.

Chap. 18:2-3 How well have **we stepped up to what the Lord has for us to do?** How content are we just to float around and not to take possession of all the blessings the Lord has given us in our inheritance? **Are we ready and willing to drive out all of our enemies?**

Chap. 18:8 How encouraging this is for us and for those who are in school right now. Often we think that the subjects we’re learning will never be useful. If these men were indeed taught how to survey in Egypt over forty years, earlier, how much it should encourage us to always do our best - **Col 3:23** ***And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,***

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end of the mountain that lies before the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which is in the Valley of the Rephaim on the north, descended to the Valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite city on the south, and descended to En Rogel. [17] And it went around from the north, went out to En Shemesh, and extended toward Geliloth, which is before the Ascent of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben. [18] Then it passed along toward the north side of Arabah, and went down to Arabah. [19] And the border passed along to the north side of Beth Hoglah; then the border ended at the north bay at the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan. This was the southern boundary. [20] The Jordan was its border on the east side. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, according to its boundaries all around, according to their families. [21] Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, according to their families, were Jericho, Beth Hoglah, Emek Keziz, [22] Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel, [23] Avim, Parah, Ophrah, [24] Chephar Haammoni, Ophni, and Gaba: twelve cities with their villages; [25] Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth, [26] Mizpah, Chephirah, Mozah, [27] Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah, [28] Zelah, Eleph, Jebus (which is Jerusalem), Gibeath, and Kirjath: fourteen cities with their villages. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

Chapter 19 - Simeon’s Inheritance With Judah

Jos 19:1 The second lot came out for Simeon, for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. And their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah. [2] They had in their inheritance Beersheba (Sheba), Moladah, [3] Hazar Shual, Balah, Ezem, [4] Eltolad, Bethul, Hormah, [5] Ziklag, Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susah, [6] Beth Lebaoth, and Sharuh: thirteen cities and their villages; [7] Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan: four cities and their villages; [8] and all the villages that were all around these cities as far as Baalath Beer, Ramah of the South. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. [9] The inheritance of the children of Simeon was included in the share of the children of Judah, for the share of the children of Judah was too much for them. Therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of that people.

The Inheritance for Zebulun. [10] The third lot came out for the children of Zebulun according to their families, and the border of their inheritance was as far as Sarid. [11] Their border went toward the west and to Maralah, went to Dabbasheth, and extended along the brook that is east of Jokneam. [12] Then from Sarid it went eastward toward the sunrise along the border of Chisloth Tabor, and went out toward Daberath, bypassing Japhia. [13] And from there it passed along on the east of Gath Hephher, toward Eth Kazin, and extended to Rimmon, which borders on Neah. [14] Then the border went around it on the north side of Hannathon, and it ended in the Valley of Jiphthah El. [15] Included were Kattath, Nahallal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve cities with their villages. [16] This was the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

The Inheritance for Issachar

[17] The fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families. [18] And their territory went to Jezreel, and included Chesulloth, Shunem, [19] Haphraim, Shion, Anaharath, Jos 19:20 Rabbith, Kishion, Abiez, [21] Remeth, En Gannim, En Haddah, and Beth Pazez. [22] And the border reached to

Chapter 19:1-9 Inheritance of Simeon

Hundreds of years earlier Jacob had prophesied that the two tribes of Simeon and Levi would be scattered. (*Gen. 49:7*) Note here that they are given their allotment within that given to Judah! Their scattering can already be seen during the 40 years wilderness march as their number dwindled from 59,300 (*Num. 1:23*) all the way down to 22,200 (*Num. 26:14*), a reduction of more than 60%. Here they will be surrounded by the tribe of Judah and pretty much absorbed. We don’t really hear much more about the tribe of Simeon. Likewise the Levites received no local inheritance. Later they would be completely scattered throughout the land, being given common areas in 48 cities throughout Israel, with the Lord’s sacrifice as their inheritance.

Joshua 19:10-16 - In the division to each tribe of Israel, the prophetic blessings of Jacob were fulfilled. They chose for themselves, or it was divided to them by lot, in the manner and places that he foresaw. Surely a rule to go by is the word of prophecy: we see by it what to believe, and it proves beyond all dispute the things that are of God.

Chapter 19:1-9 Inheritance of Simeon

It is indeed so encouraging to know that God is always faithful in His promises. Just as He prophesied regarding the certainty the inheritance of Simeon, how much more are we assured that He is faithful to our promised, eternal inheritance, purchased by the blood of His Precious Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Area of Caleb’s Inheritance:



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Tabor, Shahazimah, and Beth Shemesh; their border ended at the Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages. [23] This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

The Inheritance for Asher

[24] The fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families.

[25] And their territory included Helkath, Hali, Beten, Achshaph, [26] Alammelech, Amad, and Mishal; it reached to Mount Carmel westward, along the Brook Shihor Libnath. [27] It turned toward the sunrise to Beth Dagon; and it reached to Zebulun and to the Valley of Jiphthah El, then northward beyond Beth Emek and Neiel, bypassing Cabul which was on the left, [28] including Ebron, Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah, as far as Greater Sidon. [29] And the border turned to Ramah and to the fortified city of Tyre; then the border turned to Hosah, and ended at the sea by the region of Achzib. [30] Also Ummah, Aphek, and Rehob were included: twenty-two cities with their villages. [31] This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

The Inheritance for Naphtali

[32] The sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, for the children of Naphtali according to their families. [33] And their border began at Heleph, enclosing the territory from the terebinth tree in Zaanannim, Adami Nekeb, and Jabneel, as far as Lakkum; it ended at the Jordan. [34] From Heleph the border extended westward to Aznoth Tabor, and went out from there toward Hukkok; it adjoined Zebulun on the south side and Asher on the west side, and ended at Judah by the Jordan toward the sunrise. [35] And the fortified cities are Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Chinnereth, [36] Adamah, Ramah, Hazor, [37] Kedesh, Edrei, En Hazor, [38] Iron, Migdal El, Horem, Beth Anath, and Beth Shemesh: nineteen cities with their villages. [39] This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

The Inheritance for Dan: *[40] The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families. [41] And the territory of their inheritance was Zorah, Eshtaol, Ir Shemesh, [42] Shaalabbin, Aijalon, Jethlah, [43] Elon, Timnah, Ekron, [44] Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath, [45] Jehud, Bene Berak, Gath Rimmon, [46] Me Jarkon, and Rakkon, with the region near Joppa. [47] And the border of the children of Dan went beyond these, because the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem and took it; and they struck it with the edge of the sword, took possession of it, and dwelt in it. They called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father. [48] This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.*

The Inheritance for Joshua

[49] When they had made an end of dividing the land as an inheritance according to their borders, the children of Israel gave an inheritance among them to Joshua the son of Nun. [50] According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked for, Timnath Serah in the mountains of Ephraim; and he built the city and dwelt in it. [51] These were the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel divided as an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. So they made an end of dividing the country.

Joshua 19:17-51

Joshua waited till all the tribes were settled, before he asked any provision for himself. He was content to wait for his inheritance until he saw them all placed. **This is a great example** to all in public places, to prefer the common welfare before private advantage. Those who labor most to do good to others, seek an inheritance in the Canaan above: but it will be soon enough to enter thereon, when they have done all the service to their brethren of which they are capable. Nor can anything more better assure them of their title to it, than endeavoring to bring others to desire, to seek, and to obtain it. Our Lord Jesus came and dwelt on earth, not in pomp but poverty, providing rest for man, yet He did not have a place to lay His head; for Christ pleased not Himself. Nor would He enter upon His inheritance, **until by His obedience to death He secured the eternal inheritance for all His people; nor will He account His own glory completed, till every ransomed sinner is put in possession of His heavenly rest.**

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