

# The Book of Joshua

## The Division of the Land

### Possession of the Land

Text: Joshua 16 - 19

- I. Further Division of the Land (Joshua 16 - 19)
  - A. 16:1-10 - Inheritance of the Tribe of Ephraim
  - B. 17:1-13 - Inheritance of the Tribe of Manasseh
  - C. 18:11-28 - Inheritance of the Tribe of Benjamin
  - D. 19:1-9 - Inheritance of the Tribe of Simeon
  - E. 19:10-16 - Inheritance of the Tribe of Zebulun
  - F. 19:17-23 - Inheritance of the Tribe of Issachar
  - G. 19:24-31 - Inheritance of the Tribe of Asher
  - H. 19:32-39 - Inheritance of the Tribe of Naphtali
  - I. 19:40-48 - Inheritance of the Tribe of Dan
  - J. 19:49-50 - Inheritance of Joshua
  - K. Lessons:
    1. 16:10 - *Israel failed to drive out all the inhabitants of the land.*
    2. 17:3-4 - *Inheritance of the daughters of Zelophehad (cf. Num. 36:1-13)*
    3. 17:12-13 - *Another failure of Israel*
    4. 19:47 - *The second, sinful Tribe of Dan (cf. Jud. 1:34; 18)*
- II. The Complaint of the Children of Joseph (Joshua 17:14-18)
  - A. The descendants of Joseph complained that it was not fair that they should only receive one lot for an inheritance because they were so numerous.
  - B. This complaint was invalid for several reasons:
    1. They had received 3 lots.
      - a.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Manasseh east of Jordan
      - b.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Manasseh west of Jordan
      - c. Ephraim
    2. Combined, they were not more populous than Judah, Dan, or Issachar.
  - C. Thus, Joshua told them to get to work and possess the land they had been given by cutting down forests and taking the mountains.
  - D. They responded with cowardice, claiming that they could not take the land because the Canaanites had chariots of iron.
  - E. Joshua would not give in and told them that they could and would take the land.
  - F. This passage illustrates both the growing arrogance of these two tribes (cf. Jud. 8:1; 12:1; etc.) and another reason that Israel did not fully drive out the inhabitants of the land.
- III. Mapping Out the Land (Joshua 18:1-10)
  - A. The Tabernacle was set up in Shiloh, where it would remain for many years.
  - B. The final seven tribes receive their inheritance.
- IV. The Inheritance of Joshua (Joshua 19:49-50)
  - A. It is worth noting that Joshua was the last one to receive his inheritance.
  - B. Timnath-serah means, "Portion of the sun."

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