

Division of the Promised Land

Lesson #7

Joshua 14-21

Chapter 13 concluded with the Transjordan land being given to Reuben, Gad & the ½ tribe of Manasseh. This land was well suited for cattle grazing, the occupation of these tribes. Jair & Makir, two clans from the tribe of Manasseh (where the ½ tribe comes from), had received the land of Og, king of Bashan. Now, attention was turned to the allocation of the land to become the inheritance of the remaining 9 ½ tribes.

Caleb - 14:1-15

1. Who was Caleb? (Joshua 14:6-8 and Numbers 13)
2. What had Moses promised him? (Joshua 14:9)
3. How long had it been since that promise was given? (Joshua 14:10)
4. Comment on his age, physical strength and faith in God as recorded in verses 10-12.
5. Caleb asked his old friend Joshua for permission to go and take possession of that land. What was Joshua's response? (Joshua 14:13-15a)

Then the land had rest (peace) from war. Joshua 14:15b

Judah's Inheritance - 15:1- 63

6. The record of allotment of land began with Caleb's tribe of Judah. Did any city stand out? (Joshua 15:1-12)
7. Describe Caleb's taking possession of his inheritance? (Joshua 15:13-17)

8. Caleb's daughter Acsah was an unusual young lady. What request did she ask her father? (Joshua 15:18, 19)

9. How did Caleb respond? (Joshua 15:19)

Ephraim & Manasseh's Inheritance - 16:1 - 17:18

10. How did Joseph's sons Ephraim & Manasseh become part of the 12 tribes of Israel? (Genesis 48)

Note: In Genesis 48:22, Joseph had already been given his inheritance, Shechem, the only land of his father Jacob.

11. In chapter 16, the allotment of Ephraim was given in the middle of Canaan. Why was Gezer, a city on their southern border mentioned? (Joshua 16:10)

12. Joshua 17:1 describes Manasseh's allotment. Who is Makir and what was said about him?

13. Who else was a descendant of Manasseh? (Joshua 17:3, 4)

His story is recorded in Numbers 27:1-8 and Numbers 36.

14. Please paraphrase Joshua 17:12, 13.

15. After being given their inheritance, why did the tribes of Joseph complain? (Joshua 17:14)

16. What was Joshua's response? (Joshua 17:15)

17. What did they say to Joshua's solution? (Joshua 17:16)

18. How did Joshua handle the situation? (Joshua 17:17, 18)

Division of the Remainder of the Land - 18:1-19:51

19. Israel had used Gilgal as their “base camp” to this point. Where was the new camp located? (Joshua 18:1)

20. What would become significant about this location? (Joshua 19:51)

21. How many tribes still did not have their inheritance & what did Joshua say about this? (Joshua 18:2, 3)

22. What did Joshua propose? (Joshua 18:4-10)

23. Who received the first territory according to the lot? (Joshua 18:11-28)

24. Who was second? (Joshua 19:1-9)

25. Where did their allotment come from & why? (Joshua 19:9)

26. List the remaining five in order of the lot. (Joshua 19:10-48)

27. At the conclusion of the land distribution, what was Joshua's inheritance?
(Joshua 19:49-50)

The Levites Cities - 20:1-45

28. With the land divided into 12 territories, God said it was time to set up the cities of refuge. What towns in which territory were chosen on the western side of the Jordan?
(Joshua 20:7)

29. And on the eastern side? (Joshua 20:8)

30. What was the purpose of these cities? (Joshua 20:9)

31. The last of the inheritance went to the Levites. What was God’s command to the Israelites regarding the Levites? (Numbers 35:1-5)

32. Levi had three sons, Kohath, Gershon & Merari. Each of these clans were given their towns independently. From chapter 21 please fill in the chart below.

Levite Clan	Tribes Giving Town	Total
Kohathites - (Priests)		
Kohathites - (other)		
Gershon		
Merari		

Total towns for the Levites _____

Joshua 21:43-45, “So the LORD gave Israel all the land He had sworn to give their forefathers, and they took possession of it and settled there. The LORD gave them rest on every side, just as He had sworn to their forefathers. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the LORD handed all their enemies over to them. Not one of all the LORD 's good promises to the house of Israel failed; everyone was fulfilled.”