

## Dividing the Land at Gilgal (1400 BC)

Joshua 13:1–7; 14:1–5

### God Commands Joshua to Divide the Land Among the Tribes

13:1 Now Joshua was old *and* advanced in years, and Yahweh said to him, “You are old *and* advanced in years, and very much of the land remains to be possessed.

2 This *is* the remaining land: all the regions of the Philistines, and all *of* the Geshurites,

3 from the Shihor, which *is* east of Egypt, up to the border of Ekron *to the* north, which is reckoned as Canaanite; *there are* five Philistine rulers: the Gazites, Ashdodites, Ashkelonites, Gittites, Ekronites, and the Avvim.

4 In *the* south; all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah, which *belongs* to the Sidonians up to Aphek, to the border of the Amorites,

5 and the land of the Gebalites, and all the Lebanon, toward the east, from Baal Gad at the foot of Mount Hermon up to Lebo-Hamath;

6 all the inhabitants of the hill country, from the Lebanon up to Misrephoth Maim, and all *the* Sidonians. I will drive them out from before the Israelites; only allocate it to Israel as an inheritance just as I have commanded you.

7 Therefore, divide this land as an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half-tribe of Manasseh.”

### Joshua Carries Out God’s Command—Levi Excluded

14:1 These *are the territories* that the Israelites inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the heads of the families of the tribes of the Israelites gave as an inheritance to them.

2 Their inheritance *was* by lot, just as Yahweh commanded through the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes and the half-tribe.

3 For Moses had given *an* inheritance *of the* two tribes and the half-tribe beyond the Jordan, but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them.

4 For the descendants of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim, and they did not give a plot of ground to the Levites in the land, only cities to live *in*, with their pastureland for their flocks and for their goods.

5 Just as Yahweh commanded Moses, so the Israelites did; and they allotted the land.

## Judah’s Inheritance (1400 BC)

Joshua 14:6–15; 15:1–13, 20–62

### Caleb’s Faithfulness Is Rewarded

14:6 Then the descendants of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal; and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know the word that Yahweh said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea concerning you and me.

7 I was forty years old when Moses Yahweh’s servant sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I returned with an honest report.

8 My companions who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt, but I remained true to Yahweh my God.

9 And Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land that your foot has trodden on will be an inheritance to you and your sons forever, because you remained true to Yahweh my God.’

10 So then, look, Yahweh has kept me alive just as he promised these forty-five years, from the time that Yahweh spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness. Now look, today I am eighty-five years old.

11 Today I am still strong, just as on the day that Moses sent me; as my strength *was* then, so now also *is* my strength for war and for daily activities.

12 So now give me this hill country that Yahweh spoke *of* on that day, for you heard on that day that the Anakites *were* there, with great and fortified cities. Perhaps Yahweh *is* with me, and I will drive them out just as Yahweh promised.”

13 And Joshua blessed him and gave Hebron to Caleb son of Jephunneh as an inheritance.

14 Thus Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he remained true to Yahweh the God of Israel.

15 And the name of Hebron formerly *was* Kiriath Arba; *Arba* *was* the greatest person among the Anakites. And the land rested from war.

### Judah’s Boundaries

15:1 The allotment for the tribe of the descendants of Judah according to their families reached to the border of Edom, to the wilderness of Zin, to the far south.

2 Their southern border was from the end of the Salt Sea, from the bay facing southward;

3 it continues *to the* south to the ascent of Akkrabbim, passes *along* to Zin, it goes up south of Kadesh Barnea, passes *along* Hezron, goes up to Addar, and makes a turn to Karka;

4 it passes on to Azmon, continues by the wadi of Egypt, and it ends at the sea. This will be your southern border.

5 *The* eastern border *is* the Salt Sea up to the mouth of the Jordan. *The* border on *the* northern side *runs* from the bay of the sea at the mouth of the Jordan;

6 the border goes up to Beth-hoglah and passes *along* north of Beth Arabah; and the border goes up the stone of Bohan son of Reuben;

7 and the border goes up to Debir from the valley of Achor, and to the north, turning to Gilgal, which *is* opposite the ascent of Adummim, which *is* south of the wadi; and the border passes on to the waters of En Shemesh, and it ends at En Rogel.

8 Then the border goes up *by* the Valley of Ben Hinnom to the slope of the Jebusites from *the* south (that *is*, Jerusalem); and the border goes up to the top of the mountain that *lies* opposite the valley of Hinnom to the west, which is at the end of the valley of Rephaim to the north;

9 then the border turns from the top of the mountain to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah, and continues from there to the cities of Mount Ephron; the border *then* turns to Baalah (that *is*, Kiriath Jearim);

10 and the border goes around from Baalah to the west, to Mount Seir, and passes on to the slope of Mount Jearim from the north (that *is*, Kesalon), and goes down to Beth Shemesh, and passes *along by* Timnah.

11 The border continues to the slope of Ekron to the north, *then* bends around to Shikkeron, it passes *on* to Mount Baalah and continues to Jabneel; and the border ends at the sea.

12 And *the* western border *is* to the Great Sea and its coast. This *is* the border surrounding the descendants of Judah according to their families.

### **Caleb's Inheritance**

13 According to the commandment of Yahweh to Joshua, he gave to Caleb son of Jephunneh a plot of ground among the descendants of Judah, Kiriath Arba, which *is* Hebron (*Arba* was Anak's father).

### **Judah's Cities—In the South (Negeb)**

20 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the descendants of Judah according to their families:

21 the cities belonging to the tribe of the descendants of Judah to the far south, to *the* border of Edom to the south, were Kabzeel, Eder, Jagur,

22 Kinah, Dimonah, Adadah,

23 Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan,

24 Ziph, Telem, Bealoth,

25 Hazor Hadattah, Kerioth Hezron (that *is*, Hazor),

26 Amam, Shema, Moladah,

27 Hazar Gaddah, Heshmon, Beth Pelet,

28 Hazar Shual, Beersheba, Biziothiah,

29 Baalah, Iim, Ezem,

30 Eltolad, Kesil, Hormah,

31 Ziklag, Madmannah, Sansannah,

32 Lebaoth, Shilhim, Ain, and Rimmon; *in* all, twenty-nine cities and their villages.

### **Judah's Cities—In the Western Foothills (Shephelah)**

33 In the Shephelah: Eshtaol, Zorah, Ashnah,

34 Zanoah, En Gannim, Tappuah, Enam,

35 Jarmuth, Adullam, Socoh, Azekah,

36 Shaaraim, Adithaim, Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities and their villages.

37 Zenan, Hadashah, Migdal Gad,

38 Dilean, Mizpah, Joktheel,

39 Lachish, Bozkath, Eglon,

40 Cabbon, Lahma, Kitlish,

41 Gederoth, Beth Dagon, Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities and their villages.

42 Libnah, Ether, Ashan,

43 Jephthah, Ashnah, Nezib,

44 Keilah, Aczib, and Mareshah; nine cities and their villages.

### **Judah's Cities—Philistine Cities**

45 Ekron, its towns and villages;

46 from Ekron to the sea, and all that were near Ashdod and their villages.

47 Ashdod, its towns and villages; Gaza, its towns and villages, up to the wadi of Egypt and the Great Sea and its coast.

### **Judah's Cities—In the Hill Country (Har)**

48 And in the hill country: Shamir, Jattir, Socoh,

49 Dannah, Kiriath Sanna (that *is*, Debir),

50 Anab, Eshtemoh, Anim,  
 51 Goshen, Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities and their villages.  
 52 Arab, Dumah, Eshan,  
 53 Janim, Beth-tappuah, Aphekah,  
 54 Humtah, Kiriath Arba (that *is*, Hebron), and Zior; nine cities and their villages.  
 55 Moan, Carmel, Ziph, Juttah,  
 56 Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah,  
 57 Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities and their villages.  
 58 Halhul, Beth Zur, Gedor,  
 59 Maarath, Beth Anoth, and Eltekon; six cities and their villages.  
 60 Kiriath Baal (that *is*, Kiriath Jearim) and Rabbah; two cities and their villages.

#### Judah's Cities—In the Desert (Midbar)

61 In the wilderness: Beth Arabah, Middin, Secacah,  
 62 Nibshan, the city of Salt, and En Gedi; six cities and their villages.

### Joseph's Inheritance (1400 BC)

Joshua 16:1–9; 17:1–11, 14–18

#### Joseph's Border

16:1 The allotment of the descendants of Joseph went from *the* Jordan by Jericho, at the waters of Jericho to the east, *into* the wilderness, going up from Jericho into the hill country *to* Bethel;  
 2 it continues from Bethel to Luz, and it passes *along* to the territory of the Arkites at Ataroth.  
 3 Then it goes down, to the west, to the territory of the Japhletites, up to the territory of Lower Beth-horon, then to Gezer, and it ends at the sea.  
 4 And the descendants of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their inheritance.

#### Ephraim's Border

5 *This* was the border of the descendants of Ephraim according to their families: the border of their inheritance to the east *was* Ataroth Addar, up to Upper Beth-horon.  
 6 The border continues to the sea; from Micmethath to *the* north, the border turns to the east to Taanath Shiloh, and it passes *along* it from the east to Janoah.  
 7 Then it goes down from Janoah to Ataroth and to Naarah; it touches Jericho and ends *at* the Jordan;  
 8 from Tappuah the border goes to the west, *to* the wadi of Kanah, and it ends at the sea. *This is* the inheritance of the tribe of the descendants of Ephraim according to their families,  
 9 with the cities that were set apart for the descendants of Ephraim in the midst of the inheritance of the descendants of Manasseh, all the cities and their villages.

#### West Manasseh's Border

17:1 Then the allotment was made for the tribe of Manasseh, because he *was* the firstborn of Joseph. To Makir, the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, were allotted Gilead and Bashan, because he was a warrior.  
 2 *An allotment was made* for the remaining descendants of Manasseh, according to their families: For the children of Abiezer, Helek, Asriel, Shechem, Hephher, and Shemida—these *were* the male descendants of Manasseh son of Joseph according to their families.  
 3 But Zelophehad son of Hephher, son of Gilead, son of Makir, son of Manasseh, had no sons, only daughters. These *are* the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.  
 4 They came before Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the leaders, saying, "Yahweh commanded Moses to give an inheritance to us among our kinsmen." Therefore, according to the command of Yahweh he gave them an inheritance among the kinsmen of their father.  
 5 Thus ten shares fell to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which *is* beyond the Jordan,  
 6 because the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance among his sons. And the land of Gilead *was allotted* to the remaining descendants of Manasseh.  
 7 The border of Manasseh was from Asher *to* Micmethath, which *is* opposite Shechem; then the border goes to the south, to the inhabitants of En Tappuah.  
 8 The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh, but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the descendants of Ephraim.  
 9 Then the border goes down *to* the wadi of Kanah to the south of the wadi. These cities *belong* to Ephraim among the cities of Manasseh. The border of Manasseh *is* north of the wadi, and it ends at the sea.  
 10 The south *is* Ephraim's, and the north *is* Manasseh's; the sea is their border; Asher touches *the* north and on *the* east Issachar.  
 11 In Issachar and Asher, Manasseh had Beth-shean and its villages, Ibleam and its villages, the inhabitants of Dor and its villages,

the inhabitants of En-dor and its villages, the inhabitants of Taanach and its villages, the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages; the third is Napheth.

**Joseph's Complaint**

14 The descendants of Joseph spoke with Joshua, saying, "Why have you given us one allotment and one share *as* an inheritance? We are many people, which Yahweh has blessed."

15 And Joshua said to them, "If you *are* many people, go up to the forest and clear *a place* there for yourselves in the land of the Perizzites and Rephaim, since the hill country of Ephraim is *too* narrow for you."

16 And the descendants of Joseph said, "The hill country is not enough for us, and all of the Canaanites living in the land of the valley *have* chariots of iron, those in Beth-shean and its villages, and those in the Jezreel Valley."

17 And Joshua said to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and Manasseh, "You are many people and have great power; you will not have one allotment *only*;

18 *the* hill country will be yours. Even though it *is* a forest, you will clear it, and it will be yours *to* its farthest borders. You will drive out the Canaanites, even though they have iron chariots and *are* strong."

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