

Dividing the Land at Shiloh (1400 BC)

Joshua 18:1–10

- 1 The entire congregation of the Israelites assembled *at* Shiloh, and they set up there the tent of meeting, and the land was subdued before them.
- 2 And seven tribes remained among the Israelites who had not been apportioned their inheritance.
- 3 And Joshua said to the Israelites, “How long *will* you be slack about going to take possession of the land that Yahweh, the God of your ancestors, has given you?”
- 4 Provide three men from each tribe, and I will send them so that they may begin to go through the land and write *a description* of it according to their inheritance, and let them come to me.
- 5 They will divide it among themselves into seven portions; Judah will maintain its border from *the* south, and the house of Joseph will maintain its border from *the* north.
- 6 Describe the land *in* seven divisions, and bring *it* to me here; I will cast lots for you here before Yahweh our God.
- 7 The Levites among you have no portion, for their inheritance *is* the priesthood of Yahweh; Gad, Reuben, and the half-tribe of Manasseh received their inheritance beyond the Jordan to the east, which Moses Yahweh’s servant gave to them.”
- 8 And the men went immediately, and Joshua commanded the ones going to describe the land, saying, “Go and walk about through the land, write *a description*, and return to me, and here I will cast a lot for you before Yahweh at Shiloh.”
- 9 And the men went and passed through the land, and they described the cities in seven divisions in a book; and they came to Joshua to the camp *at* Shiloh,
- 10 and Joshua cast a lot for them at Shiloh before Yahweh, and there he divided the land for the Israelites, to each a portion.

Inheritance of Remaining Tribes (1400 BC)

Joshua 18:11–19:46, 48–51

Benjamin’s Inheritance

- 18:11 And the allotment of the tribe of Benjamin came up according to their families, and the border of their allotment fell between the descendants of Judah and the descendants of Joseph.
- 12 Their northern border began at the Jordan and went up to the slope of Jericho on *the* north and continued into the hill country to the west; it ends at the wilderness of Beth Aven.
- 13 The border passes *on* from there to Luz, to the slope of Luz to the south (that *is*, Bethel); then the border goes down to Ataroth Addar to the mountain that is south of Lower Beth-Horon.
- 14 Then the border changes direction and turns to the western side southward, from the mountain that is opposite Beth-Horon to the south. It ends at Kiriath Baal (that *is*, Kiriath Jearim), a town belonging to the descendants of Judah. This *is the* western side.
- 15 *The* southern side *begins* on the outskirts of Kiriath Jearim, and the border continues to the west to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah;
- 16 the border goes down to the foot of the mountain, which *is* opposite the Valley of Ben Hinnom, which *is* in the valley of Rephaim to the north; then it does down the valley of Hinnom to the slope of the Jebusites to the south, and then it goes down *to* En Rogel.
- 17 It changes direction from *the* north, and it continues *to* En Shemesh; it goes out to Geliloth, which *is* opposite the ascent of Adummim, and it goes down *to* the stone of Bohan, son of Reuben.
- 18 It passes *on* to the slope opposite the Arabah to the north, and it goes down to the Arabah.
- 19 The border passes *on* to the slope of Beth-hoglah to the north and ends at the north bay of the Salt Sea at the south end of the Jordan. This is the southern border.
- 20 The Jordan forms its border on the eastern side. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of Benjamin, its borders that surrounds *them*, according to their families.
- 21 Now the towns of the tribes of the descendants of Benjamin, according to their families, were Jericho, Beth-hoglah, Emek Keziz,
- 22 Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel,
- 23 Avvim, Parah, Ophrah,
- 24 Kephrah Ammoni, Ophni, and Geba; twelve cities and their villages.
- 25 Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth,
- 26 Mizpeh, Kephirah, Mozah,
- 27 Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah,
- 28 Zela, Haeleph, Jebus (that *is*, Jerusalem), Gibeah, and Kiriath; fourteen cities and their villages. This *is* the inheritance of the descendants of Benjamin according to their families.

Simeon’s Inheritance (inside Judah’s)

- 19:1 The second allotment fell for Simeon, for the tribe of the descendants of Simeon, according to their families. And their inheritance was in the midst of the inheritance of the descendants of Judah.
- 2 And they had as their inheritance Beersheba, Sheba, Moladah,
- 3 Hazar Shual, Balah, Ezem,

- 4 Eltolad, Bethul, Hormah,
5 Ziklag, Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susah,
6 Beth Lebaath, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities and their villages.
7 Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages,
8 and all the villages that *were* around these towns up to Baalat-Beor, Ramath of the Negev. This *was* the inheritance of the tribe of the descendants of Simeon according to their families.
9 Part of the portion *allotted* to the descendants of Judah *became* the inheritance of the descendants of Simeon because the portion for the descendants of Judah was too large for them, so the descendants of Simeon inherited *from* their inheritance. [cf. [Gen 49:5-7](#)]

Zebulun's Inheritance

- 10 The third allotment came up for the descendants of Zebulun according to their families. The border of their inheritance went up to Sarid.
11 Their border goes up to the west, to Maralah; it touches Dabbesheth, then the wadi that *is* opposite Jokneam.
12 It turns from Sarid to the east to the sunrise, to the border of Kislot-Tabor; it continues to Daberath and goes up *to* Japhia.
13 From there it passes *along* to the east toward the sunrise, to Gath Hepher and to Eth Kazin, and continuing *to* Rimmon, it turns *to* Neah;
14 it changes direction from the north of Hannathon, and it ends at the valley of Yiptah-El;
15 Kattath, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem; twelve cities and their villages.
16 This *is* the inheritance of the descendants of Zebulun according to their families, these cities and their villages.

Issachar's Inheritance

- 17 The fourth allotment fell for Issachar, for the descendants of Issachar, according to their families.
18 Their border went to Jezreel, Chesulloth, Shunem,
19 Hapharaim, Shion, Anaharath,
20 Rabbith, Kishion, Ebez,
21 Remeth, En Gannim, En Haddah, and Beth Pazzez;
22 and the border touches Tabor, Shahazumah, and Beth Shemesh. Its border ends at the Jordan; sixteen cities and their villages.
23 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the descendants of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

Asher's Inheritance

- 24 The fifth allotment fell for the tribe of the descendants of Asher according to their families.
25 Their border was Helkath, Hali, Beten, Acshaph,
26 Allamelech, Amad, and Mishal; it touches Carmel to the west, and Shihor-Libnat.
27 Then it turns eastward to Beth-dagon and touches Zebulun and the valley of Yiptah-El to the north to Beth Emeck and Neiel; it continues to Cabul from *the* north,
28 and Ebron, Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah up to Great Sidon;
29 then the border turns *to* Ramah, and up to the fortified city of Tyre, *where* the border turns *to* Hosah; it ends at the sea, from Hebel to Aczib.
30 *Included were* Ummah, Aphek, and Rehob; twenty-two cities and their villages.
31 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the descendants of Asher according to their families, these cities and their villages.

Naphtali's Inheritance

- 32 The sixth allotment fell for the children of Naphtali, for the children of Naphtali according to their families.
33 Their border was from Heleph, from *the* oak in Zaananim, Adami Nekeb, Jabneel, up to Lakkum; it ends at the Jordan;
34 then the border turns to the west, to Aznoth Tabor, and continues from there to Hukok, and it touches Zebulun on *the* south, Asher on *the* west, and Judah on the east *at* the Jordan.
35 The fortified cities *are* Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Kinnereth,
36 Adamah, Ramah, Hazor,
37 Kedesh, Edrei, En Hazor,
38 Yiron, Migdal El, Horem, Beth-anath, Beth Shemesh; nineteen cities and their villages.
39 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

Dan's Inheritance

- 40 The seventh lot fell for the tribe of the descendants of Dan according to their families.
41 *The* border of their inheritance was Zorah, Eshtaol, Ir Shemesh,
42 Shaalabbin, Aijalon, Ithlah,
43 Elon, Timnah, Ekron,
44 Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath,

45 Jehud, Bene Berak, Gath Rimmon,

46 Me Jarkon, Rakkon, with the border opposite Joppa.

48 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the descendants of Dan according to their families, these cities and their villages.

Joshua Given City of Timnath-serah in Ephraim

49 They finished assigning the land according to its borders, and the Israelites gave an inheritance *from* among them to Joshua son of Nun.

50 According to the commandment of Yahweh, they gave him the city that he requested, Timnath Serah, in the hill country of Ephraim, and he rebuilt the city and settled in it.

Summary Statement

51 These *are* the inheritances that Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the heads of the families of the tribes, distributed by allotment *to* the Israelites, at Shiloh before Yahweh *at* the entrance of the tent of meeting. And they finished dividing the land.

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