

Dividing the Land at Shiloh (1400 BC)

Joshua 18:1–10

- 1 The entire Israelite community assembled at Shiloh and there they set up the tent of meeting. Though they had subdued the land, 2 seven Israelite tribes had not been assigned their allotted land.
- 3 So Joshua said to the Israelites: “How long do you intend to put off occupying the land the LORD God of your ancestors has given you?”
- 4 Pick three men from each tribe. I will send them out to walk through the land and make a map of it for me.
- 5 Divide it into seven regions. Judah will stay in its territory in the south, and the family of Joseph in its territory in the north.
- 6 But as for you, map out the land into seven regions and bring it to me. I will draw lots for you here before the LORD our God.
- 7 But the Levites will not have an allotted portion among you, for their inheritance is to serve the LORD. Gad, Reuben, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have already received their allotted land east of the Jordan which Moses the LORD’s servant assigned them.”
- 8 When the men started out, Joshua told those going to map out the land, “Go, walk through the land, map it out, and return to me. Then I will draw lots for you before the LORD here in Shiloh.”
- 9 The men journeyed through the land and mapped it and its cities out into seven regions on a scroll. Then they came to Joshua at the camp in Shiloh.
- 10 Joshua drew lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD and divided the land among the Israelites according to their allotted portions.

Inheritance of Remaining Tribes (1400 BC)

Joshua 18:11–19:46, 48–51

Benjamin’s Inheritance

- 18:11 The first lot belonged to the tribe of Benjamin by its clans. Their allotted territory was between Judah and Joseph.
- 12 Their northern border started at the Jordan, went up to the slope of Jericho on the north, ascended westward to the hill country, and extended to the desert of Beth Aven.
- 13 It then crossed from there to Luz, to the slope of Luz to the south (that is, Bethel), and descended to Ataroth Addar located on the hill that is south of lower Beth Horon.
- 14 It then turned on the west side southward from the hill near Beth Horon on the south and extended to Kiriath Baal (that is, Kiriath Jearim), a city belonging to the tribe of Judah. This is the western border.
- 15 The southern side started on the edge of Kiriath Jearim and extended westward to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah.
- 16 The border then descended to the edge of the hill country near the Valley of Ben Hinnom located in the Valley of the Rephaites to the north. It descended through the Valley of Hinnom to the slope of the Jebusites to the south and then down to En Rogel.
- 17 It went northward, extending to En Shemesh and Geliloth opposite the Pass of Adummim, and descended to the Stone of Bohan son of Reuben.
- 18 It crossed to the slope in front of the Arabah to the north and descended into the Arabah.
- 19 It then crossed to the slope of Beth Hoglah to the north and ended at the northern tip of the Salt Sea at the mouth of the Jordan River. This was the southern border.
- 20 The Jordan River borders it on the east. These were the borders of the land assigned to the tribe of Benjamin by its clans.
- 21 These cities belonged to the tribe of Benjamin by its clans: Jericho, Beth Hoglah, Emek Keziz,
- 22 Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel,
- 23 Avvim, Parah, Ophrah,
- 24 Kephrah Ammoni, Ophni, and Geba—a total of twelve cities and their towns.
- 25 Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth,
- 26 Mizpah, Kephirah, Mozah,
- 27 Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah,
- 28 Zelah, Haeleph, the Jebusite city (that is, Jerusalem), Gibeah, and Kiriath—a total of fourteen cities and their towns. This was the land assigned to the tribe of Benjamin by its clans.

Simeon’s Inheritance (inside Judah’s)

- 19:1 The second lot belonged to the tribe of Simeon by its clans.
- 2 Their assigned land included Beer Sheba, Moladah,
- 3 Hazar Shual, Balah, Ezem,
- 4 Eltolad, Bethul, Hormah,
- 5 Ziklag, Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susah,
- 6 Beth Lebaath, and Sharuhem—a total of thirteen cities and their towns,
- 7 Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan—a total of four cities and their towns,
- 8 as well as all the towns around these cities as far as Baalath Beer (Ramah of the Negev). This was the land assigned to the tribe of Simeon by its clans.
- 9 Simeon’s assigned land was taken from Judah’s allotted portion, for Judah’s territory was too large for them; so Simeon was

assigned land within Judah. [cf. [Gen 49:5–7](#)]

Zebulun's Inheritance

- 10 The third lot belonged to the tribe of Zebulun by its clans. The border of their territory extended to Sarid.
11 Their border went up westward to Maralah and touched Dabbesheth and the valley near Jokneam.
12 From Sarid it turned eastward to the territory of Kisloth Tabor, extended to Daberath, and went up to Japhia.
13 From there it crossed eastward to Gath Hepher and Eth Kazin and extended to Rimmon, turning toward Neah.
14 It then turned on the north to Hannathon and ended at the Valley of Iphtah El.
15 Their territory included Kattah, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem; in all they had twelve cities and their towns.
16 This was the land assigned to the tribe of Zebulun by its clans, including these cities and their towns.

Issachar's Inheritance

- 17 The fourth lot belonged to the tribe of Issachar by its clans.
18 Their assigned land included Jezreel, Kesulloth, Shunem,
19 Hapharaim, Shion, Anaharath,
20 Rabbith, Kishion, Ebez,
21 Remeth, En Gannim, En Haddah and Beth Pазzez.
22 Their border touched Tabor, Shahazumah, and Beth Shemesh, and ended at the Jordan. They had sixteen cities and their towns.
23 This was the land assigned to the tribe of Issachar by its clans, including the cities and their towns.

Asher's Inheritance

- 24 The fifth lot belonged to the tribe of Asher by its clans.
25 Their territory included Helkath, Hali, Beten, Acshaph,
26 Alammelech, Amad, and Mishal. Their border touched Carmel to the west and Shihor Libnath.
27 It turned eastward toward Beth Dagon, touched Zebulun and the Valley of Iphtah El to the north, as well as the Valley of Emek and Neiel, and extended to Cabul on the north
28 and on to Ebron, Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah, as far as Greater Sidon.
29 It then turned toward Ramah as far as the fortified city of Tyre, turned to Hosah, and ended at the sea near Hebel, Aczib,
30 Umah, Aphek, and Rehob. In all they had twenty-two cities and their towns.
31 This was the land assigned to the tribe of Asher by its clans, including these cities and their towns.

Naphtali's Inheritance

- 32 The sixth lot belonged to the tribe of Naphtali by its clans.
33 Their border started at Heleph and the oak of Zaananim, went to Adami Nekeb, Jabneel and on to Lakkum, and ended at the Jordan River.
34 It turned westward to Aznoth Tabor, extended from there to Hukok, touched Zebulun on the south, Asher on the west, and the Jordan on the east.
35 The fortified cities included Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Kinnereth,
36 Adamah, Ramah, Hazor,
37 Kedesh, Edrei, En Hazor,
38 Yiron, Migdal El, Horem, Beth Anath, and Beth Shemesh. In all they had nineteen cities and their towns.
39 This was the land assigned to the tribe of Naphtali by its clans, including the cities and their towns.

Dan's Inheritance

- 40 The seventh lot belonged to the tribe of Dan by its clans.
41 Their assigned land included Zorah, Eshtaol, Ir Shemesh,
42 Shaalabbin, Aijalon, Ithlah,
43 Elon, Timnah, Ekron,
44 Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath,
45 Jehud, Bene Berak, Gath Rimmon,
46 the waters of Jarkon, and Rakkon, including the territory in front of Joppa.
48 This was the land assigned to the tribe of Dan by its clans, including these cities and their towns.

Joshua Given City of Timnath-serah in Ephraim

- 49 When they finished dividing the land into its regions, the Israelites gave Joshua son of Nun some land.
50 As the LORD had instructed, they gave him the city he requested—Timnath Serah in the Ephraimite hill country. He built up the city and lived in it.

Summary Statement

51 These are the land assignments which Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the Israelite tribal leaders made by drawing lots in Shiloh before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting. So they finished dividing up the land.

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