

A God-given Inheritance Joshua 13-17

I. Dividing the Land – 13:1-7

1. God's directions for Joshua – 1-7
Joshua is old but much land to be possessed – 1
Dimensions of land to be possessed - 2-6
Compare God's promise to Abraham
Genesis 15:18-21
Divide the land and let tribes possess it – 6-7
God will drive out enemies before each tribe
Principle for believers today
Christ has won the victory, defeated enemy
We must claim the victory in our lives
2. Land to be divided for 9 ½ tribes – 7

II. Portions Given by Moses – 13:8-33

1. Land given to 2 ½ tribes by Moses – 8-13
Reuben, Gad & ½ of Manasseh
Land taken from Sihon & Og – 8-12
These tribes did not drive out enemies – 13
2. Tribe of Levi not given portion – 14, 33
Their inheritance was the Tabernacle - 14
Their inheritance was serving God – 33
They will be given cities to live in – Joshua 21
Cities of Refuge included in this group
3. Portion for Reuben – 15-23
Portion described with their cities
Noted that Israel dealt with Balaam – 22
4. Portion for Gad – 24-28
Portion described with their cities
5. Portion for ½ of Manasseh – 29-31
Portion described with their cities
6. 2 ½ tribes on east of Jordan - 32

III. Inheritance in Canaan

1. Land West of the Jordan - 14:1-5
Joshua & leaders distributed this land – 1
2. It was done by lot - 2
So it is God's inheritance to each tribe
3. Joseph was given double portion – 3-4
Ephraim and Manasseh – Genesis 48:4-5
4. Land divided as God commanded - 5

IV. Portion for Caleb – 14:6-15

1. Caleb makes his request – 6-12
Request based on the following
God's Promise - 6
His faithfulness - 7-8
Moses' oath - 9
His ability to still fight at age 85 – 10-11
Area of the giants and the walled cities
2. Request granted by Joshua – 13
Gave Caleb the city of Hebron
3. Caleb gains his inheritance - 14-15

V. Portion for Judah – 15:1-63

1. Judah is the tribe of Caleb
Predicted to be the royal tribe – Gen. 49:10
2. Boundaries for Judah's territory - 1-12
In the southern part of Canaan
3. Conquest of Caleb & his family - 13-19
Conquered cities of the giants – 13-14
Extended his inheritance – 15-19
One of the few to do so
4. list of cities within Judah's land - 20-62
5. Jebusites not driven out of Jerusalem - 63

VI. Portion for Joseph – 16-17

1. Portion for Joseph's two sons – 16:1-4
Description of land for Joseph's two tribes
Located in northern Canaan
2. Portion for Ephraim - 5-10
Boundaries for Ephraim's inheritance
Canaanites not driven out of Gezer – 10
3. Portion for Manasseh - 17:1-13
Half of tribe not with land east of Jordan
Provision for families with no sons – 3-6
Canaanites not driven out of cities – 12-13
Made to pay tribute but not driven out
4. Joseph's tribes dissatisfied – 14-18
Complained to Joshua about their portion
Note that Joshua is of tribe of Ephraim
Joshua challenged them to fight – 15-18
Go to the woodlands and cut down trees
Go fight against the giants
Go fight against those with the chariots
Drive out the Canaanites