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The book of Joshua, written around 1453bc, describes the conquest of Israel over the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; now entering the land occupied by 7 different pagan cultures. Leading the people, was Joshua, whose name means: The Lord is salvation.

The inheritance of Manasseh,

¹ There was also a lot for the tribe of **Manasseh**; for he was the firstborn of Joseph. To Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was a man of war, so he was allotted Gilead and Bashan.

² There was also a lot for the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hephher, and for the children of Shemida: these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

³ But Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, only daughters: and these are the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

⁴ And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the leaders, saying, The LORD instructed Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers. So according to the instruction of the LORD, he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father.

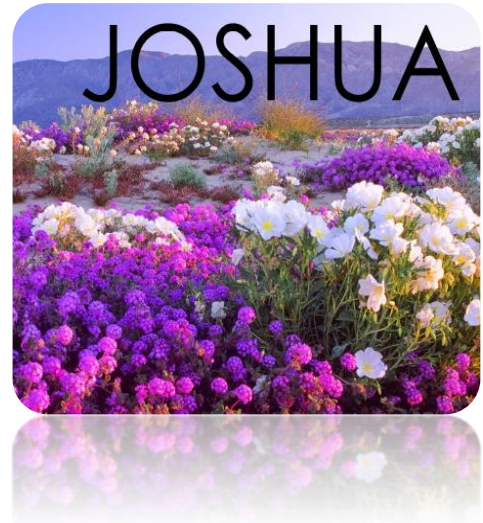
⁵ Thus there fell ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which were on the other side of the Jordan;

⁶ because the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance among his sons: and the land of Gilead belonged to the rest of the sons of Manasseh.

⁷ And the territory of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethath, which was east of Shechem; and the border went south to the inhabitants of En-tappuah.

⁸ Now the land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh: but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim;

⁹ and the territory descended to the river Kanah, southward of the river: these cities belonged to Ephraim which are among the cities of Manasseh: the territory of Manasseh was on the north side of the river, and ended at the sea:



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¹⁰ The south side belonged to Ephraim, and the north side to Manasseh, and the sea was their border; and they met together at Asher on the north, and at Issachar on the east.

¹¹ And at Issachar and Asher, Manasseh had Beth-shean and its towns, and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns, even the third part of Nopheth.

¹² But the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; because the Canaanites persisted in living in that land.

¹³ Yet it happened, when the children of Israel grew strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but they did not drive them out completely.

¹⁴ Then the children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, Why have you given me only one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people whom the LORD has blessed thus far?

¹⁵ And Joshua answered them, If you are a great people, then get up to the forest, and clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if Mount Ephraim is too constricted for you.

¹⁶ And the children of Joseph said, The hill country is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites who live in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both those of Beth-shean and its towns, and those of the valley of Jezreel.

¹⁷ And Joshua spoke to **the house of Joseph** -- to **Ephraim** and to **Manasseh**, saying, You are a numerous people, and have great power: you will not have one lot only:

¹⁸ but the hill country will be yours; for it is a forest, and you will cut it down: and to its furthest borders it will be yours: for you will drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they are strong / and I bet Joshua pointed, and said get going.

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