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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 Remainder of the Land Divided,

¹ Now the whole assembly of the families of Israel gathered together at Shiloh, and set up the Tent of meeting there. And the land was subdued before them.

But there remained among the families of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance.

³ Then Joshua said to the families of Israel: How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers has given you?

⁴ Chose from among you three men for each tribe, and I will send them; they will rise and go through the land, survey it according to their inheritance, and come back to me.

⁵ And they will divide it into seven parts. Judah will remain in their territory on the south, and the house of Joseph will remain in their territory on the north.

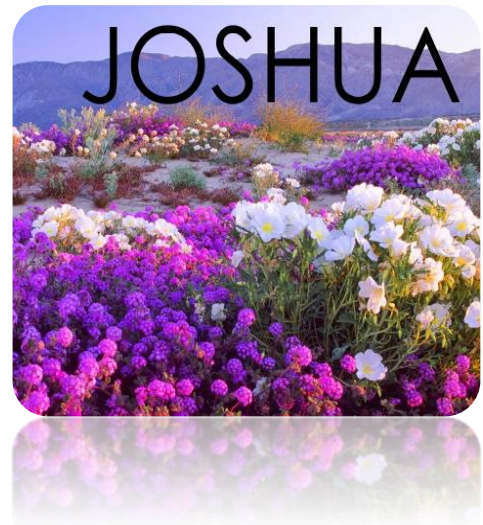
⁶ You will survey the land in seven parts and bring the survey here to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the Lord our God.

⁷ But the Levites have no part among you, for the priesthood of the Lord is their inheritance. And Gad, Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave them.

⁸ Then the men arose to go away; and Joshua charged those who went to survey the land, saying, Go, walk through the land, survey it, and come back to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the Lord in Shiloh.

⁹ So the men went, passed through the land, and wrote the survey in a book in seven parts by cities; and they came to Joshua at the camp in Shiloh.

¹⁰ Then Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord, and there Joshua divided the land to the families of Israel according to their divisions.



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The Land of Benjamin

11 Now the inheritance of the tribe of the families of Benjamin came up according to their families, and the territory of their inheritance came out between the families of **Judah** and the families of Joseph.

12 Their border on the north side began at the Jordan, and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the mountains westward; it ended at the Wilderness of Beth Aven.

13 The border went over from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz -- which is Bethel southward; and the border descended to Ataroth Addar, near the hill that lies on the south side of Lower Beth Horon.

14 Then the border extended around the west side to the south, from the hill that lies before Beth Horon southward; and it ended at Kirjath Baal -- which is Kirjath Jearim, a city of the children of Judah. This was the west side.

15 The south side began at the end of Kirjath Jearim, and the border extended on the west and went out to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah.

16 Then the border descended to the end of the hillside that faces the Hinnom Valley, which is in the Valley of the Rephaim on the north, descended to the Hinnom Valley, to the side of the Jebusite city on the south, and descended to En-Rogel.

17 And it curved from the north, went to En-Shemesh, and then to Geliloth, which faces the Ascent of Adummim, and descends to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

18 Then it passed along toward the north side of Arabah, and went down to Arabah.

19 And the border passed along to the north side of Beth Hoglah; then the border ended at the north bay at the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan. This was the southern border.

20 The Jordan was its border on the east side. This was the inheritance of the families of Benjamin, according to its boundaries all around, according to their lineages.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, according to their families, were Jericho, Beth Hoglah, Emek Keziz, ²² Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel, ²³ Avim, Parah, Ophrah, ²⁴ Chephar Haammoni, Ophni, and Gaba: twelve cities with their villages;

²⁵ Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth, ²⁶ Mizpah, Chephirah, Mozah, ²⁷ Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah, ²⁸ Zelah, Eleph, Jebus -- which is Jerusalem, Gibeath, and Kirjath: fourteen cities with their villages.

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