Joshua Chapters 17-21 Notes and Questions

Sunday February 10, 2019

- 17:3-6 – Who are the daughters of Zelophehad? Why did the women receive inheritances?
    - God's command that they refer to in v.4 is a reference to the events of Num. 27:1-11.
    - What explains the boldness of their demand?
    - What did the daughters of Zelophehad do to receive their inheritance?
    - What was God's response to their demand in Num. 27?
- Did Judah, Ephraim, and ½ Manasseh fully occupy their inheritances? (15:63, 16:10, 17:12-13)
    - What was the warning about failing to fully drive out the Canaanites? Ex. 23:33, Ex. 34:12-16, and Deut. 7:1-6
- What was Ephraim and ½ Manasseh's reaction to their lot of inheritance? 17:14-18?
- Describe their conversation with Joshua in 17:14-18.
    - What does Deut. 20:1 say about their fear of chariots?
- 18:1 – All Israel has moved to Shiloh to set up the tabernacle and apportion the land for the remaining 7 tribes.
    - What was the state of Canaan according to v. 1?
- 18:3 – What did Joshua say about the 7 tribes' eagerness to take hold of their promised inheritance?
- 18:4-7 – 21 men (3 from each of the seven remaining tribes) are sent out to survey the remaining land before the casting of lots.
- 18:5-7 -- These verses make clear that *all Israel* and every tribe will be receiving its promised inheritance.

- Compare the eagerness and the diligence of the 7 tribes to take hold of their inheritance to Caleb and the daughters of Zelophehad.
- The description of Benjamin's inherited territory is twice as long as the other six tribes in Ch. 19.
- 19:49-50. Joshua is given his inheritance and it is to be his choice. He asked for the city of Timnath Serah.
    - Israel gave him his choice "according to the word of the Lord."
    - God commanded that both Joshua and Caleb would receive their individual inheritances. See Caleb's speech in Ch. 14, and Num. 14:24 and 30.
    - The section of inheritances (Ch. 14-19) begins and ends with Caleb and Joshua being given the individual inheritances they were promised in Numbers 13/14.
- What is the function and purpose of the cities of refuge in chapter 20? See also, Num 35:9-34 and Deut. 19:1-13.
    - How long did a person have to stay in a city of refuge after fleeing there?
    - How does this judicial system take into account intent and motive?
    - What does the shedding of innocent blood do to the land? Num 35:33-34
- Ch. 21:1-3 – Similar to Caleb and the daughters of Zelophehad, the Levites also come forward and request to be given what was promised to them.
- 21:43-45 – These verses conclude the inheritances portion of the book. They speak to the great faithfulness of God.
    - He gave Israel "all the land of which He had sworn." - v. 43
    - He gave them "rest all around, according to all that He had sworn." – v. 44
    - He "delivered all their enemies into their hand." - v. 44
    - "Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken." - v. 45.