

Joshua Chapters 13-17 Notes and Questions

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Conquest Recap

- After studying the narrative of the conquest in the first 12 chapters...
 - What stands out to you about Joshua's qualities and characteristics?
 - What characteristics of God are emphasized in the conquest?
- What does chapter 11:15 and v. 23 tell us about Joshua's accomplishment?

Chapters 13-17

- 13:1-7 – What does God say to Joshua at the beginning of the 2nd half of the book?
 - What promise does God make in 13:6? Also recall the promise at the beginning of the book, 1:1-9
- 13:8-32 – Which tribes inherited land on the east side of the Jordan?
- 13:13 – What charge is made against Israel? -- This is the first in a series of charges against various tribes throughout the second half of the book
- Note that the fate of Balaam is mentioned in 13:22
- What was the tribe of Levi's inheritance (13:14 and 33)?
 - They were also given towns to dwell in 14:4.
- 14:2 – How were the tribal inheritances divided? (See also Num. 26:55)
- 14:3-4 – How many tribes inherited land west of the Jordan?
- 14:6-12 – Describe Caleb's speech. What land does Caleb ask for? What is the basis for his request? What is the foundation for his boldness?

- 14:6 – Caleb appeals to Joshua that he personally knows his testimony to be true because he was there with him.
- What does the text say about Caleb’s obedience in 14:8, 9, and 16?
- What inheritance was he given? 14:12-13. Which tribe did he belong to?
- Which tribe was given the first lot west of the Jordan? 15:1-12
- What did Caleb do to take hold of his inheritance? 15:13-19
 - Caleb’s offer of his daughter’s marriage for taking the city of Debir probably reflects the difficulty of that undertaking.
- Which tribes are given their lot in chapter 16 and 17?
 - Whose sons were these two tribes?
 - Which of the two sons was oldest? Which tribe’s inheritance is described first? (Review Genesis 48 for background)
- 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.