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**Lessons from the Book  
and Life of Joshua  
chapter 18-19**

**Review Scripture:**

**1 Corinthians 15:57-58** But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

**Current Scripture:**

**Ephesians 1:18-19a** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe.

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**Introduction:** We read an exhaustive list of the individual lots of land that were given to the tribes of Judah, Ephraim and Manasseh. The children of Israel's assignment wasn't an act of genocide, but an instrument of divine justice on an extremely corrupt society. The Canaanites had decades of warning from God about their destructive sexual behavior, injustice and harmful ritual worship which included sacrifice of children. The Father brought justice to the earth not by the military strengths of the nation, but through their obedience to walk into the lands promised them. Even though certain lands had been promised, we still saw that the tribe of Judah's occupation wouldn't be complete until generations

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later through King David. The tribes of Ephraimites and Manasseh were also guilty of not completing their assignment to drive out the Canaanites because they valued peace and wealth over the word of the Lord, and this cost both of them dearly. The lack of determination and settling for convenience tainted the children of Israel and they ended up becoming corrupted by the immoral worship and the idolatry that was prevalent in the Canaanite culture.

- 1. Joshua 18:1-3** The land for the remaining seven tribes
  - a. The tribes were so accustomed to being tent dwellers for more than a generation that they needed Joshua to push them.
  - b. Joshua used the word, “neglect” when pushing the remaining tribes to go fulfill the assignment the Lord had given to them.
  - c. Regardless of the reason, the bottom line is that the seven tribes had been neglectful.
- 2. Joshua 18:4-8** Joshua plans a survey for the rest of the land.
  - a. Joshua has to put a plan in place for the remaining tribes to get busy with their purposes.
  - b. Sometimes we can be dominated by fear of doing something new, even if the something new is good for us. We need strong leadership to shake us loose of our own fears and insecurities.
- 3. Joshua 18:9-10** A successful survey.
  - a. They actually followed the plan of Joshua so that they could divvy up the rest of the land.



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- 8. Joshua 19:24-31** Cities given to the tribe of Asher.
- a. These were lands that had rich soils to produce grain, wine, oil and minerals.
- 9. Joshua 19:32-39** Cities given to the tribe of Naphtali.
- a. These lands were called the “Garden of Palestine” and had unparalleled fertility.
- 10. Joshua 19:40-48** Cities given to the tribe of Dan
- a. This tribe never really liked the land that God gave to them, as they had the Philistines (who were superior militarily) on their west and the tribes of Judah and Ephraim on their east.
  - b. They eventually went out to find new land, which caused them to compromise their faith and set up idolatrous worship.
  - c. God harshly judged this tribe for their disobedience, so much so that they are left off the list of the tribes of Israel in Revelations.
  - d. Following the commands of God is a blessing for you and the generations that come after you.
- 11. Joshua 19:49-51** Joshua’s inheritance.
- a. Joshua receives exactly what had been promised to him by God and just like the servant leader he was, his portion is last.
  - b. He makes sure that everyone else receives their portions, knowing that what was supposed to come to him would happen.
  - c. He is a true picture and foreshadowing of Jesus Christ.

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