

GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED

A Study in the Books of Joshua and Ruth

Receiving the Inheritance Joshua 15–17

[The daughters] said, "The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance"...so Joshua gave them an inheritance...according to the LORD's command. Joshua 17:4

Scan Joshua 15–17.

1. Restate the subject of the book of Joshua. (Gen. 12:7; Josh. 1:6)

2. How do these chapters contribute to development of this theme?

3. How successful was Israel in casting out the residents of Canaan? (15:53; 16:10; 17:13)

Read Joshua 15.

4. The tribe of Judah is the first to get its inheritance within the Promised Land (v.1).
 - a. Why is priority given to the **fourth** son of Jacob? (Gen. 49:1-10)

 - b. What future does God have in store for this tribe? (Matt. 1:1-2; Rev. 5:5)

5. Why is Caleb able to claim his full inheritance? (Num. 13:30; Josh. 14:12-14; Josh. 15:13, 16)

6. How does Aksah, Caleb's daughter, also show a courageous faith? (15:18-19)

7. How does God use this land to further His promises? (2 Sam. 2:4)

Read Joshua 16 and 17.

8. The tribe of Joseph receives the next allotment (16:1).
 - a. When was this land promised to Joseph? (Gen. 48:21-22)

- b. Why do the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim receive this land? (16:4)
9. In Joshua 17:6 we read, “the daughters of the tribe of Manasseh received an inheritance among the sons.”
- a. What happened prior to the request of Zelophehad’s daughters that gave them confidence? (Num. 27:1–11; 36:2–12)
- b. In God’s kingdom economy, what part do these women’s actions point toward? (Gal. 3:26-28)
10. What is the complaint of the tribes of Joseph? (17:14, 16)
- On what basis were they making this complaint to Joshua? (Num. 26:52-56)
11. How does Joshua respond to them? (17:15, 17-18)
12. In what ways does his response reflect the fulfillment of the words Moses spoke over Joseph? (Deut. 33:13-7)
13. God has fulfilled His promise to give Israel the land. Upon what is the completion of the conquest contingent? (What can you infer from 16:10 and 17:12, 18?)
14. What is the relationship between God’s work and our work? (Eph. 2:10)