

## **GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED**

A Study in the Books of Joshua and Ruth

### **Division of the Rest of the Land      Joshua 18–20**

*"And so they finished dividing the land."* Joshua 19:51

#### **Read Joshua 18:1-10.**

1. Israel's base is moved from Gilgal to Shiloh. What was set up at Shiloh that established it as Israel's new base? (18:1)
2. God commands the children of Israel to divide the land in faith even before it is completely conquered. What do they know about God that is the basis for their obedience? (Gen. 17:5-8)
3. Look at other examples in Scripture where men were called to obey before seeing God do what He promised, trusting that He would (Heb.11:7–31, 39). How is the Christian life unique? (Heb.11:1)
4. What does Joshua say to the seven remaining tribes in Joshua 18:3? Why do you think they were waiting?
5. What is the method for allotting the territories? (18:4-6, 8, 10)

Who, then, is really assigning the land?

#### **Read Joshua 18:11-19:9**

6. Benjamin's allotment (18:11–28) is small but prime real estate, a position of honor between Judah and Ephraim, and close to Jerusalem. How does this fulfill the blessing of Moses, "the man of God" given in Deut. 33:1,12?
7. In the case of Simeon's allotment (19:1–9), no boundaries are drawn, only a list of scattered cities within Judah are assigned. How does this fulfill the prophecy in Genesis 49:5-7?

**Read Joshua 19:10–51.**

8. The last five tribes have just received their inheritance. Why do you think the precise details of the allotments are important?
9. Why is Joshua allotted his own inheritance? (19:50; Num. 14:6–10, 30)
10. With the completion of the allotment of the land, what promise of God is fulfilled? (Gen. 12:7)

**Read Joshua 20.**

11. In chapter 20:2–4, the land is by and large conquered. The territories are assigned. What is next on the agenda in the Promised Land that God is establishing?
12. What is the purpose of a “city of refuge”? (20:3)
13. What does the command to establish cities of refuge show about God’s character?
14. In what ways does the establishment of cities of refuge show that God’s law is concerned with heart motives as well as external behavior?
15. Who besides Israelites may avail themselves of these six cities of refuge? (20:9)
16. How is the city of refuge a picture of Christ? (Heb. 6:18b–20; Jn. 6:37)