

5 – THE DIVISION OF CANAAN (JOSHUA 13:1-21:45)

I. Portion for Eastern Tribes (13:1-33)

A. The Command of God (13:1-7)

- The Lord points out that there is still much land to be possessed by Israel.
- Joshua was to divide the land as an inheritance to the nine and half tribes.

B. The Special Portion (13:8-33)

- Joshua recognized the portion east of the Jordan River given to the eastern tribes by Moses.
- The writer emphasized that the Tribe of Levi would not receive a portion of the Land.
- This was due to the fact that their inheritance was the sacrifices of God in the Tabernacle.

II. Portion for Caleb (14:1-15)

A. Given By Lot (14:1-5)

- The Lord commanded that the remaining nine and half tribes were to receive their portion by lot.

B. Caleb's Request (14:6-15)

- Caleb reminded Joshua of the Lord's promise through Moses concerning his portion in the land.
- Because of his faithfulness at Kadesh Barnea, he was promised the land the spied on.
- Joshua blessed Caleb and gave him Hebron as his inheritance.

III. Portion for the Remaining Tribes (15:1-19:51)

A. Judah (15:1-63)

- Judah was the first to receive an inheritance and the largest portion as the largest tribe.
- Caleb's promised portion was among the portion given to Judah.
- The Jebusites could not be driven out of the land.

B. The Tribes of Joseph (16:1-17:18)

- Central Canaan was given to the house of Joseph, the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh.
- They complained that their portion was small.

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- Joshua responded that they were big enough to clear out the land of their enemies.

C. The Remaining Tribes (18:1-19:51)

- Joshua challenged the remaining seven tribes concerning their delay in taking their portions.
- The remaining land was surveyed and a map was drawn to determine the portions.
- The remaining land was divided among the seven tribes by lot.
- Joshua was given his portion in Ephraim's allotment as the Lord promised.

IV. Cities of Refuge (20:1-9)

- The Lord's command concerning the cities of refuge for accidental manslaughter is restated.
- The six designated cities were located on both sides of the Jordan River.

V. Levitical Cities (21:1-45)

- The Tribe of Levi laid claim to 48 cities with pasture land as was promised by Moses.
- These 48 cities included the 6 cities of refuge.