

Notes on Joshua 16

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D. The Inheritance of the Tribe of Ephraim – Joshua 16

Verses 1-4

1. Describe the southern border of Ephraim.

Joseph's sons next to inherit

The two tribes coming from Joseph were next to inherit. Again, we will not attempt to describe the territory specifically.

The southern boundary of their inheritance stretched from the Jordan at Jericho west past Bethel to the sea.

Verses 5-10

2. Describe in general terms the territory inherited by Ephraim.
3. What error did they commit regarding the Canaanites?

Inheritance of Ephraim

The territory of Ephraim went north from the southern border described above. Some of their cities were actually within the territory given to Manasseh (cf. 17:8,9).

However, Canaanites continued to live in Gezer. Ephraim did not drive them out, as God had commanded them to do, but instead made them forced laborers. Already trouble was brewing as Israel disobeyed God's command to completely destroy all the people of the land.

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