

Notes on Joshua 19

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Verses 1-9

1. Who received the second lot? Where was their inheritance? Why was it there?

The inheritance of Simeon

The inheritance of the tribe of Simeon is described next. Their inheritance was taken out of the territory of the tribe of Judah, because the territory given to Judah was more than they needed. So Simeon was given a number of cities found in Judah's territory.

Verses 10-16

2. What tribe received the third lot? See a map and name the tribes that surrounded it.

The inheritance of Zebulun

The next territory described was given to the tribe of Zebulun. Again we will not attempt to determine specific boundaries. However, in general Zebulun's territory was centrally located north of Manasseh's territory (the Manasseh west of Jordan). It was surrounded by Assher to the west, Issachar to the southeast, and Naphtali to the northeast.

Verses 17-23

3. Who received the fourth lot? What tribes and borders surrounded them?

The inheritance of Issachar

Next came the territory given to Issachar. They received next to Zebulun, but southeast from them. Issachar held a region along the Jordan river, north of the valley of Jezreel but south of the Sea of Galilee. They were surrounded by Manasseh to the south, Zebulun to the northwest and Naphtali to the north.

Verses 24-31

4. Who received the fifth lot? Describe the borders and tribes around it.

The inheritance of Asher

Asher's territory was along the Mediterranean Sea. It extended north from Manasseh and northwest from Mt. Carmel all along the sea as far north as the city of Tyre. It had Manasseh to its south, Zebulun to its southeast, and Naphtali to its east.

Verses 32-39

5. The sixth lot went to whom? Describe its location.

The inheritance of Naphtali

Next came Naphtali. They inherited along the west coast of the Sea of Galilee and northward from there between the Jordan river to their east and Asher to their west. Issachar was to their south and Zebulun to their southwest.

Verses 40-48

6. Who received the last lot? Where was their lot? How did they later add to their territory?

The inheritance of Dan

The last tribe to be given its territory was Dan. Dan received territory also extending to the Mediterranean Sea, but west of Ephraim and Benjamin. They had Judah to their south and Manasseh to their north.

Later Dan also took some territory in the far north of Canaan along the Jordan River near Mt. Hermon. This was previously called Leshem, but people of Dan captured it. So their territory, like Manasseh's was divided into two separate areas.

Verses 49-51

7. What inheritance was given Joshua?

Joshua's inheritance

Caleb had been a faithful spy and was given his own special inheritance in Israel as one of the only two people from the older generation to enter Canaan. The same was true for Joshua, so he too was given his own inheritance. He was given a city named Timnath Serah in Ephraim.

All these divisions of territory were agreed upon by the people under the leadership of Eleazar the priest and Joshua.

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