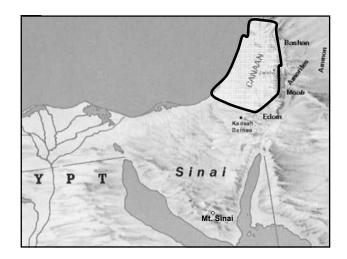
Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Book of Numbers: "Toward the Promised Land"



Land of Promise

> Major Theme of the Pentateuch

Q: Why is inheriting the land of Canaan of such significance?

Q: What, if any, relevance does Israel's inheritance of Canaan have to us?

Land of Promise

Numbers 26-36

- These chapters are focused almost entirely on Israel's inheritance of the land of Canaan
- **Numbers 33:50-56** climax of the book; summary of the theology of the land

Land of Promise

Zelophehad's Daughters

- 1. Issue #1 (Num. 27:1-11)
 - Could a man's daughters receive his inheritance in the land if he had no sons? YES
 - Importance of the Land:
 - > As a gift from the Lord...no family was to be excluded from an inheritance in the land

Land of Promise

Zelophehad's Daughters

- 2. Issue #2 (Num. 36:1-12)
- Could a family's land inheritance be transferred to another tribe through marriage? NO
- Importance of the Land:
 - > As a gift from the Lord...a tribe's inheritance in the land could not be diminished

Land of Promise

Zelophehad's Daughters

- > Women of Faith!
- **1.** They believed and treasured the promise of God and acted upon it
- **2.** They did not imitate the unbelief of their father but were part of a new generation
- **3.** They demonstrated their faith by a self-denying obedience to the Lord's command