

Inheriting the Land of Promise JOSHUA

Now Joshua was old *and* advanced in years when the LORD said to him, "You are old *and* advanced in years, and very much of the land remains to be possessed.

²This is the land that remains: all the regions of the Philistines and all *those* of the Geshurites;

³from the Shihor which is east of Egypt, even as far as the border of Ekron to the north (it is counted as Canaanite); the five lords of the Philistines: the Gazite, the Ashdodite, the Ashkelonite, the Gittite, the Ekronite; and the Avvite

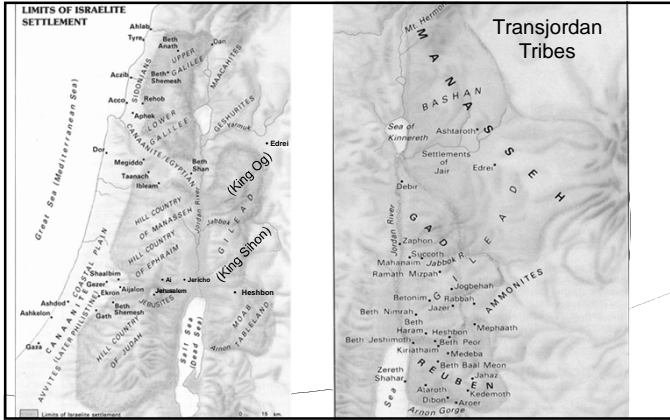
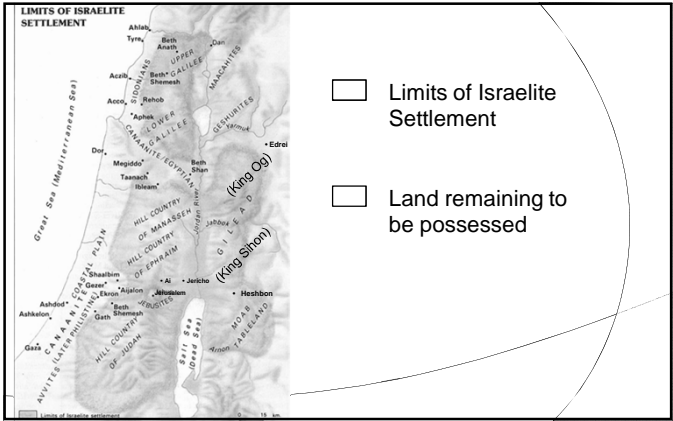
⁴to the south, all the land of the Canaanite, and Mearah that belongs to the Sidonians, as far as Aphek, to the border of the Amorite;

⁵and the land of the Gebalite, and all of Lebanon, toward the east, from Baal-gad below Mount Hermon as far as Lebō-hamath.

⁶All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon as far as Misrephoth-maim, all the Sidonians, I will drive them out from before the sons of Israel; only allot it to Israel for an inheritance as I have commanded you.

⁷Now therefore, apportion this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half-tribe of Manasseh."

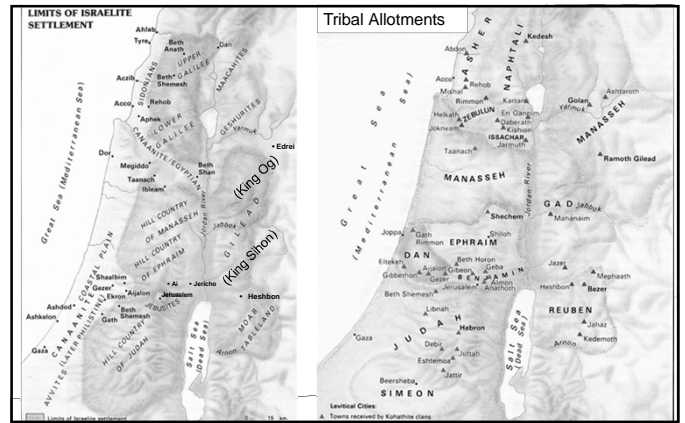
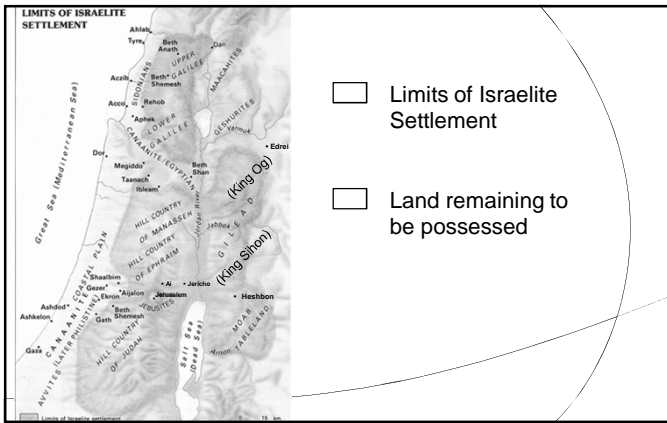
Joshua 13:1-7



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- *Levites non-inheritance*
 - they shared in and were supported by the Lord's offerings (the tithe and sacrifices)
 - their lack of land inheritance was for the purpose of freeing them to serve the tabernacle

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- *An inheritance better than land...the Lord Himself!*
 - the Levites point beyond Canaan to a greater inheritance – the unhindered presence of God in the eternal kingdom (c.f. Rev. 22:3-5)

5 The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup;
You support my lot.
6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;
Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.
7 I will bless the LORD who has counseled me;
Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.
8 I have set the LORD continually before me;
Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will dwell securely.
10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol;
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.
11 You will make known to me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Psalm 16:5-11