

## Timeline of Truth – Ephraim, West Manasseh, the Delaying Tribes and Benjamin (Joshua 16:1 – 18:28)

### 1. The Children of Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ an Inheritance (16:1-4)

**Joshua 16:1-4** The lot fell to the children of Joseph from the Jordan, by Jericho, to the waters of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goes up from Jericho through the mountains to Bethel, <sup>2</sup> then went out from Bethel to Luz, passed along to the border of the Archites at Ataroth, <sup>3</sup> and went down westward to the boundary of the Japhletites, as far as the boundary of Lower Beth Horon to Gezer; and it ended at the sea. <sup>4</sup> So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

- A. Two half tribes received their inheritance at once.

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Inheritance (16:5-10)

- A. A list of their territories
- B. They did not drive out all the Canaanites
  - 1. They still dwell there
  - 2. They are forced labourers

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Manasseh (Joshua 17:1-6)

- A. Seven families received an inheritance
- B. Five daughters received an inheritance

**Numbers 27:1-7** Then came the daughters of Zelophehad the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, from the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and these *were* the names of his daughters: **Mahlah**, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. <sup>2</sup> And they stood before Moses, before Eleazar the priest, and before the leaders and all the congregation, *by* the doorway of the tabernacle of meeting, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Our father died in the wilderness; but he was not in the company of those who gathered together against the LORD, in company with Korah, but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons. <sup>4</sup> "Why should the name of our father be removed from among his family because he had no son? Give us a possession among our father's brothers." <sup>5</sup> So Moses brought their case before the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>7</sup> "The daughters of Zelophehad speak *what is right*; you shall surely give them a possession of inheritance among their father's brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them.

**Numbers 36:6-7** <sup>6</sup> "This *is* what the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, 'Let them marry whom they think best, but they may marry only within the family of their father's tribe.' <sup>7</sup> "So the inheritance of the children of Israel shall not change hands from tribe to tribe, for every one of the children of Israel shall keep the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

- C. Ten shares fell to Manasseh

### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Inheritance (17:7-10)

### 5. The Canaanites Who \_\_\_\_\_ (17:11-13)

**Joshua 17:11-13** <sup>11</sup> And in Issachar and in Asher, Manasseh had Beth Shean and its towns, Ibleam and its towns, the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, the inhabitants of En Dor and its towns, the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns -- three hilly regions. <sup>12</sup> Yet the children of Manasseh could

not drive out *the inhabitants* of those cities, but the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land. <sup>13</sup> And it happened, when the children of Israel grew strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.

- A. Manasseh had one other region
- B. They could not drive out the Canaanites
  - 1. The Canaanites were determined to dwell in the land.
  - 2. Israel put them to forced labor.
  - 3. They did not utterly drive the Canaanites out.

**Judges 2:20-23** <sup>20</sup> Then the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not heeded My voice, <sup>21</sup> "I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, <sup>22</sup> "so that through them I may test Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the LORD, to walk in them as their fathers kept *them*, or not." <sup>23</sup> Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out immediately; nor did He deliver them into the hand of Joshua.

## 6. The Children of Joseph Ask for a \_\_\_\_\_ Inheritance (17:14-18)

**Joshua 17:14-18** <sup>14</sup> Then the children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given us *only* one lot and one share to inherit, since we *are* a great people, inasmuch as the LORD has blessed us until now?" <sup>15</sup> So Joshua answered them, "If you *are* a great people, *then* go up to the forest *country* and clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and the giants, since the mountains of Ephraim are too confined for you." <sup>16</sup> But the children of Joseph said, "The mountain country is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both those who are* of Beth Shean and its towns and *those who are* of the Valley of Jezreel." <sup>17</sup> And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph -- to Ephraim and Manasseh -- saying, "You *are* a great people and have great power; you shall not have *only* one lot, <sup>18</sup> "but the mountain country shall be yours. Although it *is* wooded, you shall cut it down, and its farthest extent shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots *and* are strong."

- A. Ephraim and Manasseh ask for a larger inheritance
  - 1. They received only one lot
  - 2. They are a great people – God had blessed them
- B. Joshua gives a solution
  - 1. Go clear out a place in the forest
  - 2. Fight against the giants
- C. Ephraim and Manasseh respond
  - 1. Their inheritance was not enough
  - 2. But the Canaanites have chariots of iron
  - 3. In Beth Shean and in the valley of Jezreel  
(Compare to Caleb)
- D. Joshua does not give in
  - 1. They shall have the mountain country
  - 2. They are great in number and in strength – they will drive out the Canaanites.

## 7. Joshua Encourages Seven \_\_\_\_\_ Tribes (18:1-7)

**Joshua 18:1-7** Now the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of meeting there. And the land was subdued before them. <sup>2</sup> But there remained among the  
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children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance. <sup>3</sup> Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: "How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you? <sup>4</sup> "Pick out from among you three men for *each* tribe, and I will send them; they shall rise and go through the land, survey it according to their inheritance, and come *back* to me. <sup>5</sup> "And they shall divide it into seven parts. Judah shall remain in their territory on the south, and the house of Joseph shall remain in their territory on the north. <sup>6</sup> "You shall therefore survey the land in seven parts and bring *the survey* here to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God. <sup>7</sup> "But the Levites have no part among you, for the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance. And Gad, Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them."

- A. Israel was gathered together at Shiloh
  - 1. There they set up the Tabernacle
  - 2. The land was subdued
- B. Seven tribes had not yet taken their inheritance
- C. Joshua tells them to go
  - 1. Joshua questions them about not possessing the land
  - 2. Joshua send out men to survey the land
    - a. Three from each tribe
    - b. They are to survey the land and return
  - 3. They are to divide the land into seven parts
- D. Levi has no inheritance in the land
- E. Judah, Joseph, Gad and Reuben had all received their inheritance

#### 8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Land (18:8-10)

**Joshua 18:8-10** <sup>8</sup> Then the men arose to go away; and Joshua charged those who went to survey the land, saying, "Go, walk through the land, survey it, and come back to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD in Shiloh." <sup>9</sup> So the men went, passed through the land, and wrote the survey in a book in seven parts by cities; and they came to Joshua at the camp in Shiloh. <sup>10</sup> Then Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions.

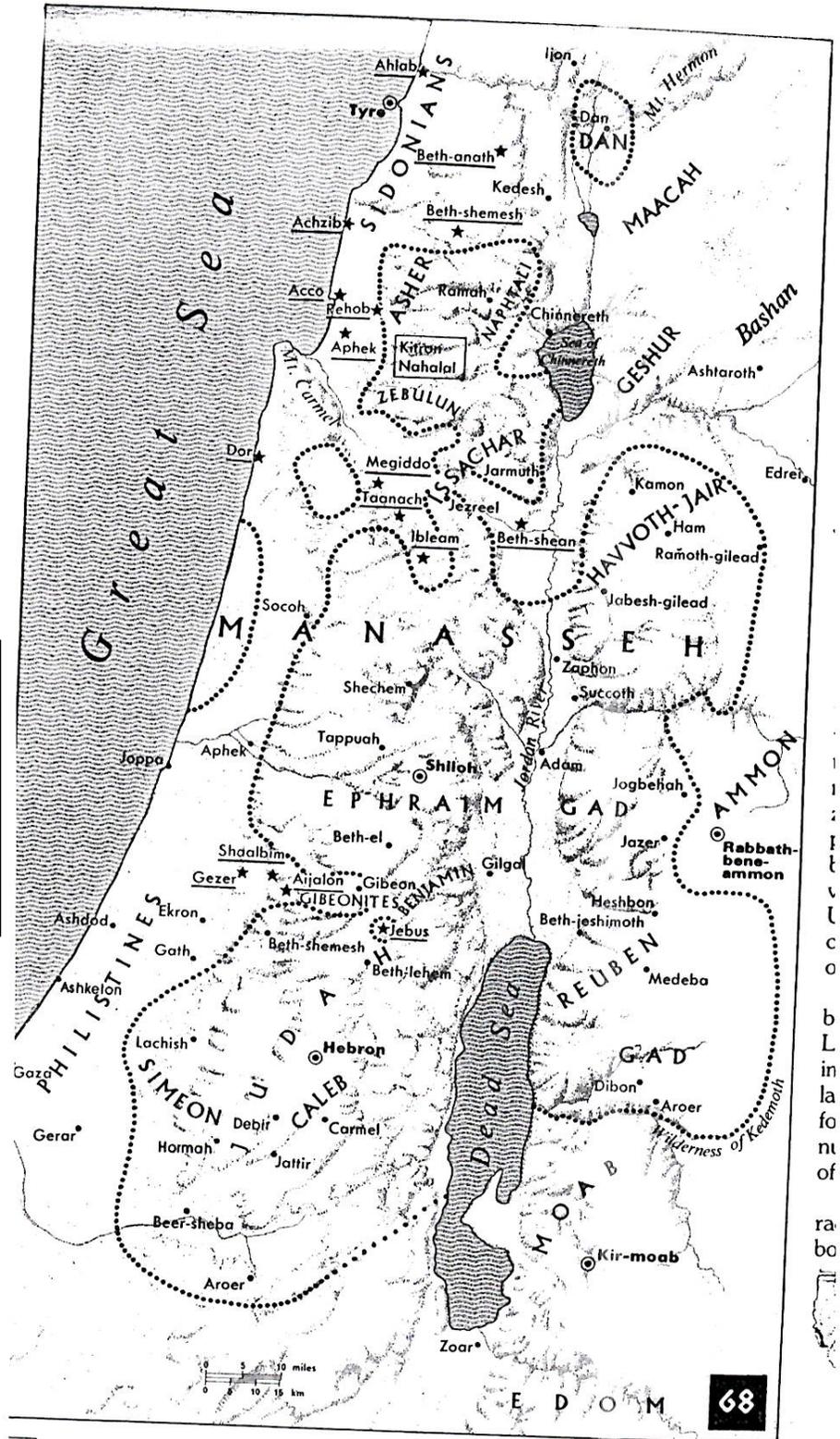
- A. The men surveyed the land
- B. They divided it into seven sections
- C. They cast lots for the land

#### 9. \_\_\_\_\_ Inheritance (18:11-28)

And he took possession of the hill country, but he could not drive out the inhabitants of the plain, because they had chariots of iron.

(Judges 1:19)

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□ Area of Israelite control  
 ■ Canaanite city not conquered (according to Judg. 1)  
 JSH. 15:63; 16:10; 17: 11-18; JUDG. 1:21-35