



## Joshua 12-16

### God's Gift of the Land

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## Joshua 12: Summary of Defeated Kings



- Moses, God's servant, led the Israelites to defeat Sihon of Heshbon & Og of Bashan east of Jordan. (Og was a giant, Dt. 3:11.)
- Joshua, God's servant, led the Israelites to defeat 31 kings of city states west of Jordan.

## Joshua 12: Summary of Defeated Kings



- Emphasizes the unity of the tribes east and west of the Jordan—all part of Israel
- Emphasizes God's faithfulness—He has kept His promise to Abram.
- Teaches us to count our blessings & to itemize

## Inheritance vs. Possession

- Inheritance: The land is a gift from God, not something they have earned.
- “On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: ‘To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates’” (Gen. 15:18).
- However, an inheritance is potential until actually received.

## Inheritance vs. Possession

- Possession: God commanded the Israelites to possess the land.
- They had to fight for it and take it, yet they didn’t fight alone.
- God went before them and fought for them in many different ways—making their enemies afraid, causing walls to fall, giving them battle plans, casting down hailstones, and even causing the sun & the moon to stand still.

- “These are the names of the men who shall apportion the land to you for inheritance: Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun” (Num. 34:17, NASB).
- “When direction from the Lord is needed, Joshua will stand before Eleazar the priest, who will use the Urim—one of the sacred lots cast before the Lord—to determine his will. This is how Joshua and the rest of the community of Israel will determine everything they should do” (Numbers 27:21, NLT).

- “Therefore Saul said, ‘O Lord God of Israel, why have you not answered your servant this day? If this guilt is in me or in Jonathan my son, O Lord, God of Israel, give Urim. But if this guilt is in your people Israel, give Thummim.’ And Jonathan and Saul were taken, but the people escaped.
- Then Saul said, ‘Cast the lot between me and my son Jonathan.’ And Jonathan was taken” (1 Sam. 14:41-42, ESV).

## Joshua 13

- Orange = Conquered Land
- Green = Unconquered Land

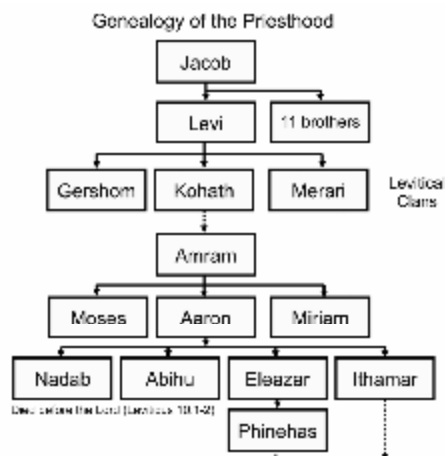


## 13:22—Balaam the Diviner Killed

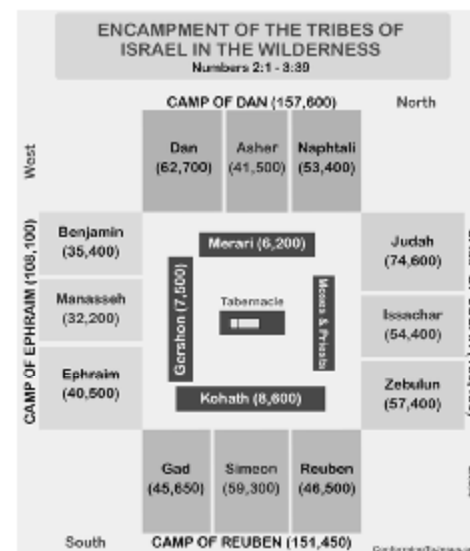


## Balaam the Diviner (Num. 22-24)

- Famous for beating the donkey that saved his life when an angel was blocking his path; the donkey spoke (Num. 22:21-35)
- Hired by the King of Moab to curse Israel
- Tried 3 times to curse, but God would permit him only to bless
- Num 31:16—Advised the Moabites to use women to seduce men into immorality & idolatry



- All priests were Levites, but not all Levites were priests.
- A priest had to descend from Aaron.
- Gershom, Kohath, & Merari were the Levitical clans.
- Each had specific duties in the Tabernacle.



## God's Servant Caleb

1. Obedient: He wholeheartedly followed the Lord (14:8, 9, 14)—even when it made him unpopular, isolated him, and put his life in danger (Num.14).
2. Faithful: He anchored his faith on God's promises (14:6, 10a, 10b, 12a, 12b).
3. Grateful: He remembered God's goodness & mercy to him over the past 45 years (14:10-11).
4. Courageous: "Now give me this hill country" where the giants are! (14:12).

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5. Confident: Just as he had argued 45 years earlier, Caleb still believed that God was able to give him the strength to overcome the giants (14:12).
6. Victorious: "Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak" (15:14).
7. Generous: He gave his daughter Achsah to Othniel for capturing Debir and then he gave the couple land and two springs of water (15:17-19).