

**God's People  
Stumble- God  
Does Not**

Joshua 16:1-4, 17:3-6, 17:14-15

The allotment of the people of Joseph went from the Jordan by Jericho, east of the waters of Jericho, into the wilderness, going up from Jericho into the hill country to Bethel. Then going from Bethel to Luz, it passes along to Ataroth, the territory of the Archites. Then it goes down westward to the territory of the Japhletites, as far as the

territory of Lower Beth-horon, then to Gezer, and it ends at the sea. The people of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their inheritance...

Now Zelophehad the son of Hopher, son of Gilead, son of Machir, son of Manasseh, had no sons, but only daughters, and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah,

Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. They approached Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the leaders and said, “The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance along with our brothers.” So according to the mouth of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father. Thus there fell to Manasseh ten portions, besides the land of Gilead and

Bashan, which is on the other side of the Jordan, because the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance along with his sons. The land of Gilead was allotted to the rest of the people of Manasseh...

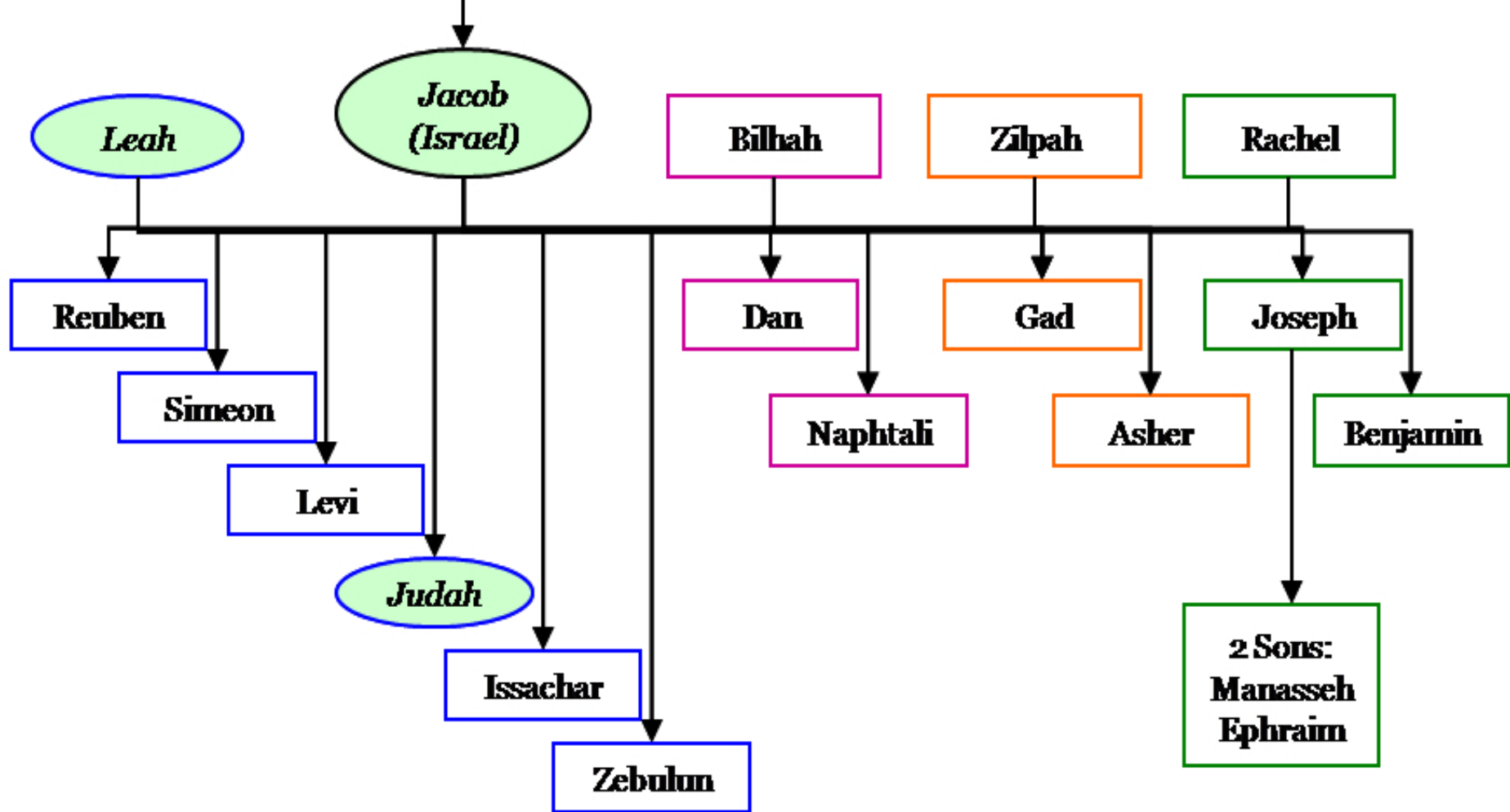
Then the people of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, “Why have you given me but one lot and one portion as an inheritance, although I am a numerous people,

since all along the LORD has blessed me?”

And Joshua said to them, “If you are a numerous people, go up by yourselves to the forest, and there clear ground for yourselves in the land of the Perizzites and the Rephaim, since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you.”

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Scriptural evidence does in fact demonstrate an almost psychotic prejudice and "divine contempt" for the female of our species. The true "curse" placed upon women down through the centuries can be summed up in a single word: Religion. And only by exposing these despicable stories can we hope to free our daughters from its odious spell forever.

– *Blogger from new.ex-christian.net*

## Numbers 27:5-8

Moses brought their case before the LORD. And the LORD said to Moses, “The daughters of Zelophehad are right. You shall give them possession of an inheritance among their father's brothers... And you shall speak to the people of Israel, saying, ‘If a man dies and has no son, then you shall transfer his inheritance to his daughter.

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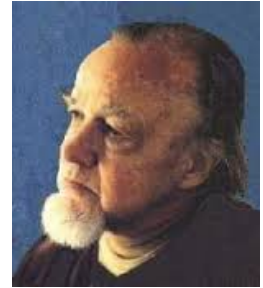
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## Joshua 1:7

Only be strong and very courageous, being **careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded** you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

The Pentateuch was already completely normative. It was the Word of God to these people.

– Francis Schaeffer



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Much like Caleb, the five women come forward now to claim their God-given inheritance. They are another example of trust in Yahweh's promises, confirmed by the award of a personal inheritance to each of them. Like Rahab before them, because of their faith they are not to be excluded from God's blessing on the basis of gender.

– David Jackman



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East Manasseh and West Mannasseh already have a massive amount of land.

Ephraim and Manasseh complain about sharing their lot which is actually quite large.

This really is a wicked complaint for two reasons: 1) It is a denial of their solidarity in their father Joseph who allowed Jacob's blessing to fall not to himself but his sons. 2) It is a clenched fist in God's face for not appreciating his gifts.

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Provision is made for them to have more territory, but they will have to subdue and settle it by their own energy and persistence (17: 17). The question as to whether they will have the faith of Joshua to accomplish the project is left hanging in the balance.

– David Jackman



### Joshua 15:63

But the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the people of Judah could not drive out, so the Jebusites dwell with the people of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

### Joshua 16:10

However, they did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so the Canaanites have lived in the midst of Ephraim to this day but have been made to do forced labor.

### Joshua 17:12

Yet the people of Manasseh could not take possession of those cities, but the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in that land.

Israel evidently had functioned fairly well in the initial onslaught of the conquest, in the united push under Joshua. With the major crisis past, the time came for tribes to complete the conquest, remaining faithful in Yahweh's little-by-little work. Somehow, we relish the call for heroism but not that for durability. We find being faithful in little more annoying than satisfying.

– Dale Ralph Davis



## Matthew 3:13-15

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to **fulfill all righteousness.**” Then he consented.

## John 8:29

And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

## Hebrews 7:26

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

We've seen that in the work of redemption God didn't send Jesus to earth on Good Friday and say, "Die for the sins of your people and that will take care of it." No. Jesus not only had to die for our sins, but He had to live for our righteousness.

– R. C. Sproul

