

## JOSHUA CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup> And the borders of the tribe of the children of Manasseh, (for he *was* the firstborn of Joseph,) *assigned* to Machir the firstborn of Manasseh the father of Gilead, for he was a warrior, *were* in the land of Gilead and of Bashan. <sup>2</sup> And there was *land* assigned to the other sons of Manasseh according to their families: to the sons of Jezi, and to the sons of Kelez, and to the sons of Jeziel, and to the sons of Shechem, and to the sons of Symarim, and to the sons of Opher: these *are* the males according to their families.

<sup>3</sup> And Zelophehad the son of Hopher had no sons but daughters: and these *are* the names of the daughters of Zelophehad: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. <sup>4</sup> And they stood before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua, and before the rulers, saying, "God commanded by the hand of Moses to give us an inheritance in the midst of our brothers." So there was given to them by the command of the Lord an inheritance among the brothers of their father. <sup>5</sup> And their lot fell *to them* from Manasseh, and *to the* plain of Labec of the land of Gilead, which is beyond the Jordan. <sup>6</sup> For the daughters of the sons of Manasseh inherited a portion in the midst of their brothers, and the land of Gilead was assigned to the remainder of the sons of Manasseh. <sup>7</sup> And the borders of the sons of Manasseh were Delanath, which is before the sons of Anath, and it proceeds to the borders to Jamin and Jassib to the fountain of En Tappuah. <sup>8</sup> It shall belong to Manasseh, and Tappuah on the borders of Manasseh *shall belong* to the sons of Ephraim. <sup>9</sup> And the borders shall go down to the valley of Carana southward by the valley of Jariel, (*there is* a terebinth tree *belonging* to Ephraim between *that and* the city of Manasseh) and the borders of Manasseh *are* northward to the brook; and the sea shall be its termination. <sup>10</sup> Southward *the land belongs* to Ephraim, and northward to Manasseh; and the sea shall be their cost; and northward they shall border upon Aseb, and eastward upon Issachar. <sup>11</sup> And Manasseh shall have in *the portion of* Issachar and Beth Shean and their villages, and the inhabitants of Dor, and its villages, and the inhabitants of Megiddo, and its villages, and the third part of Mapheta, and its villages. <sup>12</sup> And the sons of Manasseh were not able to destroy these cities; and the Canaanite began to dwell in that land. <sup>13</sup> And it came to pass that when the children of Israel were strong, they made the Canaanites subject *to them*, but they did not utterly destroy them.

<sup>14</sup> And the sons of Joseph answered Joshua, saying, "Why have you caused us to inherit one inheritance, and *only* one lot, seeing we are a great people, and God has blessed us?"

<sup>15</sup> And Joshua said to them, "If you are a great people, go up to the forest, and clear *the land* for yourself, if Mount Ephraim is too small for you." <sup>16</sup> And they said, "Mount Ephraim does not please us, and the Canaanite dwelling in it in Beth Shean, and in its villages, *and* in the valley of Jezreel, has choice cavalry and iron." <sup>17</sup> And Joshua said to the sons of Joseph, "If you are a great people, and have great strength, you shall not have *only* one inheritance. <sup>18</sup> For you shall have the wood, for there is a wood, and you shall clear it, and *the land* shall be yours; even when you shall have utterly destroyed the Canaanite, for he has chosen cavalry; yet you are stronger than he."