

JOSHUA CHAPTER 18

¹ And all the congregation of the children of Israel were assembled at Shiloh, and there they pitched the tabernacle of witness. And the land was subdued by them. ² And the sons of Israel remained, *even* those who had not received their inheritance, seven tribes. ³ And Joshua said to the sons of Israel, "How long will you be slack to inherit the land, which the Lord our God has given you? ⁴ Appoint of yourselves three men of each tribe, and let them rise up and go through the land, and let them describe it before me, as it will be proper to divide it." ⁵ And they came to him. And he divided to them seven portions, *saying*, "Judah shall stand to them a border southward, and the sons of Joseph shall stand to them northward. ⁶ And divide the land into seven parts, and bring its description here to me, and I will give you a lot before the Lord our God. ⁷ For the sons of Levi have no part among you; for the priesthood of the Lord *is* his portion; and Gad, and Reuben, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave to them."

⁸ And the men rose up and went; and Joshua commanded the men who went to explore the land, *saying*, "Go and explore the land, and come to me, and I will bring you forth a lot here before the Lord in Shiloh." ⁹ And they went, and explored the land. And they viewed it, and described it according to the cities, seven parts in a book, and brought *the book* to Joshua. ¹⁰ And Joshua cast the lot for them in Shiloh before the Lord.

¹¹ And the lot of the tribe of Benjamin came forth first according to their families. And the borders of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. ¹² And their borders were northward: the borders shall go up from the Jordan behind Jericho northward, and shall go up to the mountain westward, and the issue of it shall be the Wilderness of Beth Aven. ¹³ And the borders will go forth from there to Luz, behind Luz, from the south of it; this is Bethel. And the borders shall go down to Ataroth Adar, to the hill country, which is southward of Beth Horon. ¹⁴ And the borders shall pass through and proceed to the part that looks toward the sea, on the south, from the mountain in front of Beth Horon southward, and its termination shall be at Kirjath Baal, which is Kirjath Jearim, a city of the children of Judah; this is the part toward the west. ¹⁵ And the south side on the part of Kirjath Baal; and the borders shall go across to Gasin, to the fountain of the water of Nephtoah. ¹⁶ And the borders shall extend down on one side, this is in front of the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which is on the side of Rephaim northward, and it shall come down to Gehenna behind Jebus southward: it shall come down to En Rogel. ¹⁷ And *the borders* shall go across to En Shemesh, ¹⁸ and shall proceed to Galiloth, which is in front by the going up of Ethamin; and they shall come down to the stone of Beon of the sons of Reuben, and shall pass over behind Beth Arabah northward, and shall go down to the borders behind the sea northward. ¹⁹ And the termination of the borders shall be at the creek of the Salt Sea northward to the side of the Jordan southward: these are their southern borders. ²⁰ And the Jordan shall be their boundary on the east: this *is* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, these *are* their borders round about according to their families.

²¹ And the cities of the children of Benjamin according to their families were: Jericho, Beth Haglah, Emek, ²² Beth Arabah, Sara, Besana, ²³ Avim, Parah, Ephratha, ²⁴ Carapha, Cephira, Moni, Gabaa, twelve cities and their villages; ²⁵ Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth, ²⁶ Mizpah, Miron, Mozah; ²⁷ Phira, Caphan, Nacan, Selecan, Taralah, ²⁸ Jebus (this is Jerusalem), Gibeath, *and* Jearim; thirteen cities, and their villages. This *is* the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin according to their families.