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DIVISION OF THE LAND AND JOSHUA’S FAREWELL

“So the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it.” (Joshua 21:43)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	Learn the spiritual significance of the division of the promised land. Understand how God Himself is our city of refuge. Learn the key messages from Joshua’s farewell, especially regarding God’s presence, power, and promises.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is faith and just.
<i>Good Work</i>	To receive our spiritual inheritance, we must conquer our spiritual enemies. We must firm up our faith to avoid being influenced by the world.

A. Division of the Land

1. **East of the Jordan River: There are no shortcuts**

Although well-watered and spacious, the tribes who dwelt in the east lacked the defense of the river and, as a result, were the first to be taken by Assyria in later years. Compromises often result in negative consequences in our faith.

2. **West of the Jordan River: Fight to receive our inheritance**

Through the drawing of lots, God gave each tribe land according to their size and need. However, they still needed to drive out any remaining enemies. God required His people to put forth their own effort to inherit the land.

3. **The Cities of the Levites: God is our inheritance**

Although they received no land to call their own, the Levites’ abundance would come from God as long as they carried out their spiritual duty of pastoring the people. As God’s new priesthood, our inheritance is also in the Lord.

B. Cities of Refuge

Even before entering the promised land, God gave Moses directions regarding the cities of refuge. They were clearly an important aspect of Israel that God wanted to put into place.

1. *The Old Testament Cities of Refuge:* God gave the Israelites specific directions regarding the cities’ locations, purpose, the paths towards them, and even the length of stay for those who took refuge.

2. *The New Testament City of Refuge:* The Old Testament cities were an incomplete version of what was to come. All of us are born into sin, the wages of which is death. So, God sent Jesus Christ to save us from perishing, and He, through His blood, gave us true refuge (Heb 6:18).

C. Joshua’s Farewell and Death

1. *Keep God’s laws and commandments (Josh 23:6):* Joshua wanted the Israelites to remember God’s laws and commandments.

2. *Their success was from God (Josh 23:9–10):* It was not their own strength, but God’s power that had allowed them to defeat the Canaanites.

3. *Do not cling to the remnants (Josh 23:13):* If they failed to keep God’s commandments and instead “clung” to the Canaanite remnants, God’s promises would be taken from them.

Life Application

1. Conquering Our Spiritual Enemies
2. Firming Up Our Faith in God

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Lesson 12 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Joshua 21:43):

1. What were the two parts to the Israelites' possession of the promised land?
2. "Therefore be very _____ to _____ and to _____ all that is _____ in the Book of the Law of Moses, lest you turn _____ from it to the right hand or to the left." (Joshua 23:6)
3. Name at least one key lesson that we can learn from the division of the land and briefly explain.
4. How were the Old Testament cities of refuge a shadow of the New Testament city of refuge?
5. What three messages did Joshua convey in his farewell to the Israelites?
6. After today's discussion, what are steps that you can take to overcome your spiritual enemies?