JOSHUA: ALLOTMENT OF THE TRIBES

BIBLE READING PLAN
WEEK 07

DAY 1: JOSHUA 15:1-12

The word inheritance is used dozens of times in this portion of scripture. This word serves to remind us that the Israelites did not earn, win, or purchase this land. It was given to them by God. God loves us and gives good gifts! All He asked (and still asks) for in return is their faithful worship and obedience to Him alone.

READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 15:1-12

Read with a heart ready to hear from God. Feel free to *star*, underline, and *mark up* your Bible.

EXAMINE IT THOROUGHLY:

What ideas caught your attention? What does this passage reveal about The Father, Jesus, & the Holy Spirit? Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate this passage to you and make notes below.

APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

How should you respond to this passage? How will you live differently today because of what you just read?

PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to solidify the meaning of this passage, to change your life and your heart based on the learning you've had from spending this time in God's Word.

DAY 2: JOSHUA 15:13-63

Judah is the first tribe to receive their inheritance, and they receive the largest allotment of land. Judah was the fourth son of Jacob. According to Genesis, Judah's name means "praise/worship Yahweh." The lion became the symbol of Judah to show their power, bravery, and leadership. And Judah eventually becomes the Southern Kingdom and is even recognized in the line of the Messiah.

Here we find God's faithfulness in fulfilling promises, like the inheritance Caleb received for his unwavering faith. It also highlights the importance of actively pursuing God's blessings. Acsah's request for more resources shows us it's okay to ask God for what we need to thrive, not just survive, in the places He has given us. We're encouraged to step out in faith, like Caleb, and be bold, like Acsah, trusting that God meets our needs and blesses those who follow Him wholeheartedly.

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APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

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PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to to shape your life and your heart.

DAY 3: JOSHUA 16:1-10

The land inheritance was given to the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, who were Joseph's sons. Their land stretches from the Jordan River, through Jericho, and up into the hill country near Bethel. Ephraim's portion is specifically laid out. But there's a problem: they don't drive out all the Canaanites living there. Instead, the Canaanites stay in the land and eventually end up as forced labor for the Israelites.

It's clear to see the consequences of not fully following God's instructions and the importance of complete obedience.

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DAY 4: JOSHUA 17:1-18

The story of Zelophehad's daughters receiving an inheritance, even without a male heir, reveals God's attention to every individual's needs and His commitment to justice. It reminds us that He values each of us and ensures we have a place in His plans.

But this chapter also challenges us. Manasseh struggles to drive out the Canaanites fully, and when they ask for more land, Joshua pushes them to take ownership of what they already have—to clear and cultivate the hill country given to them. Sometimes, like the tribe of Manasseh, we might find it easier to ask for more than to fully engage with what God has already placed before us. We are encouraged to lean into God's promises with faith and diligence, trusting that He equips us to make the most of what He's already provided.

READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 17:1-18

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DAY 5: JOSHUA 18:1-10

The Israelites gather at Shiloh, where they set up the Tabernacle—their center for worship and a symbol of God's presence among them. Yet, despite God's promises, seven tribes still haven't claimed their inheritance. Joshua calls them to action, urging them not to wait any longer but to go out, survey the land, and take possession of what God has given them.

This speaks to those moments when we hold back from stepping into God's promises for us. Like the Israelites, we may sometimes hesitate, even though God has already prepared the way. Joshua's call to the tribes is a call to us as well: *don't delay, but move forward in faith.*

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APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

How will you live differently today because of what you just read?

PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to to shape your life and your heart.

RESOURCES

ENDURING WORD BIBLE COMMENTARY

The Enduring Word is a free commentary that takes you verse-by-verse through the bible and provides insights, explanations, and helpful quotes from theologians and teachers in every passage of scripture.

enduringword.com/bible-commentary/joshua-1/

ESV STUDY BIBLE

A good study bible is filled with helpful explanations or references on nearly every page for most major verses of scripture. Some great study bibles include the ESV Study Bible, NIV Study Bible, or the She Reads Truth Study Bible. You can find an ESV Study Bible in our Rise Bookstore.

THE BIBLE PROJECT

The Bible Project has built an app centered around a reading journey that equips you with the skills to see the larger story of the Bible every time you read. It's packed with helpful videos, teaches you to develop bible reading skills, and even has classes. This is great for visual learners.

bibleproject.com/explore/video/joshua/

AUDIO BIBLES

The two very best audio bible apps in existence are **Dwell** and **Streetlights**. Dwell has many different translations along with various voices all packed into a beautifully designed app. Streetlights is the NLT translation read by spoken word artists with music tracks added—it's absolutely brilliantly executed.

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THE BOOK OF JOSHUA