

Joshua 14:1-15 **Land of Canaan distributed by Eleazar, Joshua, and the Elders**
Caleb Requested and Received Hebron as his Inheritance
Double inheritance for Joseph

Distribution by Lot as Yehowah had commanded

¹ These are the areas which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel distributed as an inheritance to them. ² Their inheritance was by lot, as the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes and the half-tribe.

Moses had given inheritance to Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh

³ For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe on the other side of the Jordan; but to the Levites he had given no inheritance among them.

Double inheritance for Joseph

⁴ For the children of Joseph were two tribes: Manasseh and Ephraim. And they gave no part to the Levites in the land, except cities to dwell in, with their common-lands for their livestock and their property. ⁵ As the LORD had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did; and they divided the land.

Caleb requested Hebron

⁶ Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him:

"You know the word which the LORD said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea. ⁷ I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as it was in my heart. ⁸ Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the LORD my God. ⁹ So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.'

¹⁰ "And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. ¹¹ As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. ¹² Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said."

Caleb receives Hebron as his inheritance – land of the greatest of the giants

¹³ And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. ¹⁴ Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel. ¹⁵ And the name of Hebron formerly was Kirjath Arba (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim). Then the land had rest from war. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Distribution by Lot as Yehowah had commanded

- ✧ The Land of Canaan west of the Jordan River was distributed by lot to the 9 ½ tribes of Israel. [Joshua 14:1-2]
- ✧ Those in charge of the distribution of the land were: **Eleazar** the priest, **Joshua** the son of Nun, and the **heads of the fathers of the tribes** of the children of Israel. [Joshua 14:1, Numbers 34:16-29]
- ✧ Their inheritance was allotted by lot, as the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes and the half-tribe. [Joshua 14:2, Numbers 33:50-54]

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- ✧ Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes Reuben and Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh on the other side of the Jordan; but to the Levites he had given no inheritance among them. [Joshua 14:3]
- ✧ Their inheritance extended from the River Arnon in the South to Mount Herman in the North. [Joshua 13:8-14]
- ✧ The Levites were given cities in each of the tribal territories but received no territorial land because they represented God to the tribe in which they were scattered, and therefore, God was their inheritance. [Genesis 49:5-7, Numbers 18:21-24, 35:2-8, Deuteronomy 10:8-9, 12:1-14, 14:12-29, 18:1-2]

Double inheritance for Joseph [Joshua 14:4-5, Genesis 48:21-22]

- ✧ The children of Joseph were two tribes: **Manasseh** and **Ephraim**.
- ✧ And they gave no part to the **Levites** in the land, except cities to dwell in, with their common-lands for their livestock and their property. As the LORD had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did; and they divided the land.

Caleb requested Hebron [Joshua 14:6-12]

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- ✧ "You know the word which the LORD said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea. ⁷ I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as it was in my heart. ⁸ Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the LORD my God. ⁹ So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.'
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- ✧ The Children of Israel were camped at Gilgal from the time they crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land until the wars were ended and the land had been apportioned to each of the tribes. [Joshua 4:19, 5:9-12, 9:6, 10:6-9, 15, 43, 14:6]
- ✧ Caleb and Joshua were the only two spies that Moses sent to search out the Promised Land from Kadesh Barnea, who brought back an encouraging report and said that with the help of God, Israel is well able to take the land. [Numbers 14:6-9, 20-30]
- ✧ Caleb was 40 years old when they spied out the land and reported back at Kadesh Barnea. [Joshua 14:7]

- ✧ They spent 40 years in the wilderness. [Numbers 14:26-35, 32:13, Deuteronomy 2:7, 8:1-5, 29:5, Joshua 5:6]
- ✧ It took 5 years to conquer all the land. [Joshua 14:10]
- ✧ All the generation of the Children of Israel that came out of Egypt, from 20 years of age and upward, died in the wilderness during the 40 years of wandering, yet Caleb at age 85 still has his vigor, as did Moses to the point of his death. [Joshua 5:4, 14:10-11, Deuteronomy 34:7]
- ✧ God had preserved him in the wilderness because he wholly followed the LORD my God. [Joshua 14:8-9]
- ✧ Caleb requested Hebron for his inheritance, not fearing the Anakim (giants) living in its mountain, but trusting in the Lord to keep His promise and enable him to keep the commandment of God.

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