

Josh 18:2-10 **Balance of the Land surveyed**

Seven remaining Tribes

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Advice to survey the remaining land into seven parcels for the seven remaining tribes

3 Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: "How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you? 4 Pick out from among you three men for each tribe, and I will send them; they shall rise and go through the land, survey it according to their inheritance, and come back to me. 5 And they shall divide it into seven parts. Judah shall remain in their territory on the south, and the house of Joseph shall remain in their territory on the north. 6 You shall therefore survey the land in seven parts and bring the survey here to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

Levites restricted from inheriting tribal lands – God is their inheritance – Tribes east of Jordan

7 But the Levites have no part among you, for the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance. And Gad, Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them."

Surveyors report back to Shiloh

8 Then the men arose to go away; and Joshua charged those who went to survey the land, saying, "Go, walk through the land, survey it, and come back to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD in Shiloh." 9 So the men went, passed through the land, and wrote the survey in a book in seven parts by cities; and they came to Joshua at the camp in Shiloh.

Lots cast for apportioning the seven last parcels just surveyed

10 Then Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ But there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance. [Joshua 18:2]

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- ✧ Then Joshua said to the children of Israel:

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- ✧ The purpose of the survey is to establish boundaries for seven parcels of the land remaining.

- ✧ The apportionment of the land will be by lot according to the command of Yehowah. [Joshua 18:6, Numbers 26:52-56, 33:50-54, Joshua 13:1-7, 14:1-2]

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Surveyors sent out and report back to Shiloh

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- ✧ So the men went, passed through the land, and wrote the survey in a book in seven parts by cities; and they came to Joshua at the camp in Shiloh. [\[Joshua 18:9\]](#)

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