

## Numbers 27:1-11 **Special Inheritance for Daughters of Zelophehad**

<sup>1</sup> Then came the daughters of Zelophehad the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, from the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and these were the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. <sup>2</sup> And they stood before Moses, before Eleazar the priest, and before the leaders and all the congregation, by the doorway of the tabernacle of meeting, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Our father died in the wilderness; but he was not in the company of those who gathered together against the LORD, in company with Korah, but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons. <sup>4</sup> Why should the name of our father be removed from among his family because he had no son? Give us a possession among the brothers of our father." <sup>5</sup> So Moses brought their case before the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>7</sup> "The daughters of Zelophehad speak what is right; you shall surely give them a possession of inheritance among their father's brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them. <sup>8</sup> And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a man dies and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter. <sup>9</sup> If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. <sup>10</sup> If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. <sup>11</sup> And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the kinsman closest him in his family, and he shall possess it.' " And it shall be to the children of Israel a statute of judgment, just as the LORD commanded Moses. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

✧ Law set by Legal Precedent:

#### Situation

- ✧ Man dies with no son to receive his inheritance.
- ✧ He died for his own sins being in the company that refused to enter the Promised Land when first commanded by God. [Numbers chapter 13 and 14:1-38]
- ✧ He had not been among those who rebelled with Korah who died when the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them alive and fire came out from Yehowah and devoured the 250 who were offering incense before the Tabernacle of Meeting. [Numbers 16:1-35, 26:9-10]
- ✧ However the man had daughters.

#### Solution

- ✧ The daughters shall certainly receive their father's inheritance.
- ✧ However they may only marry in their own tribe, so the inheritance does not pass from one tribe to another. [Numbers 36:1-12]

#### Law by Legal Precedent

- ✧ If a man dies and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter.
- ✧ If He has no daughter, you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.
- ✧ If he has no brothers, you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers.
- ✧ If his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the kinsman closest to him in his family, and he shall possess it.
- ✧ This shall be a statute of judgment to the Children of Israel, just as Yehowah commanded Moses.