

Promised Land 1 Study and Discussion Questions

Lesson Three: Division of the Land - Joshua 13 – 24

Joshua 13

- 1) Israel had completed major military campaigns victoriously in the Promised Land. According to Joshua 13:1 and 13:6b-7, what two objectives still lay before them?

- 2) Among the description of the land deeded to the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half the tribe of Manasseh *east* of the Jordan in Joshua 13, Joshua twice stated that another tribe, Levi, also did not receive a land inheritance within Canaan's borders. According to Joshua 13:14, 33; 18:7, and Numbers 18, why didn't they?

- 3) What personal obstacle did Joshua face (13:1) and what assurance did he receive that this problem was not a problem for God (13:6)? What seemingly impossible task will you ask God to handle for you?

Joshua 14 – 19

- 4) Joshua 14-19 records the tracts of land deeded to the remaining nine-and-a-half tribes *west* of the Jordan *in* Canaan. Based on any knowledge you have about the first five books of the Bible, why were the recording of these deeds and the receiving of the land causes for great rejoicing in Israel?

- 5) Read Numbers 14:6-25, and then skim Numbers 13 and 14:26-38 for information about Caleb. According to Numbers 14:30 and Joshua 14:10-11, what promise did God make and fulfill, and how did He bless Caleb even beyond what He had promised?

- 10)** Read the drama in Joshua 22. What fundamental concern was so great that it almost caused a civil war between the eastern and western tribes?

Joshua 23 – 24

- 11)** List the instructions and warnings Joshua gave Israel at the end of his life (chapter 23).
- 12)** According to Joshua 24, Joshua summoned the Israelites to renew their covenant agreement with God. What was the significance of choosing Shechem as the site for the ceremony (see Genesis 12:6-7)? According to Joshua 24:32, what other significant event took place at Shechem (presumably during Joshua's lifetime)?
- 13)** According to Joshua 24, what choice did Israel face (include verse numbers)? Specifically, how does this same choice challenge your life today?

Joshua 24

- 14)** Which phrase in Joshua 24:31 explains Israel's faithfulness during the years Joshua's contemporaries remained alive?
- 15)** What have you personally witnessed the Lord do for you that you need to share with your spiritual and physical descendants?