

The Lord's Legacy

Joshua 13:1-14:5

Henry and Henrietta Joke

- There goes the story of Henry and Henrietta who was the breadwinner in their family who bought a lavish home. Every room they entered Henrietta would say, if it were not for MY MONEY this kitchen would not be here... If it were not for MY MONEY this swimming pool wouldn't be here either...

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A Legacy is an amount of money or property left to someone in a will... In other words an Inheritance

Today we will overview Israel possessing their inheritance...

We will Look at Chapter 13 -14 in 3 Distinct Sections

God's Voice

- ***He made the Way to Obey***

God's Faithfulness

- ***His Promises are Sure***

God's Inheritance

- ***He is Ours & We are His***

God's Voice

- *He made the Way to Obey*

13:1 Now Joshua was old, advanced in years. And the Lord said to him: "You are old, advanced in years, and there remains very much land yet to be possessed. 2 This is the land that yet remains: all the territory of the Philistines and all *that of* the Geshurites, 3 from Sihor, which is east of Egypt, as far as the border of Ekron northward (*which* is counted as Canaanite); the five lords of the Philistines—the Gazites, the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites; 4 from the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belongs to the Sidonians as far as Aphek, to the border of the Amorites; 5 the land of the [a]Gebalites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal Gad below Mount Hermon as far as the entrance to Hamath; 6 all the inhabitants of the mountains from Lebanon as far as the [b]Brook Misrephoth, and all the Sidonians—they I will drive out from before the children of Israel; only divide it by lot to Israel as an inheritance, as I have commanded you. 7 Now therefore, divide this land as an inheritance to the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasseh."

1. Joshua Still had a Call (1)

- Old (Zaquen) : A Second Chin | Advanced (Bow) : Much Experience
- God still had : A Purpose - Plans - Portions to Obtain

Application : No Matter Where YOU Are God still has More!!!

- *More Kingdom Territory to gain*
- *More Heart Territory to Surrender*
- ***OUR LIVES ARE IN PROCESS (SANCTIFICATION) AS LONG AS WE ARE HERE THERE IS MORE GOD HAS TO DO IN US AND THROUGH US!***

2. God Made the Way to Obey (6-7)

God's Promise : I Drive Out - God's Command : You Divide It Up

- *It was God's Work was paving the Way for Joshua's Work...*

This Ultimately is the Heart of the Gospel

Jesus Accomplishing His Mission so we can accomplish ours!

- **Philippians 2:8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

**It's His Obedience that Makes Our Obedience Pleasing to God!
Without Jesus it is impossible to please God! (Heb 11:6)**

What's With the Lot?

A Means to Determine the Will of God

- **Numbers 33:54** And you shall divide the land by lot as an inheritance among your families; to the larger you shall give a larger inheritance, and to the smaller you shall give a smaller inheritance; there everyone's *inheritance* shall be whatever falls to him by lot. You shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers
- **Examples of Lots:** The Scapegoat (Lev 18); Inheritance of Promise Land (Num 26); Determining Warriors to Serve (Jug 20, Neh 11), Delegating Priestly Roles (1 Chr 24); Determine Offenders (Achan Ch.7)
- **The Last Lot of The Bible is Acts 1:27 - Then Came Pentecost!**

3. How We Determine God's Way Today?

- **BY PRAYER- 1 Thessalonians 5:16** Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** in everything give thanks; for **this is the will of God** in Christ Jesus for you
- **BY THE BIBLE - Matthew 4:4** "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "
- **BY THE HOLY SPIRIT - John 16:13** However, **when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

This is HOW we HEAR God's VOICE!!!
Let's move on to HIS FAITHFULNESS

God's Faithfulness

- His Promises are Sure... All God Promised He was Faithful to fulfill...

The Promise Began with a Promise to Abraham

- **Genesis 15:5** Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."
6 And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. **7** Then He said to him, "I *am* the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

God Promised the land to Inherit and He Kept it!

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The Eastern Inheritance

8 With the other half-tribe (Manasseh) the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses had given them, beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the Lord had given them: **9** from Aroer which *is* on the bank of the River Arnon, and the town that *is* in the midst of the ravine, and all the plain of Medeba as far as Dibon; **10** all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, as far as the border of the children of Ammon; **11** Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan as far as Salcah; **12** all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants; for Moses had [struck] defeated and [dispossessed] cast out these. **13** Nevertheless the children of Israel did not drive out the Geshurites or the Maachathites, but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day. **14** Only to the tribe of Levi he had given [NO LAND] no inheritance; the sacrifices of the Lord God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as He said to them.

A Land Legacy for 2.5 Tribes to the EAST of the Jordan River

- **Numbers 32** - Ruben Gad & Manasseh requested Land on the East (Good for Livestock)
- **Deuteronomy 33:21** - Under the Condition to help other tribes Moses blessed their land also.

An Honorable Mention for Moses!

- Moses Gave | Moses Served | Moses Struck Down (Og Sihon)

No Land for Levi??? That's Weird...

- There is an Inheritance however... The SACRIFICES BY FIRE...

Zoom In on Ruben's Inheritance

15 And Moses had given to the tribe of the children of Reuben an inheritance according to their families. **16** Their territory was from Aroer, which *is* on the bank of the River Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midst of the ravine, and all the plain by Medeba; **17** Heshbon and all its cities that *are* in the plain: Dibon, Bamoth Baal, Beth Baal Meon, **18** Jahaza, Kedemoth, Mephaath, **19** Kirjathaim, Sibmah, Zereth Shahar on the mountain of the valley, **20** Beth Peor, the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth Jeshimoth— **21** all the cities of the plain and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses had struck with the princes of Midian: Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, who *were* princes of Sihon dwelling in the country. **22** The children of Israel also killed with the sword Balaam the son of Beor, the [DIVINER - Num 22-24] soothsayer, among those who were killed by them. **23** And the border of the children of Reuben was the bank of the Jordan. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben according to their families, the cities and their villages.

A Land Legacy for the Families of Ruben...

An Honorable Mention for Moses and Israel

- Where Moses struck down the Princes of Midian who hired Balaam (Numbers 22)
- Israel struck down Balaam (Numbers 22)

Zoom in on Gad's Inheritance

24 Moses also had given an inheritance to the tribe of Gad, to the children of Gad according to their families. **25** Their territory was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the Ammonites as far as Aroer, which *is* before Rabbah, **26** and from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpah and Betonim, and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir, **27** and in the valley Beth Haram, Beth Nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, with the Jordan as *its* border, as far as the edge of the [Sea of Galilee] Sea of Chinnereth, on the other side of the Jordan eastward. **28** This is the inheritance of the children of Gad according to their families, the cities and their villages.

A Land Legacy for Gad... God is Faithful indeed!

Zoom In Manasseh's Inheritance

29 Moses also had given **an inheritance to half the tribe of Manasseh**; it was for half the tribe of the children of Manasseh according to their families: **30** Their territory was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair which are in Bashan, sixty cities; **31** half of Gilead, and Ashtaroth and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were for the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, for half of the children of Machir according to their families.

32 **These are the areas which Moses had [APPORTIONED] distributed as an inheritance in the plains of Moab on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho eastward.** **33** **But to the tribe of Levi Moses had given no inheritance; the Lord God of Israel was their inheritance, as He had said to them.**

A Land Legacy for Half Manasseh East...

- Which Means a Land Legacy also to the West!

Another Honorable Mention for Moses

NO LAND FOR LEVI?!!! WHAT HAD HE SAID TO THEM???

- **God said to Aaron - Numbers 18:20** Then the Lord said to Aaron: "You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; **I am your portion and your inheritance** among the children of Israel.
- **God said through Moses - Deuteronomy 18:1** "The priests, the Levites—all the tribe of Levi—shall have [a]no part nor inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and His portion. **2** Therefore they shall have no inheritance among their brethren; the Lord is their inheritance, as He said to them.

What God Promised To Abraham, God Accomplished through Moses and Joshua because HE IS FAITHFUL...

Let Us Close with the Inheritance!

God's Inheritance

14:1 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. 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. 4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes: Manasseh and Ephraim (Gen 48). 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.

This is the Lord's Legacy for Israel West of the Jordan River

An Honorable Mention for Elazer & Joshua

- By Lot according to God's Word (Numbers 33:54)

NO LAND FOR LEVI??? Lets Recap

- 13:14 - NO LAND = But SACRIFICE instead
- 13:33 - NO LAND = But SERVICE to God instead
- 14:4 - NO LAND = But a COMMUNITY instead

Q: Why Not a Land Inheritance???

A: God showing there is a Greater Inheritance than acquiring land, wealth or riches...

- The Truth is Levites DID HAVE AN INHERITANCE
- The Sacrifice | Serving God | An Established Community

BIG PICTURE of the Lord's Legacy

1. The Inheritance Promise of Land Began with Abraham

- **Genesis 15:7** Then He said to him, "I *am* the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

2. The Inheritance Land was Obtained (Josh 13-14)

- See 1 & 2 Kings, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel

3. But Later this Inheritance of Land would be lost! (Exile)

- See 1 & 2 Kings, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel (Assyrian, Babylon, Rome)

4. After Rome Inheritance became a Spiritual Quest...

- **Mark 10:17 (Rich Ruler)** "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"
- **Mark 10:25 (A Certain Lawyer)** "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

5. Jesus Affirmed the Inheritance was Eternal Life & Kingdom

- **Matthew 19:29** And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.
- **Matthew 25:34** Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world
- **Matthew 6:19** "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; **20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

6. The Apostles Reaffirmed the Spiritual Inheritance that is in Christ!

- **Colossians 3:23** And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, **24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance**; for you serve the Lord Christ.
- **1 Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4 to an inheritance** [IMPERISHABLE] **incorruptible** and **undefiled** and **that does not fade away, reserved in heaven** for you, **5** who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

>>> Jesus Earned our Inheritance through the Cross and We Obtain our Inheritance by Faith!

7. God is Our Inheritance... AND WE ARE HIS INHERITANCE!!!

- **Ephesians 1:15** Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, **16 do not cease to give thanks** for you, making mention of you in my

prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your [f]understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints...

In Conclusion : Live for the Lord... Live for the Lord's Legacy...

There is a Greater Inheritance No Earthly Pursuit Can Fulfill.

1 Peter 2:9 We are a holy nation a royal priesthood who obtain the same inheritance as the Levites... We have the PRIESTLY INHERITANCE!!!!

The SACRIFICE OF JESUS, opportunity for MINISTRY, the Community of the Church!!!

We are Meant to Live for More!

>>> QUOTE C.S. Lewis (Mere Christianity)

- *The Christian says, 'Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.'*

Hear God's Voice

See His Faithfulness

Receive His Inheritance found only in Christ!