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### STRUCTURE

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**CALEB IS A JUDAHITE AND STANDS AS AN AMAZING EXAMPLE**

**JOSHUA IS A JOSEPHITE AND IS CONFRONTED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE**

<sup>6</sup> Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. <sup>7</sup> 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 him word again as it was in my heart. <sup>8</sup> But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the LORD my God. <sup>9</sup> And Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.' <sup>10</sup> And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. <sup>11</sup> I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. <sup>12</sup> So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the LORD said." <sup>13</sup> Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. <sup>14</sup> Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>15</sup> Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba. (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war.

Joshua 14:6-15 (ESV)

CHAPTER 15 GIVES THE MOST DETAILED LIST OF THE ALLOTMENT TO JUDAH. STORY OF ACHSAH CALEB'S DAUGHTER ASKING FOR A FIELD AND SPRINGS OF WATER.

<sup>16</sup> And Caleb said, "Whoever strikes Kiriath-sepher and captures it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter as wife." <sup>17</sup> And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, captured it. And he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife. <sup>18</sup> When she came to him, she urged him to ask her father for a field. And she got off her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you want?" <sup>19</sup> She said to him, "Give me a blessing. Since you have given me the land of the Negeb, give me also springs of water." And he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

Joshua 15:16–19 (ESV)

**CHAPTER 16 GIVES A BRIEF AND SCATTERED LIST OF THE ALLOTMENT TO JOSEPH: EPHRAIM AND MANASSEH. EPHRAIM THE SECOND BORN FIRST AND THEN MANASSEH IN CHAPTER 17. STORY OF ZELOPHEHAD'S DAUGHTERS RECEIVING THEIR INHERITANCE (NUMBERS 27).**

<sup>3</sup> Now Zelophehad the son of Hopher, son of Gilead, son of Machir, son of Manasseh, had no sons, but only daughters, and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. <sup>4</sup> They approached Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the leaders and said, "The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance along with our brothers." So according to the mouth of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father.

Joshua 17:3–4 (ESV)

**ENDS WITH THE STORY OF JOSEPH (EPHRAIM & MANNASEH) ASKING FOR MORE LAND BUT UNLIKE CALEB BEING AFRAID.**

<sup>14</sup> Then the people of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given me but one lot and one portion as an inheritance, although I am a numerous people, since all along the LORD has blessed me?" <sup>15</sup> And Joshua said to them, "If you are a numerous people, go up by yourselves to the forest, and there clear ground for yourselves in the land of the Perizzites and the Rephaim, since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you." <sup>16</sup> The people of Joseph said, "The hill country is not enough for us. Yet all the Canaanites who dwell in the plain have chariots of iron, both those in Beth-shean and its villages and those in the Valley of Jezreel." <sup>17</sup> Then Joshua said to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and Manasseh, "You are a numerous people and have great power. You shall not have one allotment only, <sup>18</sup> but the hill country shall be yours, for though it is a forest, you shall clear it and possess it to its farthest borders. For you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong."

Joshua 17:14–18 (ESV)

## THROUGHOUT THE NARRATIVE THERE ARE REPORTS OF DISOBEDIENCE:

<sup>63</sup> But the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the people of Judah could not drive out, so the Jebusites dwell with the people of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

Joshua 15:63 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> However, they did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so the Canaanites have lived in the midst of Ephraim to this day but have been made to do forced labor.

Joshua 16:10 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Yet the people of Manasseh could not take possession of those cities, but the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in that land. <sup>13</sup> Now when the people of Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.

Joshua 17:12–13 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup> which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

1 Corinthians 12:12–26 (ESV)