

Next Blessed Tribes

Joshua 16,17

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- Why is Ephraim next in line for land? Recall Gen. 48:2-5, 49:22-26. Joseph's two sons are "adopted" by Jacob and the younger is extra-blessed (Ps. 60:7). Ephraim later = all Israel, Isa. 7:17, Jer. 31:9,20.
- 16:10 = another noted failure to possess all the land (15:63)

Manasseh gets its allotment but unfortunately fails to . . . 17:1-18

- 7:1-11 records the land allotment that gives Manasseh much land.
Land Request: Like Caleb in 14:ff., a request for land is made in view of an earlier promise, Num. 27:1-12 (here it's ladies land rights!)
- 17:12ff. = yet another noted failure to possess all the land.
Land Complaint: Unlike Caleb's / five daughters' humble request (full of faith in an earlier divine promise), these two tribes greedily complain (full of fear) they deserve more land because of their size. Joshua answers their complaint with a challenge—If you're so big then take out the Canaanites and expand through forested areas.

QUESTION: Can we relax after our "big victory" too? How so?

