

Lots of Apathy and Allotments **Joshua 18,19**

Location set—chosen place for the sanctuary is Shiloh, 18:1

- ❖ God chose Shiloh (Dt. 12:11, Jer. 7:12) for 300 yrs., up till I Sam. 4:3.
- ❖ Conquest complete (*subdued*) and land is there for the taking.

Problem—seven tribes are wasting their opportunity to take land, 18:2,3

Unlike initiative in 14:6 or even greed in 17:14, these tribes seem apathetic—*slack / putt off*. Why is this so? Why is this a concern? How might we easily become a bit like these seven tribes?

Plan—seven teams of three are sent to divide the land into lots, 18:4-10

Three from each tribe will help divide up the land as God so chooses (*cast lots before the Lord*--18:6,8,10). Note tribal math also repeated.

Location set—chosen places for the seven tribes is by lot, 18:11-19:51

- ❖ Simeon's lot is only cities w/in Judah (as predicted in Gen. 49:7).
- ❖ Joshua's and Caleb's requested lots (19:49-51--14:6ff.) form book-ends to the allotment. They are viewed positively unlike the others.



What about us?
Are we using our
time in a way that
shows gratitude
for our inheritance
and enhances it?

See Col. 4:5,6
Eph. 5:15-17,
Rom. 12:10,11.