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Lots of Apathy and Allotments Joshua 18,19

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

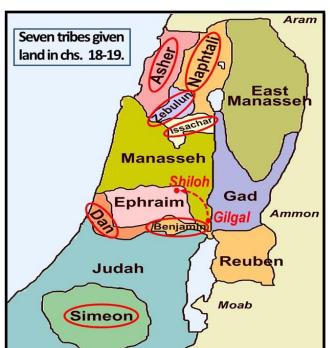
- ❖God chose Shiloh (Dt. 12:11, Jer. 7:12) for 300 yrs., up till I Sam. 4:3.
- ❖Conquest complete (subdued) and land is there for the taking.

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' requested lots (19:49-51--14:6ff.) form bookends 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.