



Biblical Manhood

Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny
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Israel's Real Estate Deed

When we come to **Joshua 13**, Israel has successfully removed the major military threat to Israel's survival. They have conquered the land by bloody warfare. Now that they have conquered the land, the land has to be distributed among the tribes of Israel.

Joshua would be administrator of this distribution. He is at the end of his life, most likely 100 years old. Not only did he lead the conquest of the land, he will help distribute the land. It's now time for the people to settle down in the land. For centuries, all they have known is bondage and battle. The time has come for them to have a home and settle into it.

Joshua 13 reads like a real estate deed. It should. It is a real estate deed for Israel and the land of Canaan. The coming chapters will describe how Canaan was divided among the tribes of

Israel. Joshua 13 can be divided in this way:

Joshua's charge to the tribes to take possession of the land (**13:1-17**);

The land east of the Jordan (**13-8-14**)

Reuben's inheritance (**13:15-23**)

Gad's inheritance (**13:24-28**)

Manasseh's inheritance (**13:29-33**)

I'm sure that many Christians are tempted to skip this section of Joshua. It is like a legal document – a real estate deed. However, this chapter teaches us some valuable truths. What can we learn from this chapter?

We see the importance of unity among God's people.

This chapter begins the distribution of the land of Canaan among the tribes of Israel. What's interesting is that the Lord begins with the land east of the Jordan! The Lord

declares that He had given Reuben, Gad, and the ½ tribe of Manasseh this land east of the Jordan.

Why did God do this? Why did He start with the land east of the Jordan? This was reminder of the unity of God's people. Those tribes did receive land across the Jordan. However, they were still a part of Israel. They were still of God's people. The land that Manasseh, Gad, and Reuben inherited was just as much a part of the Promised Land as what the other tribes received.

This shows us how important unity is to God. He wants us to remember that God's people are united. We may have different ways of worship. We may have doctrinal beliefs that differ from one another.

However, the basics of the faith unite us, no matter what other differences we have. The gospel is the center and draws us to one another. We may disagree on peripheral issues. However, the basics of the faith tie us together.

That's why it's important to strive for unity among God's people. He loves unity and it brings him glory. The Word of God says, "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (**Ephesians 4:3**). Our calling is to endeavor to keep the peace. We are

to strive to maintain the unity that we have through Jesus Christ.

God gives His people rest.

For decades, Israel had known nothing but bondage and battle. Now they are about to receive a home. God wanted to give them the Promised Land. He wanted to give them rest, security, and peace in their new homes.

The same is true for us. God has a home prepared for us. He is going to bring us to heaven one day. He will give us rest, security, and peace in heaven one day. We will know joy and blessedness one day like we have never known. The greater Joshua has purchased and prepared an inheritance for us in heaven. He will grant it to you once this life's battles and burdens are finished.

God is the greatest blessing of all.

As God divides the land, He does not give any land to one tribe. It's the tribe of Levi. God said, "But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance: the LORD God of Israel was their inheritance, as he said unto them" (**13:33**). The Lord was going to be their inheritance. They wouldn't receive any land of their own. They would

receive the sacrifices and offerings made to the Lord.

You might feel like that's not fair. However, He's the greatest blessing of all. The unfortunate thing is that all the tribes lost the land given to them. They were eventually carried off into captivity. However, nothing could sever the relationship that the Levites had with the Lord.

God blesses us with many precious blessings. However, He is the greatest blessing of all. At the same time, we can never lose Him. Every thing we have can be gone within a short piece of time. Yet, He remains our God and Father no matter what.

God deals with the enemies of His people

There's an amazing fact tucked away in **Joshua 13**, "Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by him" (**13:22**). Balaam was a prophet who helped corrupt and harm Israel. He loved money more than the Word of God. Yet, he faced the judgment of God. His rebellion cost him his life.

This is a reminder that God will deal with the enemies of His people. He will respond in judgment with those who oppose and persecute us. He will

see to it that they are brought to justice. They will pay for their rebellion and opposition to God and His people.

World Prayer Plan

November

- 1-Turks and Caicos Islands
- 2-Tuvalu
- 3-Uganda-The Church
- 4-Uganda-The Lost
- 5-Ukraine-The Church
- 6-United Arab Emirates
- 7-United Kingdom-The Church
- 8-United Kingdom-The Lost
- 9-United Kingdom-Spiritual Awakening
- 10-England
- 11-Northern Ireland
- 12-Scotland
- 13-Wales
- 14-United States-The Church
- 15-United States-The Lost
- 16-United States-Spiritual Awakening
- 17-United States-Missionary Fervor
- 18-United States-Government
- 19-United States-Spiritual Unity
- 20-Uruguay
- 21-Uzbekistan
- 22-Vanuatu
- 23-Venezuela-The Church
- 24-Venezuela-The Lost
- 25-Vietnam-The Church

26-Vietnam-The Lost
 27-Vietnam-Open Doors
 28-Virgin Islands
 29-Revival In Caribbean
 30-Wallis and Futura Island

December

1-Yemen-The Church
 2-Yemen-The Lost
 3-Yugoslavia
 4-Bosnia
 5-Hercegovina
 6-Montenegro
 7-Serbia
 8-Macedonia
 9-Zaire-The Church
 10-Zaire-The Lost
 11-Zambia
 12-Zimbabwe
 13-Africa
 14-Asia
 15-Caribbean
 16-Eurasia
 17-Europe
 18-Latin America
 19-Middle East
 20-North America
 21-Pacific
 22-The Fall of Islam
 23-The Fall of Hinduism
 24-Bible Translation and Distribution
 Across the World
 25-That The Glory and Power of Jesus
 Would Be Seen Across The World

26-More Missionaries
 27-Believers With A Heart For The
 World
 28-Increase In Giving To Mission Efforts
 29-Destruction of Satan's Grip Over the
 Nations
 30-Worldwide Prayer For World
 Evangelization
 31-The Soon Return Of Jesus

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