–Save This Page as a PDF–

The Division of the Land
26: 52-56

The division of the Land DIG: What were the two principles involved in the division of the Promised Land? Who was responsible to supervise the location of the different tribes by lot? How were the sizes of the different tribal lands decided? Do you think this process is fair? Why, why not? How was this like the distribution of crowns?

REFLECT: How important is the physical inheritance of the Land compared to the spiritual inheritance believers possess? Explain. If, as some would say, the physical inheritance is not important, then why does the Torah put so much emphasis on it? Why do the prophets, like Ezeki'el 40-48 and John 14, tell us about a future physical inheritance?

The tribes were given their inheritance of land by lot and by size.



ADONAI told **Moshe** that there were **two principles** that would determine **the location** of each **tribe** and **the size** of **their land**. Until the end, **Moses** was still in charge of such matters – more bittersweet experiences that marked **his** last days. **The land is to be parceled out among these as a possession to be inherited, according to the number of names. The Second Census** (**to see link click Ec – The Second Census: The New Generation of Hope**) had a military purpose, but **it** also had another purpose, the division of **the Promised Land**. **First, those tribes with more persons** were **given a greater**

inheritance, and to those with fewer were **given a smaller inheritance – each family's inheritance is to be given according to the number counted in it. Secondly, however, the location** of each **tribe** was **to be** determined **by lot (Judges 14:1-2, 15:1, 16:1, 17:1, 18:1-11, 19:1, 10, 17, 24, 32** and **40)**. **They will inherit according to the names of the tribes of their ancestors** (**Reuben**, **Judah**, **Manasseh**, etc)**.** These two principles, **by size** and **by lot**, come together when we learn that **the location** of each **tribe** was **to be parceled out by lot,** but **the size** of **their land** was determined **by the number of each tribe** as determined in **the Second Census**. **The Land** was **God's** gift to **His people**; hence, **their** shares in **it** were **their** inheritance from **Him**.[614]

This is like the distribution of **crowns** (see the commentary on **Second Corinthians Bc – For We Must All Appear Before the Bema of Messiah**), the larger the tribe, the larger the inheritance. This mirrors believers today. All believers are going to heaven (see the commentary on **The Life of Christ Ms – The Eternal Security of the Believer**), like **the tribes**, they all made it to **the Promised Land**. But some were rewarded with more **land** than others based upon their walk with **ADONAI**. This will be true for us. Our walk with **the Lord** will determine the size of our inheritance for eternity. **Paul** tells us: **But each one's work will be shown for what it is; the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire – the fire will test the quality of each one's work (First Cor 3:13).** And have seen in these **tribes**, that some lost so much because of **their** disobedience.

*Dear Heavenly Father, Praise **You** for **Your** Awesome **steadfast love**! **Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you (Psalms 63:3). Your** wonderful grace and **Messiah's** death and resurrection, paved the way for **You** to redeem those who put their trust in **You (Ephesians 1:13). In Him we have redemption through His blood – the removal of trespasses – in keeping with the richness of His grace (Ephesians 1:7). You** see all that happens and **You** are totally fair always. There was a reason why different **tribes** received different land. In the same way there will be reasons behind which rewards **You** give out and to whom **You** give them in heaven. **You** not only judge by outward actions, but **You** also judge by the attitude of **the heart (First Samuel 16:7).** I love **You** and desire to serve you with all my heart. Receiving a reward is not the issue. I love **You** and want to praise and please **You**! My desire is to praise **You** for all eternity! In **Messiah Yeshua's** holy **Name** and power of **His** resurrection. Amen*