

JOSHUA 15, 16, 17

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LAND



- At least as important as the return of Israel as a nation in 1948
- Church and Jews waited for Israel to return, gave up, and Christianity invented Replacement Theology doctrine
- Theologically, Joshua established the land God promised long ago

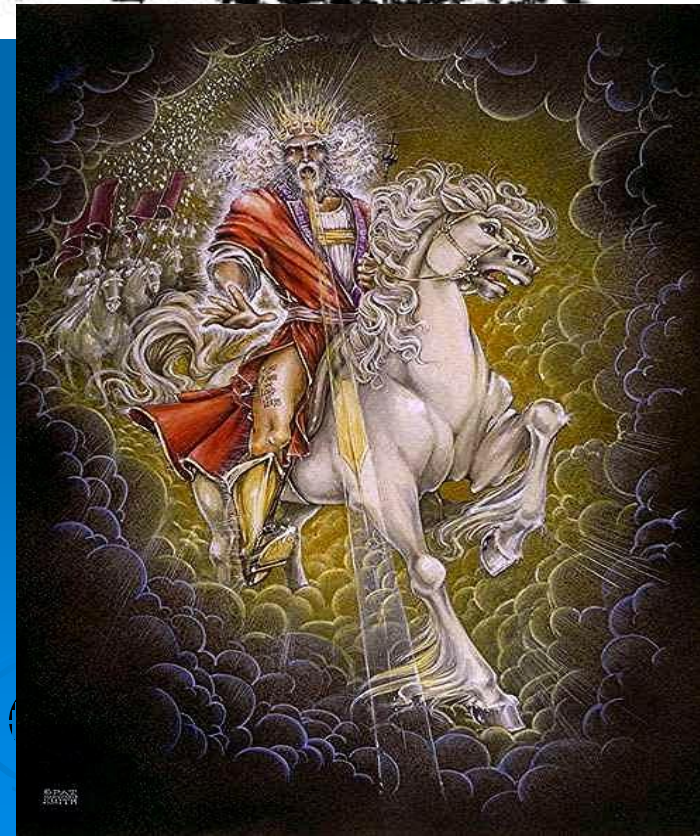
LAND DISTRIBUTION WAS MESSY!



- Israeli tribes had obligations that went along with their land inheritance
- Joshua's army was in process of disbanding
- Similar situation to Afghanistan, some areas under control and others not!
- Up to Joshua 17, seven tribes had REFUSED their land inheritance

ARMAGEDDON IS THE FINAL BATTLE FOR CANAAN

- Israel's inheritance of Canaan and our inheritance of salvation are to be seen as parallels
- With it comes responsibilities!
- **Spiritually**, we have inherited our rest
- **Physically**, we live in a hostile and unconquered place
- Satan was the prince over Canaan, and he's still the prince of the World
- Satan is LEGALLY in charge of the physical world UNTIL Messiah returns

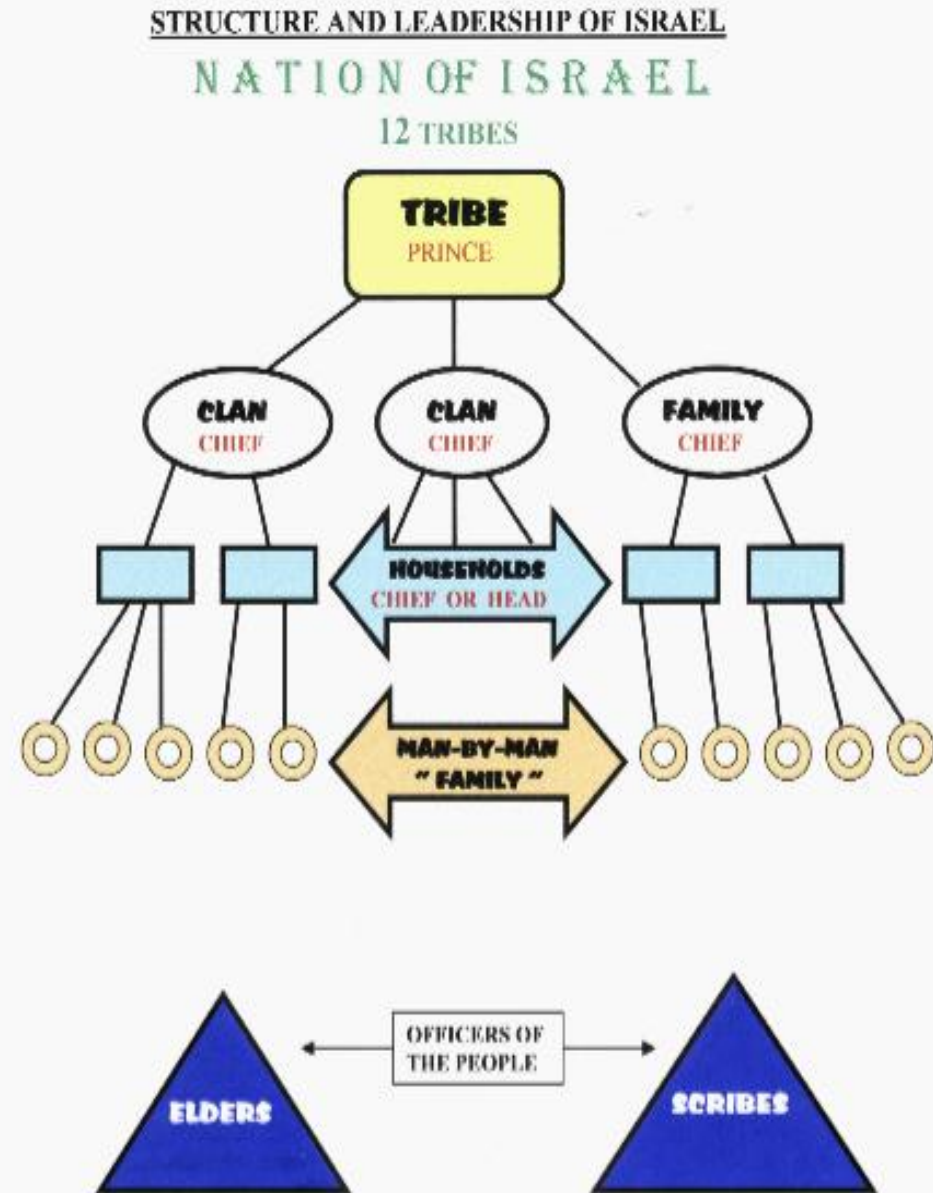


CANAAN A TYPE AND SHADOW

- 1) Satan is the current, legal prince of the world
- 2) The day is appointed the Yeshua will replace Satan
- 3) Non-Hebrews AT ONE TIME had legal right to Canaan, but not any more
- 4) As Believers we have spiritual NOT physical rest
- 5) As Believers we have responsibilities to battle against evil spiritually AND physically
- 6) NO COMPROMISE!

MANESSAH WAS THE ELDER SON

- Jacob reversed the birth order of Ephraim and Manessah and adopted Joseph's 2 sons
- Clans were large extended families that were the social units that made-up tribes
- Makhir firstborn son of Manessah
- Makhir clan received land EAST of the Jordan



LAND OF MANESSAH DIVIDED INTO 10 PORTIONS (CLANS)



- The land in question was on the WEST side of the Jordan
- 5 clans headed by MALES
- Hefer, father of Tz'lof'chad
- Tz'lof'chad had no sons, only daughters
- Num.27:1-8 says if no sons, then daughters to inherit
- 5 daughters given land inheritance
- $5 + 5 = 10$ portions (clans)

MANESSAH TRIBAL BOUNDARIES

- Contiguous with Ephraim
- Only ONE lot given for Ephraim and Manessah combined
- Ephraim + Manessah = the tribe of Joseph
- Manessah held control of some cities inside the eventual boundaries of Issachar and Asher
- Tribal boundaries expanded, shrank, changed, dissolved over centuries



EPHRAIM AND MANESSAH WANT MORE TERRITORY



- The Joseph tribes complain to Joshua that they have insufficient land
- They felt they deserved special treatment
- Joshua told them to clear the forest for fields, and to conquer the Perrizites and the Rephaim
- Ephraim and Manessah say the enemy's iron chariots prevent them from taking their land from them

JOSHUA SAYS, “NO!”



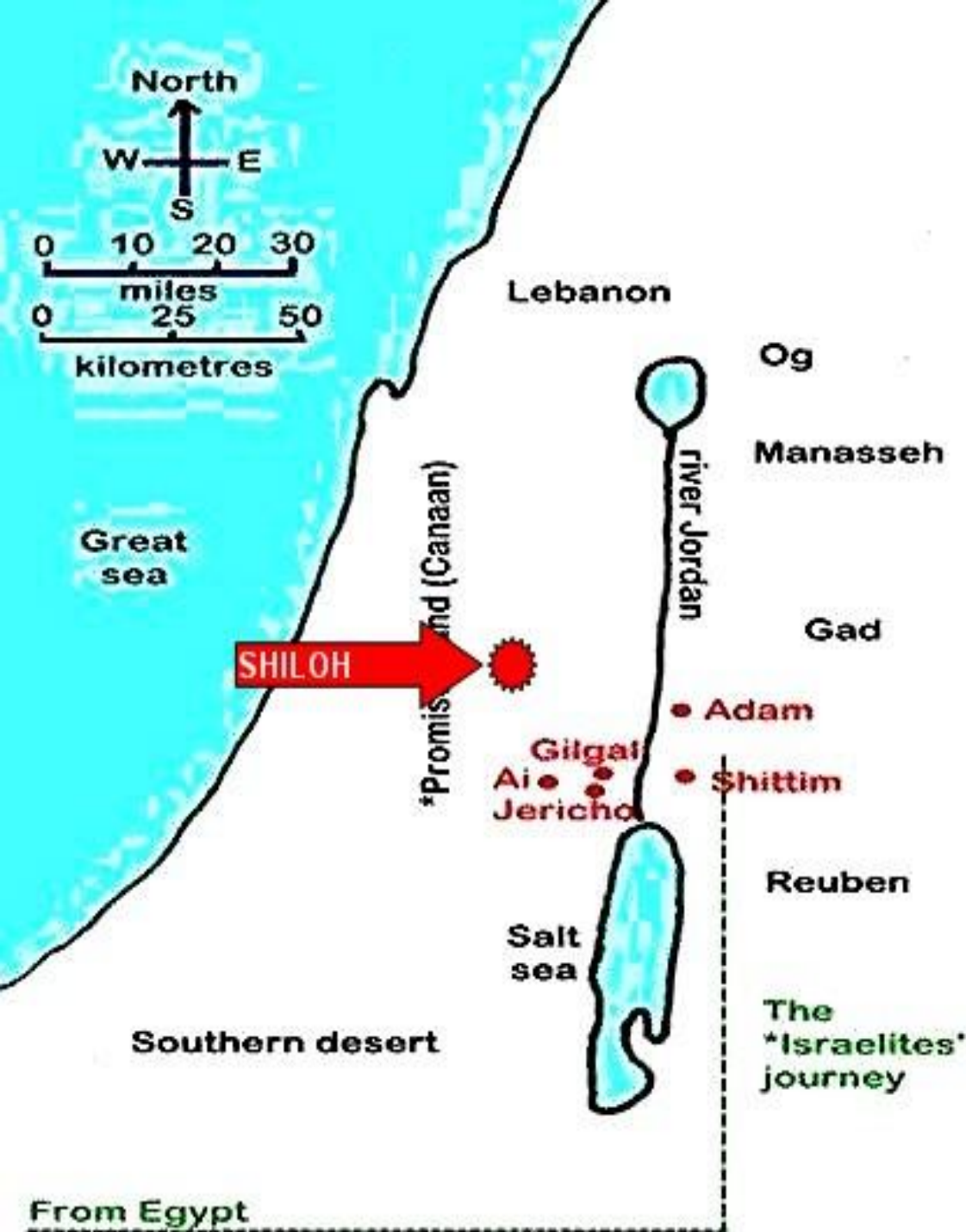
- Joseph tribes totaled about 58,000 men
- Judah AND Dan were larger tribes at this time, but had been given LESS territory
- Joseph tribes given the Jezreel Valley
- Joshua says since the Joseph tribes claim they are “great” to conquer the land and make it great

IRON CHARIOTS

- Chariots NOT made entirely of iron
- Mostly wood tipped with iron
- There was a disadvantage to the use of iron, **WEIGHT!**
- Iron chariots could only operate in valleys and plains, not hills and rocky terrain



JOSHUA 18



- Wilderness
Tabernacle moved from Gilgal to Shiloh
- Shiloh now the new seat of Israeli government

SHILOH LOCATED IN EPHRAIM

- Somewhat central
- Rocky, difficult to access location
- In Jesus' time it was in Samaria
- Joshua 18:2 Joshua insists the remaining 7 tribes take their land inheritance
- The 7 tribes were more like Bedouins
- 3 men selected from each tribe to map the territory

