

Joshua 16

The land for the tribe of Ephraim

V 10 – Canaanites were not killed; they became the cause of apostasy in the Northern Kingdom

–Compromises with the enemy (*Beacon Bible Commentary*, II, 76 – excellent comments)

-Idolatry came from allowing the Canaanites to live

The apostasy of the tribe of Ephraim was terrible:

-Ephraim became the symbol of how bad things were in the Northern 10 Tribes

Read Hosea 11.8-12.1 – one of saddest passages in the OT

Read Hosea 12.8, 14

Read Hosea 13.1-3

-They did not destroy the Canaanites, and the result was disastrous

-Remember our discussion of the "brutality" of the Israelites in the early days of conquering the land

Notice also:

Ephraim was second born to Joseph, but Joseph switched the blessings on Ephraim and Manasseh in *Gen. 48.19*

Are there other cases of 2 sons where the 1st born became "second" to the second born?

-Cain and Abel

-Ishmael and Isaac

-Esau and Jacob

-Manasseh and Ephraim

-Also: in the first Passover, the first-born sons were killed (if not protected by the blood of the lamb)

Beacon Bible Commentary: Birth order did not matter to God – "first born" was a title, not a literal description

-**See Heb. 12.23** – The church of the first-born – but the Jehovah Witnesses are wrong in using this verse to teach that Jesus was a created being – "first-born" was a title

-**See Rev. 1.5** – **Was Jesus the first person ever raised from the dead?**

-No – there were 6+ resurrections from the dead before Christ

-Son of widow of Zarephath (by Elijah) – *1 Kings 17.17-24*

-Son of Shunammite woman (by Elisha) – *2 Kings 4.32-37*

-Dead man in grave with Elisha – *2 Kings 13.21*

-Son of widow of Nain -

-Daughter of Jarius – *Luke 8.52-56*

-Lazarus – *John 11*

-*See Hebrews 11.35* – women received back their dead husbands

Later:

-The dead who were raised when Jesus died on the cross

-Eutychus (*Acts 20*)

-Dorcas/Tabitha (*Acts 9.36-43*)

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