

# **Joshua 17**

-Allotment for the tribe of Manasseh

## **Read Joshua 17.3-6 – Daughters of Zelophehad**

-All the way through the book of *Numbers*, we read about these 5 daughters

-No sons born in the family- **What about the inheritance?**

-They kept asking Moses/*Numbers* 27.1-11 – Moses asked God; the reply: The inheritance can go to the daughters [if they marry in their tribe]

-If no sons and no daughters, it would go to the father's brothers

-If no brothers, then it would go the great uncles of the children

**-Does anyone remember the restriction that was placed on the 5 daughters' getting the inheritance?** They could only marry within the tribe of Manasseh

Lesson: We see the justice of God; women had rights (especially compared to the way they were treated in the pagan world)

**Read Joshua 17.12-13 –** Another reference to the problem: they tolerated sin in the land, and there were terrible consequences in time

## **Read Joshua 17.14-18**

-Notice that the leaders of the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim complained that they did not have enough land – they were bragging about how large their tribes were

-Interesting: Joshua was from the tribe of Ephraim (*Num. 13.8*) – but he did not appreciate their complaining attitude

-Several problems here: they had not cleared the enemy out of the land

-Such a contrast to Caleb

-Joshua gave them more land, but they had to fight for it

Note: They were big braggers, but had weak faith

-In fact, these two tribes caused trouble for several of the judges:

-Gideon (*Judges 8.1-3*)

-Jephthah (*Judges 12.1-7*)

-Even for King David (*2 Samuel 20.1-5*)

Again we see the principle that it is easy to complain

The Police Chief in Chicago responded to a protest, because some policemen do not like his leadership

-On the news, he said that some people will always complain – he said, "You can give some people a brick of gold, and they will complain that it's too heavy"

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