

Joshua 19

V 1-9 – The tribe of Simeon had almost no influence on later Israelite history – it was absorbed by Judah

-One of 2 tribes (along with Dan) that fell away and basically disappeared

V 10-16 – The tribe of Zebulon – not much known, but apparently faithful

-They helped Deborah in the battle against Sisera and Jabin (*Judges 4.10ff*)

V 17-23 – The tribe of Issachar – Gideon attacked enemies here – many Old Testament battles took place in Issachar

V 24-31 – The tribe of Asher – degenerated badly because of pagan influence

-by the time of David: gone into apostasy

V 32-39 – The tribe of Naphtali – east of Sea of Galilee – where Jesus grew up – a great honor

-**Read Matt. 4.12-16** – Jesus did a great deal of his preaching in the area of Naphtali

V 40-50 – The tribe of Dan - *Judges 1.34* – Dan could not defeat the enemy, so asked for a new territory in the far north

-Dan went into total apostasy in the book of *Judges*

-**Read Judges 18.30-31** – They set up an idol to worship

-Last mention of Dan is in *1 Chronicles 5.26* – never mentioned again in the Bible

Read Joshua 19.49-51

-Joshua was assisted by Eleazar; they made judgments in the doorway of the Tabernacle

-A special portion of land was given to Joshua (remember that the first portion was given to Caleb)

-So the dividing of the land ended with Joshua (so Caleb and Joshua were bookends for this section of Scripture for the allotting of the land – a great honor to both of them)

-The dividing of the land came to an end (except for the tribe of Levi and their 48 cities and the cities of refuge)

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