

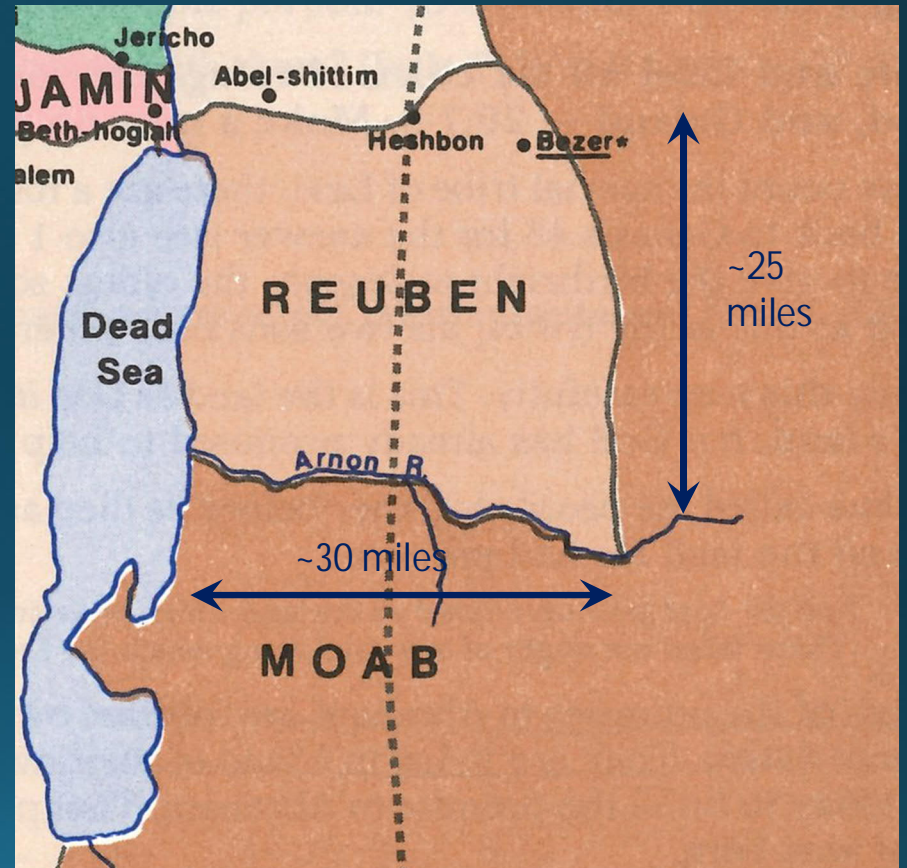
The three trans-Jordan tribes (Reuben, Gad, E. Manasseh) were the first to occupy their land and the first to go into Assyrian captivity (I Chron. 5:26-27).

Joshua 13 – 19

Tribes Receive Their Inheritance

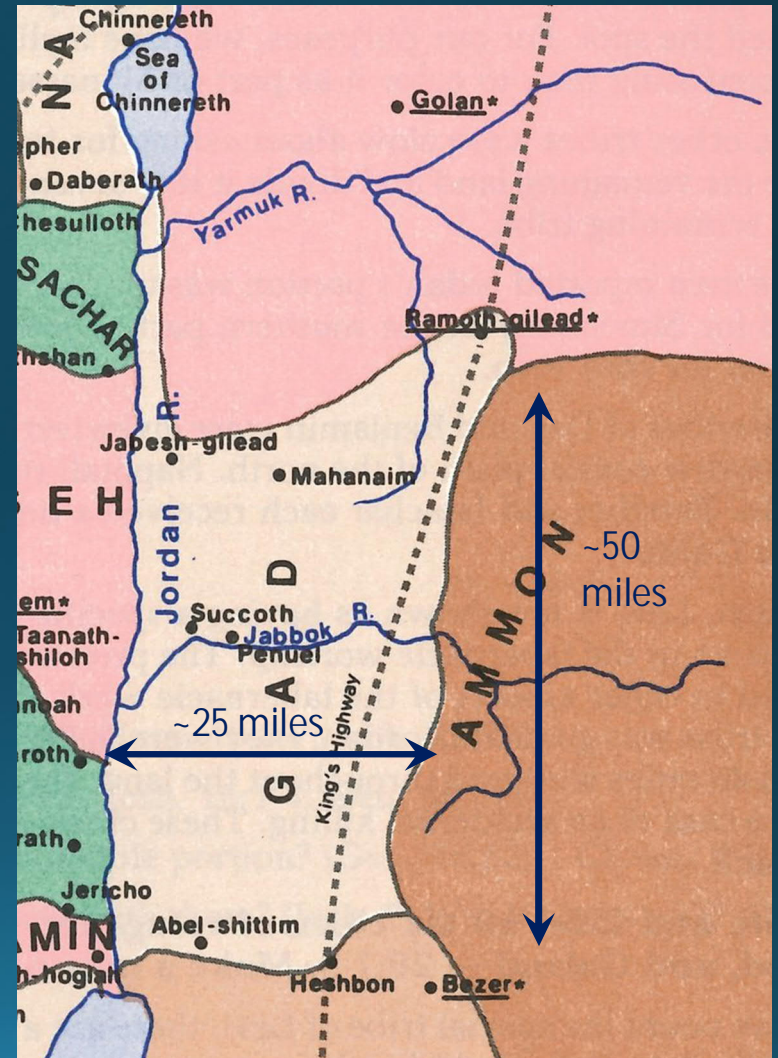
Reuben

- Primarily the territory that was won from Amorite king Sihon



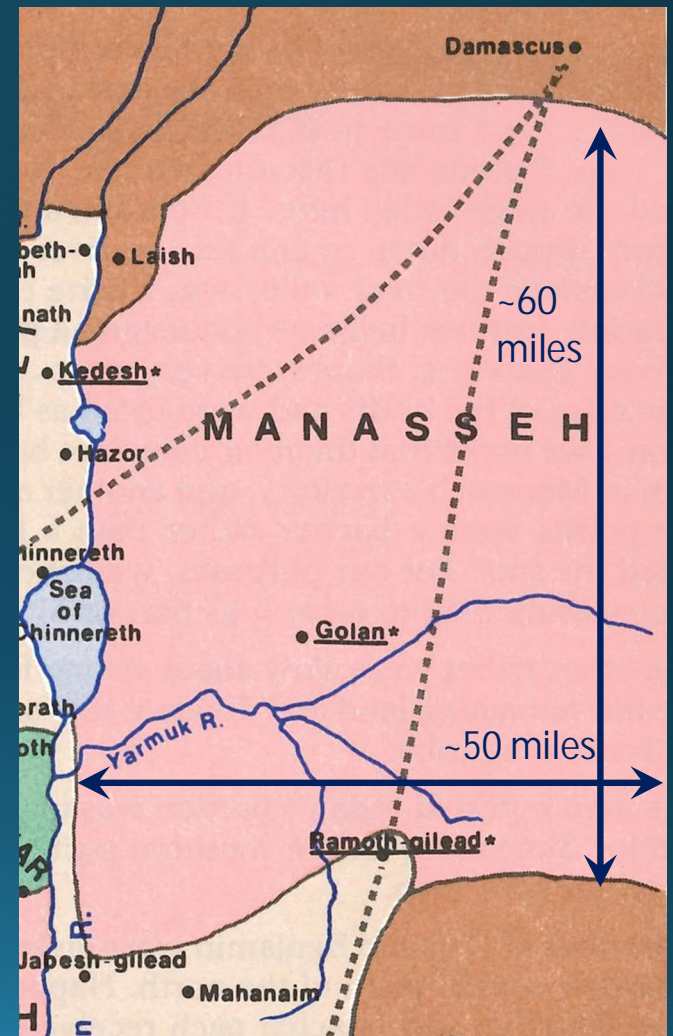
Gad

- Primarily the territory that was won from Amorite kings Sihon and Og
- Region is called Gilead



East Manasseh

- Primarily the territory that was won from Amorite king Og
- Region is called Bashan



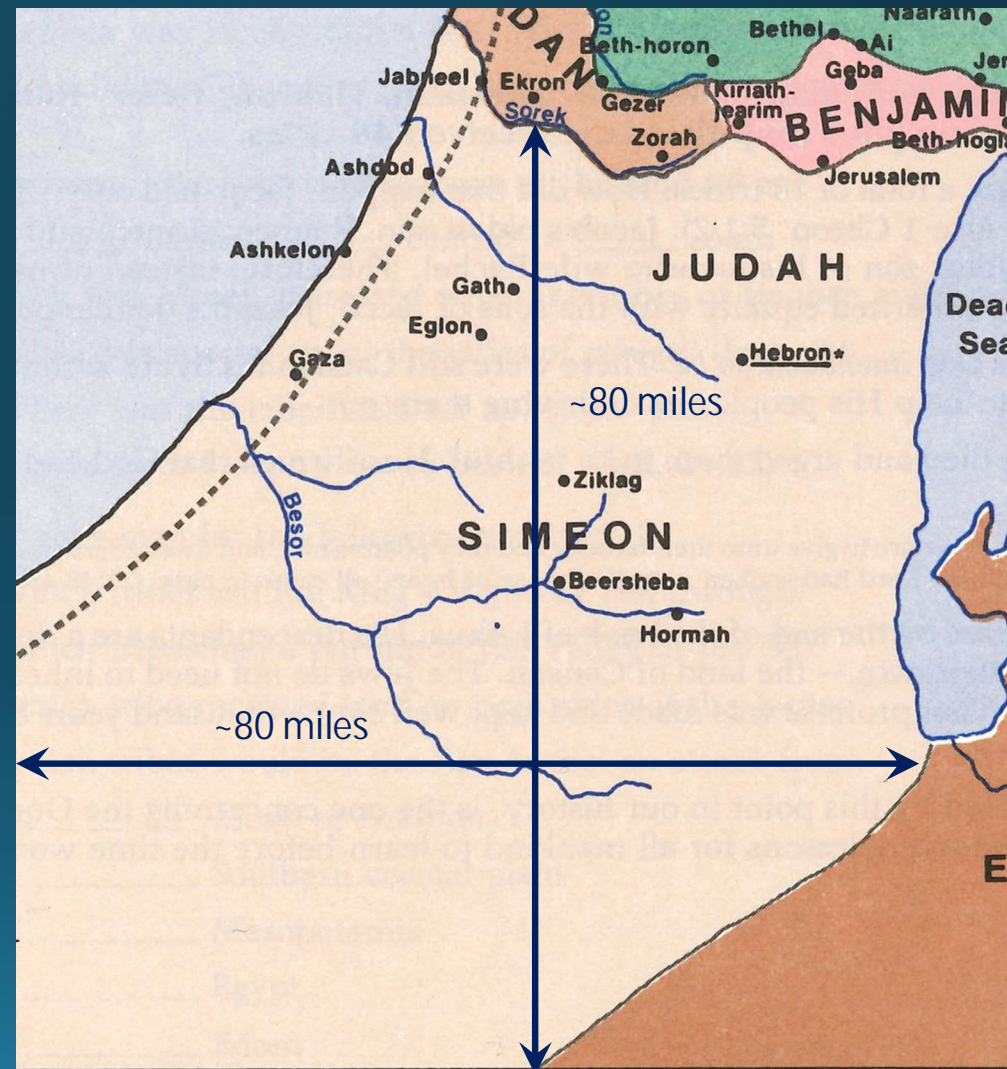
The Land Lot

- Established by God in Num. 26:52-56; 33:54; 34:13-29
- Administered by Joshua and Priest Eleazar (14:1-2)
- Witnessed by tribal representatives
- But first, Caleb's inheritance (14:6-15)
 - Promised by Moses (Deu. 1:36)
 - He picks Hebron, but notice why!

Judah	Caleb	76,500
Simeon	Samuel	22,200
Benjamin	Elidad	46,500
Dan	Bukki	64,400
Manasseh	Haniel	52,700
Ephraim	Kenuel	32,500
Zebulun	Elizaphan	60,500
Issachar	Paltiel	64,300
Asher	Ahihud	53,400
Naphtali	Pedahel	45,400

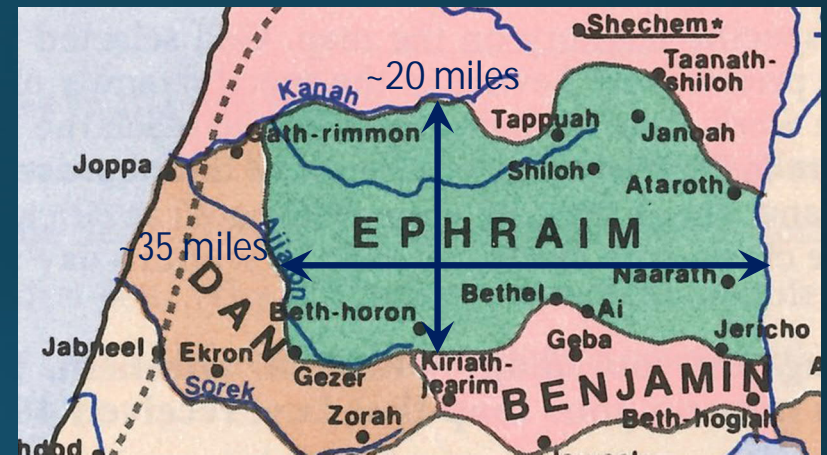
Judah (chapter 15)

- 103 cities mentioned
- Largest tribe by area
- Largest tribe by population
- Philistine territory had not yet been conquered (13:2-3)



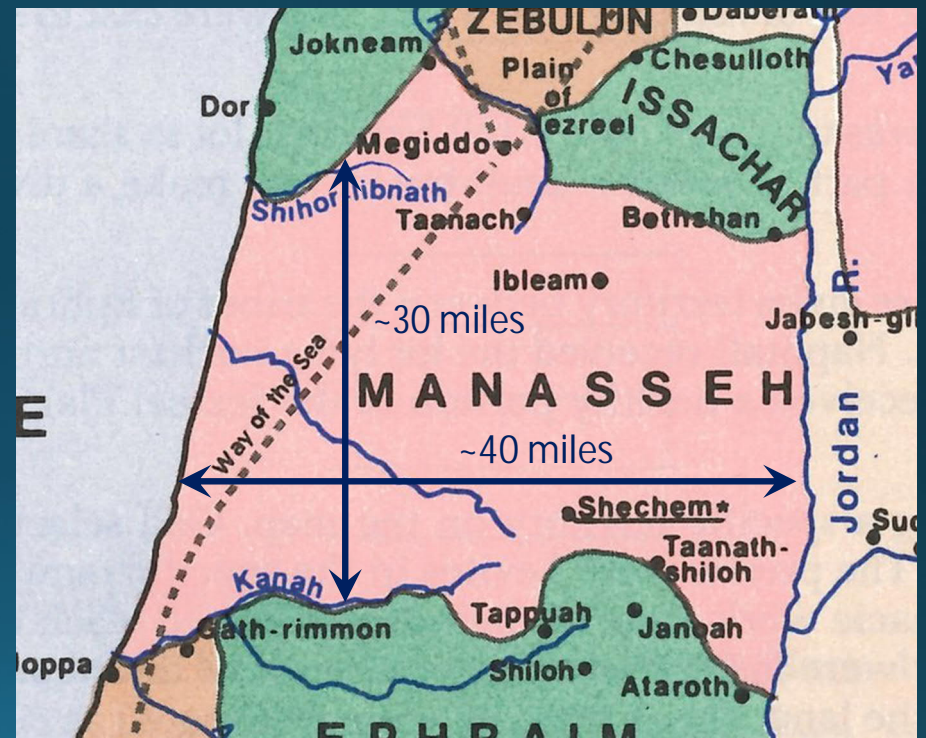
Ephraim (chapter 16)

- Shiloh was where the Tabernacle lived until the days of Eli (I Sam. 4)
- Also given some cities that were technically inside Manasseh (16:9; 17:9)
- Joshua received Timnath Serah as inheritance (19:49-50)



West Manasseh (17:1-13)

- Daughters of Zelophehad receive portions alongside the sons (see Num. 27:1-7)
- Cities include Beth-shan, Shechem, Megiddo, Tirzah, Samaria (northern kingdom capitals)
- Several cities either belonged to both tribes or were “islands” within another tribe (17:8-11)



Sons of Joseph Complain (17:14-18)

- We deserve more land than we got
- We are a great people
- What attitude does this show?
 - Favorite son entitlement / discontent
 - Can't-do attitude / lack of faith
- What options did Joshua give?
 - Clear the forest (hard work)
 - Conquer Canaanites (hard work)
- You say you are a great people, so demonstrate it!

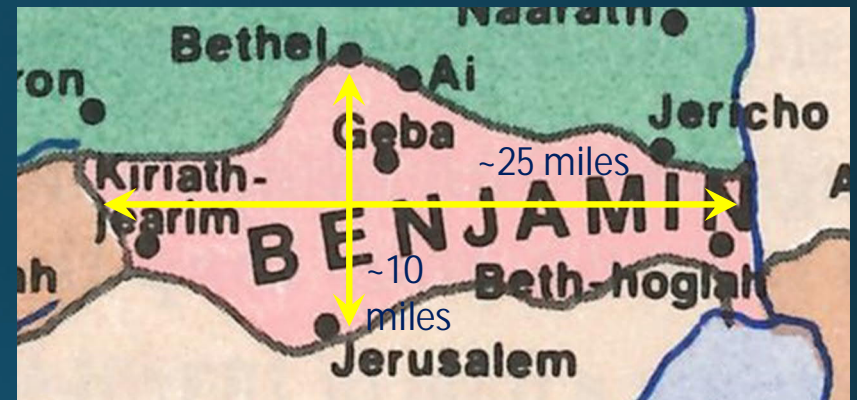


So What & the Seven Tribes (18:1-10)

- Seven tribes show no initiative in claiming their land
- Joshua tells them to survey the remaining land and report back
- Lot system will still be used to allocate territory
- What can be learned from this episode?
 - Obtaining the inheritance will take effort (Acts 14:22)
 - Contentment is not laziness
 - God wants to see effort from His people (Matt. 25:19-30)
 - God doesn't want people living off others' goodness indefinitely (II Cor. 11:9; I Tim. 5:16; II Thess. 3:10; Acts 8:2 maybe)

Benjamin (18:11-28)

- 26 cities mentioned, including Jerusalem and Bethel
- Later Benjamites include two Sauls – king and apostle



Simeon (19:1-9)

- 17 cities mentioned
- Within Judah's allotted land, no distinct land share
- What other tribe received only cities, no land?
 - Note the curse against Simeon and Levi in Gen. 49:5-7
 - Stems from incident in Gen. 34



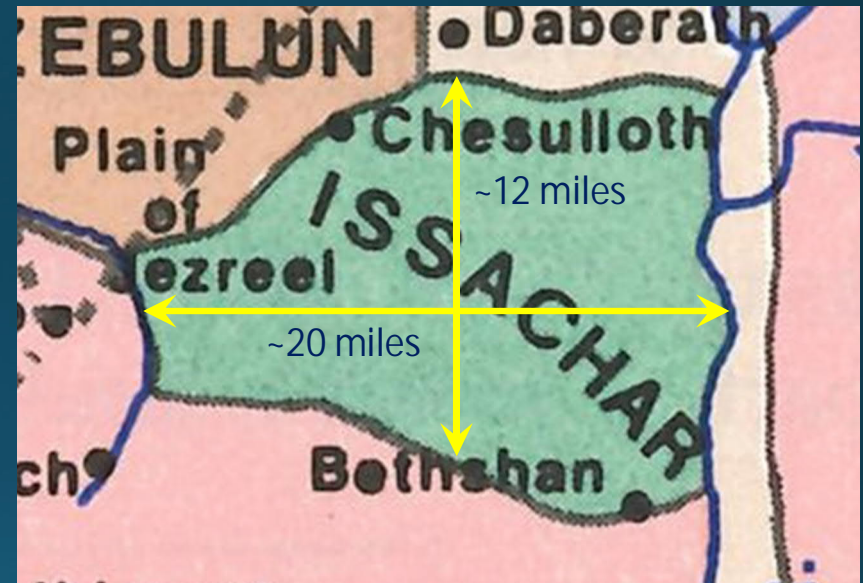
Zebulun (19:10-16)

- 12 cities mentioned
- Judge Elon was from here
- Gath-hepher was home town of Jonah (II Kings 14:25)
- NT Nazareth was here



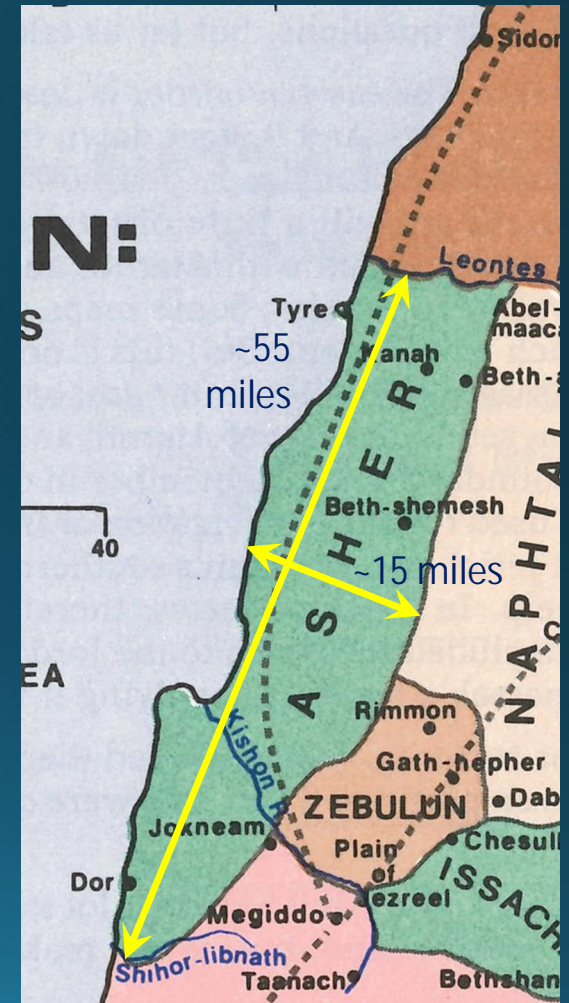
Issachar (19:17-23)

- 16 cities mentioned



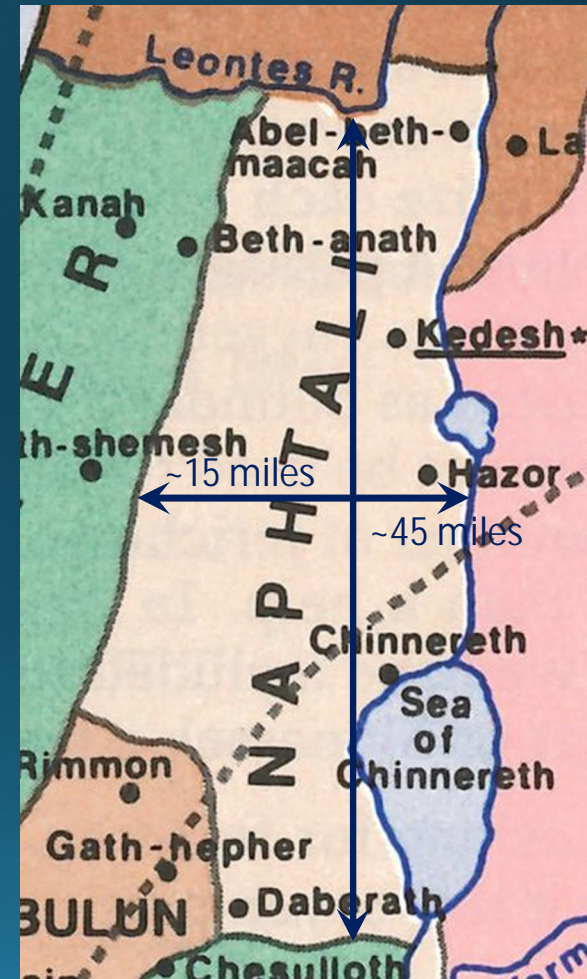
Asher (19:24-31)

- 22 cities mentioned
- Mount Carmel is in Asher



Naphtali (19:32-39)

- 19 cities mentioned
- NT Galilee is in Naphtali



Dan (19:40-48)

- 18 cities mentioned
- Samson comes from Dan
- Danites take Laish way up north
 - More on this in Judges 18
- New Dan: future worship center for northern kingdom

