

## Joshua 13:14-33 Tribal Boundaries East of the Jordan River

### Levi

14 Only to the tribe of Levi he had given no inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as He said to them.

### Reuben – South

15 And Moses had given to the tribe of the children of Reuben an inheritance according to their families. 16 Their territory was from Aroer, which is on the bank of the River Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the ravine, and all the plain by Medeba; 17 Heshbon and all its cities that are in the plain: Dibon, Bamoth Baal, Beth Baal Meon, 18 Jahaza, Kedemoth, Mephaath, 19 Kirjathaim, Sibmah, Zereth Shahar on the mountain of the valley, 20 Beth Peor, the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth Jeshimoth-- 21 all the cities of the plain and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses had struck with the princes of Midian: Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, who were princes of Sihon dwelling in the country. 22 The children of Israel also killed with the sword Balaam the son of Beor, the soothsayer, among those who were killed by them. 23 And the border of the children of Reuben was the bank of the Jordan. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben according to their families, the cities and their villages.

### Gad – Central

24 Moses also had given an inheritance to the tribe of Gad, to the children of Gad according to their families. 25 Their territory was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the Ammonites as far as Aroer, which is before Rabbah, 26 and from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpah and Betonim, and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir, 27 and in the valley Beth Haram, Beth Nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, with the Jordan as its border, as far as the edge of the Sea of Chinnereth, on the other side of the Jordan eastward. 28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad according to their families, the cities and their villages.

### Manasseh – North

29 Moses also gave an inheritance to half the tribe of Manasseh; it was for half the tribe of the children of Manasseh according to their families: 30 Their territory was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair which are in Bashan, sixty cities; 31 half of Gilead, and Ashtaroth and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were for the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, for half of the children of Machir according to their families. 32 These are the areas which Moses had distributed as an inheritance in the plains of Moab on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho eastward.

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33 But to the tribe of Levi Moses had given no inheritance; the LORD God of Israel was their inheritance, as He had said to them. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

#### Levi

- ✧ 14 Only to the tribe of Levi he had given no inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as He said to them. [Joshua 13:14]
- ✧ Levi receives no tribal territory, God is their inheritance

#### Reuben – South [Joshua 13:15-23]

- ✧ From Aroer on the northern bank of the Arnon River their Southern boundary with Moab.

- ✧ **Aroer** is a town on the north side of the Arnon River about 13 miles east of the Dead Sea.
- ✧ The city in the midst of the ravine is much closer to the Dead Sea, Probably at the junction of the two branches of the river.
- ✧ **Dibon** is just north of the Arnon River a little north west of Aroer.
- ✧ The **Arnon River** is the boundary between Moab and Israel east of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea.
- ✧ **Medeba** is a city on the broad plain with quiet waters about fifteen miles south east of the north end of the Dead Sea from the point of entry of the Jordan River.
- ✧ **Heshbon** is about 15 miles east of the Jordan River directly east of Jerusalem, the capital of Sihon king of the Amorites.
- ✧ All the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which includes all the land between Moab and Ammon.
- ✧ **Dibon, Bamoth Baal, Beth Baal Meon, Jahaza, Kedemoth, Mephaath, Kirjathaim, Sibmah, Zereth Shahar** on the mountain of the valley, **Beth Peor, the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth Jeshimoth, all the cities of the plain.**
- ✧ **Pisgah** is the mountain just northwest of Mount Nebo and the north boundary of Reuben
- ✧ Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, who were princes of Sihon dwelling in the country.
- ✧ The children of Israel also killed with the sword Balaam the son of Beor, the soothsayer, among those who were killed by them.
- ✧ The west border of Reuben was the east bank of the Jordan River and Dead Sea.

#### Gad – Central [Joshua 13:24-28]

✧ The territory of Gad was:

- ✧ **Aroer which is before Rabbah**, (Rabbah is the capital city of the Ammonites), so Aroer of the inheritance of Gad is near the border of Ammon to distinguish it from the Aroer on the River Arnon the border of Reuben and Moab.
- ✧ **Heshbon** is about 15 miles east of the Jordan River directly east of Jerusalem, the capital of Sihon king of the Amorites and establishes a common point on the boundary line between Reuben and Gad which continues westward to the Jordan River.
- ✧ **Jazer** is the head of the high plain south of the river on the southwest corner of the territory of Ammon.
  - ✧ From Jazer eastward to Aroer which is before Rabbah defines the line of Gad along the southern border of Ammon.
- ✧ **Gilead** is the plain on the east side of the Jordan from the Jabbok River northward and east of the Sea of Chinnereth (Galilee) to Mount Hermon.
- ✧ Gad received half of Gilead from the Jabbok river to the sea of Chinnereth (Galilee), half of the land of the Amorites.
- ✧ Heshbon to Ramath Mizpah and Betonim includes the land between the border of Reuben and the border of Ammon, the plain of the Jordan on the east side of the Jordan River to the sea of Chinnereth (Sea of Galilee).
- ✧ The kingdom of Sihon included the plain of the Jordan east of the Jordan River as far north as the river Jabbok and south to the Arnon River. [Numbers 21:24, Joshua 12:2]
- ✧ The Amorites had previously taken the land from border of the Ammonites to the Arnon River from the Moabites so it is some times referred to as the land of Moab. [Numbers 21:26, 22:1, 26:3, Joshua 13:32]
- ✧ Both Og and Sihon were kings of the Amorites. [Deuteronomy 3:1-10]

#### Manasseh – North [Joshua 13:29-31]

✧ The territory of the half tribe of Manasseh east of the Jordan River was:

- ✧ **Mahanaim** was the place where Jacob met the camp of the angels as he fled from Laban and came to the mountains of Gilead which Jacob called Mahanaim (double Camp).
- ✧ **Bashan** the land of Og king of Bashan extended from the northern border of Ammon to Mount Hermon, from Gilead on the west to Ashtaroth and Edrei on the East.

✧ 32 These are the areas which Moses had distributed as an inheritance in the plains of Moab on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho eastward. [\[Joshua 13:32\]](#)

### Levi

✧ 33 But to the tribe of **Levi** Moses had given no inheritance; **the LORD God of Israel was their inheritance, as He had said to them.** [\[Joshua 13:33\]](#)