

Joshua 19:10-16 **Zebulun – Inheritance in the Promised Land**

Borders of Zebulun

¹⁰ The third lot came out for the children of Zebulun according to their families, and the border of their inheritance was as far as **Sarid**. ¹¹ Their border went toward the west and to **Maralah**, went to Dabbasheth, and extended along the brook that is east of **Jokneam**. ¹² Then from Sarid it went eastward toward the sunrise along the border of **Chisloth Tabor**, and went out toward **Daberath**, bypassing **Japhia**. ¹³ And from there it passed along on the east of **Gath Hopher**, toward **Eth Kazin**, and extended to **Rimmon**, which borders on **Neah**. ¹⁴ Then the border went around it on the north side of **Hannathon**, and it ended in the **Valley of Jiphthah El**. ¹⁵ Included were **Kattath**, **Nahallal**, **Shimron**, **Idalah**, and **Bethlehem**: twelve cities with their villages. ¹⁶ This was the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.
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Facts Revealed:

✧ Cities on the border of Zebulun:

- ✧ **Sarid** – In the lower basin of Nazareth SE of Nazareth between two steep mountains.
- ✧ **Maralah** – North of Megiddo in Jezreel valley, four miles from Nazareth.
- ✧ **Dabbasheth** – Location not known.
- ✧ **Jokneam** – below eastern Carmel a mile from the Kishon River.
- ✧ **Chisloth Tabor** – West slopes of Mount Tabor.
- ✧ **Daberath** – on Northwest slope of Mount Tabor.
- ✧ **Japhia** – Between Daberath and Chisloth Tabor.
- ✧ **Gath Hopher** – three miles NE of Nazareth, home town of the prophet Jonah.
- ✧ **Eth Kazin** – Location not known.
- ✧ **Rimmon** – Location uncertain.
- ✧ **Neah** – Near Rimmon.
- ✧ **Hannathon** – on Northern border of Zebulun.
- ✧ **Valley of Jiphthah El** – God breaks Through – Location unknown.
- ✧ **Kattath** – Location uncertain.
- ✧ **Nahallal** – four miles west of Nazareth.
- ✧ **Shimron** – Royal city of the Canaanites whose king entered an alliance with Jabin king of Hazor against Joshua
- ✧ **Idalah** – near Nazareth.
- ✧ **Bethlehem** – Since all these towns are near Nazareth and Mount Tabor in the region of Galilee, it is reasonable to expect that Bethlehem of Zebulun is also in the same general area, as opposed to Bethlehem of Judea near Jerusalem the birthplace of Jesus.