

# Ezekiel 47:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord GOD.

## Analysis

**And they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel—**

Resident aliens treated כְּאֶזְרָח (kě'ezrāḥ, 'as native-born') among בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל (běnê yiśrā'ēl, 'children of Israel'). וְהָיָה לָכֶם לְנַחֲלָה בְּתוֹךְ שְׁבִטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל (wěhāyû lākhem lēnaḥālāh bētōkh shivṭê yiśrā'ēl, 'and they shall be to you for inheritance among the tribes of Israel').

Full equality: foreigners receive נַחֲלָה (naḥālāh, 'inheritance') among tribes—not separate territory but integrated into tribal structures. This transcends ethnic Israel, defining membership by residence, faithfulness, and reproduction in community rather than pure genealogy. It prefigures new covenant: believers adopted as sons (Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:5), receiving full inheritance (Romans 8:17, Ephesians 1:11, 1 Peter 1:3-4), equal with natural branches (Romans 11:17). No second-class citizens in God's kingdom—all share equally in Messiah's inheritance.

## Historical Context

Ruth (Moabite) became Israelite through marriage and faithfulness, entering Messiah's genealogy (Ruth 4:13-22, Matthew 1:5). Rahab (Canaanite) similarly joined Israel (Joshua 6:25, Matthew 1:5). These examples prefigure Ezekiel's principle: foreigners fully incorporated. Ezekiel's vision universalizes this: all

resident aliens receive inheritance. New covenant fulfills completely: every believer, regardless of ethnicity, is Abraham's seed (Galatians 3:7-9, 28-29), inheriting equally.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What does full inheritance for foreigners teach about God's inclusive grace?
2. How do Ruth and Rahab prefigure Ezekiel's foreign inclusion?
3. How does equal inheritance in millennial kingdom relate to equal standing in Christ?

## Interlinear Text

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H1961		H834		
And it shall come to pass that in what tribe		sojourneth	the stranger	
H7626		H1481	H1616	
אֵת	שָׁם	תִּתֶּנּוּ	בְּנִלְתּוֹ	נֹאמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה:
H854	H8033			H3068
there shall ye give		him his inheritance	saith	the Lord
H5414		H5159	H5002	H136