

# Joshua 1:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD'S servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.

## Analysis

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This verse specifies the duration of the Transjordan tribes' military service: 'Until the LORD have given your brethren rest' (ad asher-yaniach Yahweh laacheikhem, עד אשר-תני יהוה לך-יכם). Their obligation lasted until all Israel possessed their inheritance. The promise 'then ye shall return' guarantees they could eventually enjoy their own land after faithfully serving. This establishes conditionality: personal rest follows corporate victory. The phrase 'land of your possession' (erets yerushatkhem, הארץ ירושתכם) emphasizes their legitimate inheritance despite being east of Jordan. From a Reformed perspective, this teaches that individual blessing and corporate blessing intertwine—we cannot fully enjoy our inheritance while brothers lack theirs.

## Historical Context

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The conquest lasted approximately seven years. During this time, Transjordan families remained vulnerable to raids, yet the warriors faithfully served westward. This prolonged commitment demonstrates extraordinary covenant loyalty. When they finally returned, controversy nearly erupted over an altar they built (Joshua

22), but explanation and reconciliation preserved unity. Their example inspired future generations regarding covenant faithfulness.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

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

## Study Questions

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1. What personal enjoyment must you delay to help others reach their God-given goals?
2. How does the promise of eventual rest encourage perseverance in difficult service?
3. What does this teach about balancing personal needs with corporate responsibilities?

## Interlinear Text

וַיַּרְשֵׁת מִכְמָה לְאַחִיכֶם יְהוָה הַיְנֵה יְנֵה אֲשֶׁר עַד  
H5704 H834 **have given** Until the **LORD** **your brethren** H0 **and enjoy**  
H5117 H3068 H251 H3423

גָּם	גַּם	הַ פָּה	אֵת	רָא	לֹא	אֲשֶׁר	הַ	יְהִי	מְ	אֵלֹהִים	נָתַן
H1571	H1992	H853	<b>the land</b>	H834		<b>Until the LORD</b>			<b>your God</b>	<b>gave</b>	
				H776			H3068			H430	H5414

לְהֵם	וְשִׁבְתֶּתֶם	לֹא־רַץ	וְרִשְׁתְּתֶם	וְרִשְׁתְּתֶם
H0	them then ye shall return	the land	of your possession	and enjoy

אָתָּה	לְכָמֶנֶת	מִשְׁאָה	עַבְד	יְהִי הָ
H853	H834	<b>gave</b>	H0	<b>it which Moses</b>
		H5414		H4872
				H5650

בָּעֵד בָּר	בָּעֵד בָּר	בָּעֵד בָּר	מִזְבֵּחַ	בְּשִׁמְשׁוֹ:
you on this side	Jordan	toward the sunrising		H8121

## Additional Cross-References

**Philippians 2:4** (Parallel theme): Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

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