

Joshua 18:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

Analysis

The lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families—Benjamin, Jacob's youngest son, receives his portion by sacred lot. The phrase **according to their families** (mishpachotam, מִשְׁפָּחֹתָם) indicates subdivision within the tribe. **The coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph** positions Benjamin strategically between the two dominant tribes.

This placement proves prophetically significant: Jerusalem, the eternal capital, lies in Benjamite territory. Though smallest among Joseph's brothers (Genesis 42:13), Benjamin's central location makes them crucial to Israel's unity. God exalts the humble and strategically positions His servants.

Historical Context

Benjamin's buffer position between Judah (south) and Joseph/Ephraim (north) became crucial during the kingdom's later division. Benjamites aligned with Judah, forming the southern kingdom. Their territory included Jerusalem, Bethel, Jericho—key religious and political centers.

Related Passages

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Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How might your seemingly small or insignificant position be strategically important in God's kingdom plan?
2. What does Benjamin's placement between rival tribes teach about peacemaking and unity?

Interlinear Text

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and the children of Joseph

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