

# 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

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**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, מִשְׁפַּחֹתָם) 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

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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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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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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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וַיַּעַל	וְגֵרָלָם	מִטֵּה	בְּנֵי י	בְּנֵימָן
came up	And the lot	of the tribe	and the children	of Benjamin
H5927	H1486	H4294	H1121	H1144
לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתָם	וַיֵּצֵא	גֹב וַל	וְגֵרָלָם	בֶּן יִן
according to their families	came forth	and the coast	And the lot	H996
H4940	H3318	H1366	H1486	
בְּנֵי י	וְיְהוּדָה	וְבִן י	בְּנֵי י	יוֹסֵף:
and the children	of Judah	H996	and the children	of Joseph
H1121	H3063		H1121	H3130

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