

Joshua 18:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jordan was the border of it on the east side. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.

Analysis

And Jordan was the border of it on the east side—The Jordan River forms Benjamin's entire eastern boundary. **This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families** concludes the boundary description. The Jordan's prominence reminds Benjamin of Israel's miraculous crossing (Joshua 3-4)—their inheritance began with divine intervention.

Every Benjamite family received **according to their families**, ensuring no household was disinherited. This reflects covenant faithfulness: God keeps promises not just tribally but personally. Each family matters to God, anticipating Christ who knows His sheep by name (John 10:3).

Historical Context

The Jordan River varied from 90-100 feet wide and 3-10 feet deep during normal flow, becoming impassable during spring floods. Its role as Benjamin's eastern border connected them to the Transjordan tribes and served as a major water source for their territory.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What miraculous provisions mark the beginning of your spiritual inheritance?
2. How does God's attention to individual families encourage your confidence in His personal care?

Interlinear Text

וְהַיַּרְדֵּן	יִגְבֹּל	אֶת	לְפָאֵת	קִדְמָה	אֶת
And Jordan	was the border	H853	side	of it on the east	H2063
H3383	H1379		H6285	H6924	
נַחֲלָת	בְּנֵי י	בְּנֵימ	לְגִבּוֹלֵת יְה		
This was the inheritance	of the children	of Benjamin	by the coasts		
H5159	H1121	H1144	H1367		
סָבִיב יב	לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתָם:				
thereof round about	according to their families				
H5439	H4940				