

# Joshua 18:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north.

## Analysis

**They shall divide it into seven parts**—The remaining land is apportioned equally among seven tribes. Judah keeps their southern territory, Joseph (Ephraim/Manasseh) the central highlands. This division reflects covenant fairness: each tribe receives proportionate inheritance. The Hebrew chalaq (חָלַק, 'to divide') suggests both separation and distribution.

Geographic specificity matters in Scripture. God cares about details—boundaries, measurements, documented allocations. This prefigures the New Covenant where believers receive 'an inheritance incorruptible' (1 Peter 1:4), also carefully measured by divine sovereignty.

## Historical Context

The seven parts represented western Palestine's remaining unconquered territory. Archaeological surveys confirm these regions had mixed Canaanite populations requiring ongoing conquest. Judah's south and Joseph's central position were already established.

## Related Passages

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## **Revelation 20:12 – Judgment according to deeds**

## Study Questions

1. How does God's detailed attention to land allocation reflect His care for your specific circumstances?
2. What does equal distribution among tribes teach about fairness and justice in covenant community?

## Interlinear Text

וְעַמְדָה וְיְהוּדָה יְהִתּוּ לְשָׁבֵעַ יָמִים סְלִקְתָּם אַתָּה וְיְהִתּוּ לְתִמְלִיקָה וְיְהִי שָׁבֵעַ הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה	H853	it into seven	parts	Judah	shall abide	H5921
And they shall divide	H2505	H7651	H2506	H3063	H5975	

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shall abide of Joseph and the house on the south in their coast

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