

Joshua 19:37

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And Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor,

Analysis

And Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor—Naphtali's city list concludes with northern settlements. Kedesh (not the Kedesh of refuge) means 'holy place.' Edrei ('strong') suggests a fortified town. En-hazor ('spring of Hazor') connected to the great Canaanite city Hazor, destroyed by Joshua (Joshua 11:10-11).

These northern cities faced constant pressure from Canaanite and later Aramean kingdoms. Naphtali's inheritance required vigilance and courage. Likewise, believers on the 'frontiers' of God's kingdom face greater spiritual warfare. The most exposed positions often require the strongest faith.

Historical Context

Naphtali's territory in Upper Galilee was mountainous and agriculturally rich. Its proximity to Phoenicia and Damascus made it vulnerable to foreign influence. Later, this region would be first conquered by Assyria (2 Kings 15:29), fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 9:1).

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What 'frontier' positions in your life require extra vigilance and courage?
2. How can proximity to spiritual opposition strengthen rather than weaken your faith?

Interlinear Text

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