

Joshua 19:39

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages—Naphtali's allotment concludes. The formula **according to their families** (mishpachotam) ensures each clan received their portion. Jacob prophesied Naphtali would be 'a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words' (Genesis 49:21).

Each tribe's inheritance fulfilled patriarchal prophecy. God's word endures across generations—promises to Jacob materialized 400+ years later. This encourages believers: God's promises don't expire. What He spoke over your life will come to pass in His timing (2 Corinthians 1:20).

Historical Context

Naphtali, son of Jacob by Rachel's maid Bilhah, received the beautiful Upper Galilee region. Jesus later ministered extensively in Naphtali's territory, especially around Capernaum. Matthew saw this as fulfilling Isaiah 9:1-2: 'Galilee of the Gentiles' seeing great light.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What promises did God speak over your life that remain unfulfilled, and how do you maintain faith?
2. How did Jesus' ministry in Naphtali's territory fulfill ancient prophecy in unexpected ways?

Interlinear Text

וְאַתָּה	תַּחֲלֵל	תְּ	מִטְתָּה	בָּנָי	נַפְתָּלִי
H2063	This is the inheritance		of the tribe	of the children	of Naphtali
	H5159		H4294	H1121	H5321
לְמִשְׁפְּחָתָה	מִ	בָּנָי	עִירִים	וּמִצְרַיִם	
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H4940		H5892		H2691	

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