

Joshua 19:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah,

Analysis

And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah—Shaalabbin appears elsewhere as Shaalbim, where Amorites resisted Dan (Judges 1:35). Ajalon is famous for Joshua's command: 'Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon' (Joshua 10:12). Jethlah is otherwise unknown.

Ajalon connects Dan's inheritance to cosmic miracle. The same territory where Joshua stopped the sun to complete victory became Dan's—a reminder that God controls creation for His purposes. Their inheritance testified to supernatural power, yet Dan later rebelled. Witnessing miracles doesn't guarantee faithfulness.

Historical Context

The valley of Ajalon was a crucial pass controlling movement between the coastal plain and the hill country. David later assigned Ajalon to the Levites (1 Chronicles 6:69). Its strategic importance made it frequently contested throughout biblical history.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How can experiencing or witnessing miracles still coexist with spiritual unfaithfulness?
2. What role does ongoing obedience play beyond initial encounters with God's power?

Interlinear Text

וּשְׁעֵלָבִין	וְאַיִל	וַיִּתְּלָהּ:
And Shaalabbin	and Ajalon	and Jethlah
H8169	H357	H3494

Additional Cross-References

Judges 1:35 (Parallel theme): But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributaries.

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