

# Joshua 19:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

## Analysis

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**And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath**—More cities, including Baalath ('place of Baal'), showing Canaanite religious presence. Gibbethon appears during the divided kingdom as a Philistine city under siege by Israel (1 Kings 15:27, 16:15). These cities' subsequent history shows Dan never fully possessed their inheritance.

Failure to drive out inhabitants plagued Israel (Judges 1:34-35). God commanded complete conquest, but compromise seemed easier. This pattern repeats spiritually: partial obedience equals disobedience. Sin left unconquered eventually conquers the compromiser (Hebrews 12:1).

## Historical Context

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These three cities lay in the western portion of Dan's territory, prime agricultural land along the coastal plain. Their loss to Philistine dominance forced Dan's migration northward, abandoning their God-given inheritance for easier territory gained by violence.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. What 'partial obedience' in your life risks future spiritual compromise?
2. How does tolerating 'small' sins eventually lead to greater spiritual defeat?

## Interlinear Text

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**And Eltekeh and Gibbethon and Baalath**

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