

Joshua 19:49

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them:

Analysis

When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts—The monumental task concludes: all tribal territories allocated. **The children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them**—Israel honors their faithful leader. Joshua receives his portion last, after ensuring every tribe received theirs. His servant-leadership prioritizes others.

This models Christ, who though entitled to all, took the servant's place (Philippians 2:5-8). True leaders serve first, receive last. Joshua's deferred reward shows maturity: he waited until his mission was complete. This anticipates the heavenly reward: 'Well done, good and faithful servant' (Matthew 25:21) comes after faithful service, not before.

Historical Context

Joshua's inheritance came by Israel's deliberate gift, not mere lot-casting. This honored his 40+ years of faithful service under Moses and as conquest leader. He received Timnath-serah by request, showing his humility—he could have claimed any city but chose modestly.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does delaying personal gratification to serve others demonstrate Christlike leadership?
2. What does Joshua's last-place inheritance teach about kingdom values versus worldly ambition?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּכּוּ	לְנַחֵל	אֶת	הָאָרֶץ		
When they had made an end	for inheritance	H853	of dividing the land		
H3615	H5157		H776		
לְגִבּוֹלֹתַיִם	וַיִּתֵּן	בְּ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	נַחֲלָה	לְיוֹשׁוּעַ
by their coasts	gave	the children	of Israel	an inheritance	to Joshua
H1367	H5414	H1121	H3478	H5159	H3091
בְּ	נֹחַן	בְּתוֹכָם:			
the children	of Nun	among			
H1121	H5126	H8432			

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