

Joshua 19:51

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation—The formal conclusion names the leadership: Eleazar (high priest), Joshua (military/civil leader), and tribal heads (representatives). **By lot... before the LORD** emphasizes divine allocation, not human favoritism.

At the door of the tabernacle sanctifies the process. Secular tasks (land distribution) become sacred when done 'before the LORD.' This models the Christian life: all work, even mundane, becomes worship when offered to God (Colossians 3:23). **So they made an end of dividing the country**—mission accomplished.

Historical Context

This ceremony at Shiloh concluded the land distribution that began at Gilgal (Joshua 14:6). Shiloh remained Israel's religious center until the ark's capture by

Philistines circa 1050 BC (1 Samuel 4). This verse memorializes a pivotal moment: Israel transitions from conquest to settlement.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How can you consecrate everyday responsibilities by doing them 'before the LORD'?
2. What does corporate leadership (priest, civil leader, tribal heads) teach about shared authority under God?

Interlinear Text

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of the congregation

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Additional Cross-References

Joshua 18:10 (References Lord): And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

Joshua 14:1 (References Israel): And these are the countries which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them.

Joshua 18:1 (Temple): And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

