

Joshua 24:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

Analysis

So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance—The assembly concludes. **Let the people depart** (shalach et ha-am, שָׁלַח אֶת-הָעָם) suggests formal dismissal. **Every man unto his inheritance** (ish le-nachalato, אִישׁ לְנַחֲלָתוֹ) emphasizes individual return to personal property. Each Israelite goes home to land God gave them.

Inheritance provides identity and purpose. They return not as nomads but as landowners, not as slaves but as free people possessing God's promises. Believers likewise have an inheritance (Ephesians 1:11, Colossians 1:12)—both present (Spirit's indwelling) and future (glorification). Our inheritance defines us.

Historical Context

This dismissal marked the end of the conquest generation's leadership. Joshua was approximately 110 years old (24:29). Israel's tribes dispersed to consolidate their territories, beginning the settlement period that would last until the monarchy. The tribal confederation functioned loosely under judges.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does your spiritual inheritance (identity in Christ) shape daily living?
2. What 'inheritance' has God given you to steward for His glory?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Judges 2:6 (Parallel theme): And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land.

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