

# Joshua 24:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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**So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance**—The assembly concludes. **Let the people depart** (shalach et ha-am, שְׁלַח 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

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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

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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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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depart	So Joshua	H853	let the people	every man	unto his inheritance
H7971	H3091		H5971	H376	H5159

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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