

Joshua 24:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

Analysis

And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash—Joshua is buried in his own inheritance, the city he requested and built (19:50). Timnath-serah means 'extra portion'—fitting for one who served selflessly. The specific geographic detail (**north side of the hill of Gaash**) enables future generations to find his tomb.

Burial location matters in Scripture. Patriarchs were buried in the promised land (Hebron's cave, Genesis 49:29-33), affirming faith in God's promises. Joshua's burial in his inheritance testifies to possession fulfilled. Believers await resurrection and eternal inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-5).

Historical Context

Joshua's tomb at Timnath-serah became a memorial site, though less prominent than the patriarchs' tombs at Hebron or Rachel's tomb near Bethlehem. Gaash is mentioned elsewhere only in reference to Joshua's burial (2 Samuel 23:30, 1 Chronicles 11:32). His grave marked the end of an era.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does burial in the promised land demonstrate faith in God's ultimate fulfillment of promises?
2. What spiritual 'inheritance' will you possess when your earthly journey ends?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּקְבְּרוּ וְ	אֹתוֹ	בְּגֵב וּלְ	נַחֲלָתוֹ	בְּתִמְנַתְּ	
And they buried	H853	him in the border	of his inheritance	H0	
H6912		H1366	H5159		
סְ כַח	אֶשֶׁר	לְהַר	אֶפְרַיִם	מִצֵּפֹן	לְהַר
in Timnathserah	H834	of the hill	Ephraim	on the north side	of the hill
H8556		H2022	H669	H6828	H2022
גַּעַשׁ:					
of Gaash					
H1608					

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 19:50 (Parallel theme): According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnath-serah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

