

Joshua 24:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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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

בָּתְמִינָה	נֶחֶלֶת	וְ	אֶתְוֹ	בְּגַב	וְלִ	וְקִבְרֵי	וְ
And they buried	H853	him in the border	H1366	of his inheritance	H5159		H0
	H6912						
לִפְנֵי	מִצְפָּה	וְ	אֶפְרַיִם	וְ	מִצְפָּה	וְ	לִפְנֵי
in Timnathserah	H834	of the hill	H2022	Ephraim	H669	on the north side	H6828
	H8556						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.

