

# Numbers 27:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.

## Analysis

God's command 'If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter' establishes the principle of female inheritance. The Hebrew *he'evir nachalah* (cause inheritance to pass) indicates legal transfer of property rights. This law ensured family land remained within bloodlines, preventing tribal territory loss. The specification moves from daughters to progressively more distant relatives (verses 9-11), ensuring no Israelite family lost its covenant inheritance in the land. This points to spiritual inheritance—believers inherit eternal life and the new creation (Romans 8:17) through covenant relationship.

## Historical Context

Land inheritance in Israel carried theological significance beyond economics. God gave each tribe specific territory (Joshua 13-21) as fulfillment of Abrahamic promises. Land represented covenant blessing, and losing it meant losing tangible connection to God's promises. The Year of Jubilee (Leviticus 25) and these inheritance laws ensured land stayed within families, preventing permanent disinheritance. This preserved tribal identities until Messiah's coming.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does physical inheritance in the Old Testament picture spiritual inheritance in Christ?
2. What does God's concern for preserving family inheritance teach about covenant faithfulness?
3. How should we view our spiritual inheritance as believers—secure or uncertain?

## Interlinear Text

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כִּי אִישׁ לְאָמֵר תִּדְבֹּר יִשְׁרָאֵל בֶּן־יַעֲקֹב  
H413 and have no son H1121 of Israel H3478 And thou shalt speak H1696 saying H559 If a man H3588 H376

אֵת וְעִבְרָתָם לְזַרְעָם וְלִמְמָם  
die and have no son H4191 H1121 H369 H0 to pass H5674 H853

לְבָתָן תִּמְלִתָּה  
then ye shall cause his inheritance unto his daughter H5159 H1323

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