

# 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

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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

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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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וְאֵל	וּבֶן	יִשְׂרָאֵל	תִּדְבֹּר	לֵאמֹר	אִם יִשׁ	כִּי
H413	and have no son	of Israel	And thou shalt speak	saying	If a man	H3588
	H1121	H3478	H1696	H559	H376	
יָמָיו	וּבֶן	אֵין	לֹא	וְהָעֵבֶרֶת	אֶת	
die	and have no son	H369	H0	to pass	H853	
H4191	H1121			H5674		
נָחֲלָתוֹ	לְבִתּוֹ					
then ye shall cause his inheritance	unto his daughter					
H5159	H1323					