

# Numbers 34:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan; (this is the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, even the land of Canaan with the coasts thereof:)

## Analysis

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God precisely defines Canaan's borders before Israel crosses Jordan, demonstrating His sovereign gift of specific territory. The phrase 'This is the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance' uses the Hebrew 'naphal' (fall), indicating distribution by lot under divine providence. God's detailed geographical boundaries show He cares about specifics, not just generalities. The land inheritance foreshadows believers' eternal inheritance - specific, certain, and sovereignly granted (1 Pet 1:4, Eph 1:11). The borders extended beyond what Israel fully possessed, pointing to promises yet unfulfilled until Messiah's kingdom (Gen 15:18-21).

## Historical Context

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Given on Moab's plains as Israel prepared to enter Canaan, these boundaries defined the land originally promised to Abraham (Gen 15:18). The borders extended from the wilderness of Zin southward to Lebanon northward, from the Mediterranean westward to beyond Jordan eastward. Historical Israel never fully possessed all this territory, with complete fulfillment awaiting the Messianic kingdom (Ezek 47:13-20 provides similar boundaries for millennial distribution). Archaeological evidence confirms these geographical markers existed in ancient times.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's specific promises give you confidence that He has determined the exact boundaries of your life's calling?
2. Are you trusting God's sovereign 'lot' for your life, or striving for territory He hasn't assigned?

## Interlinear Text

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וְצִוֵּי	אֶת	בְּנֵי יִ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְאָמַרְתָּ	אֵלֶּה	כִּי	אֶת מִ
Command	H853	the children	of Israel	and say	H413	H3588	H859
H6680		H1121	H3478	H559			
	בָּא יִם	אֶל	אֶרֶץ	כְּנָעַן	זֹאת	אֶרֶץ	
unto them	When ye come	H413	this is the land	of Canaan	H2063	this is the land	
H935		H776	H776	H3667		H776	
אֲשֶׁר	תִּפֹּל	לָכֶם	בְּנִחְלָה	אֶרֶץ			
H834	that shall fall	H0	unto you for an inheritance	this is the land			
	H5307		H5159	H776			
כְּנָעַן	לְגִבְלֹתֶיהָ:						
of Canaan	with the coasts						
H3667	H1367						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 17:8** (Parallel theme): And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

**Psalms 105:11** (Parallel theme): Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,  
the lot of your inheritance:

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