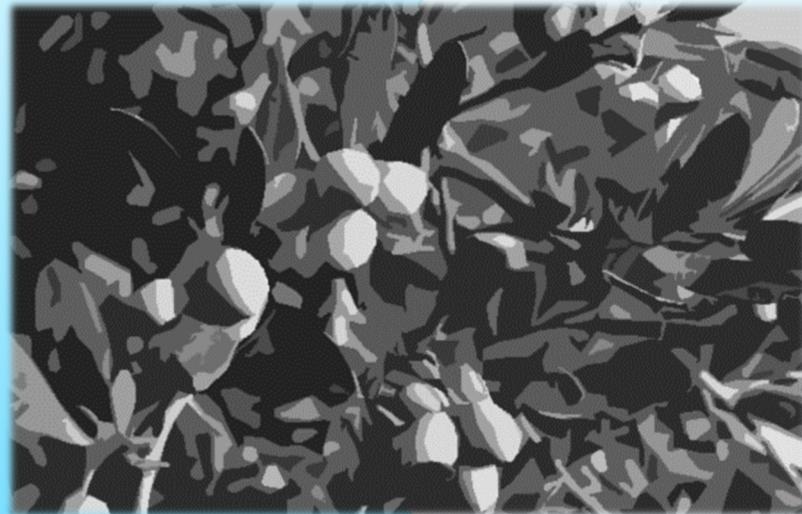


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Lands Unconquered

Joshua 13 – 19 Part 1.
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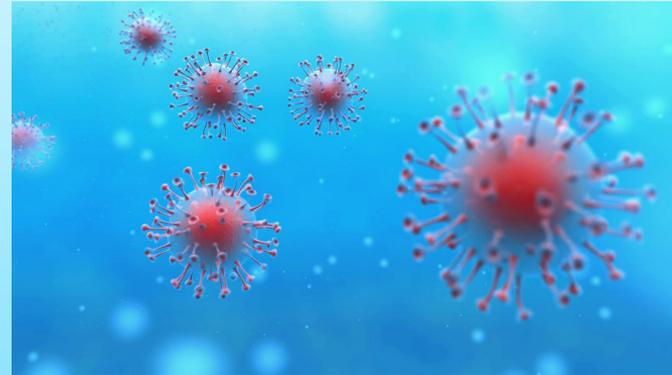


...and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. Joshua 13:2b

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Have you done any meditating on our Covid Sidecar?



Can you draw eight analogies between

viruses and sin?

Stay tuned for answers!



A Closer Look at Some Highlights in Joshua 13

The Preview in 13

Verses 1 and 2

- **Old man Joshua. There's no other way to say it! He is in his 80's.**
- **But that's OK! We each have our day and then make way for the next generation. God blesses each phase of life uniquely.**
- **The good news is that when we read of the people of God being stricken in years, it usually precedes a blessing.**



Application: God is with us in every stage of life!



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Verses 1 and 2

It has been pointed out that we can observe the “Joshua Cycle”!

- A battle
- A recognition of God’s faithfulness
- The overcoming of temptation
- Occupation or realization
- Possession, or Claiming our Inheritance (another battle!)

Which phase is most dangerous?



Application: Can I find myself in the Joshua Cycle?



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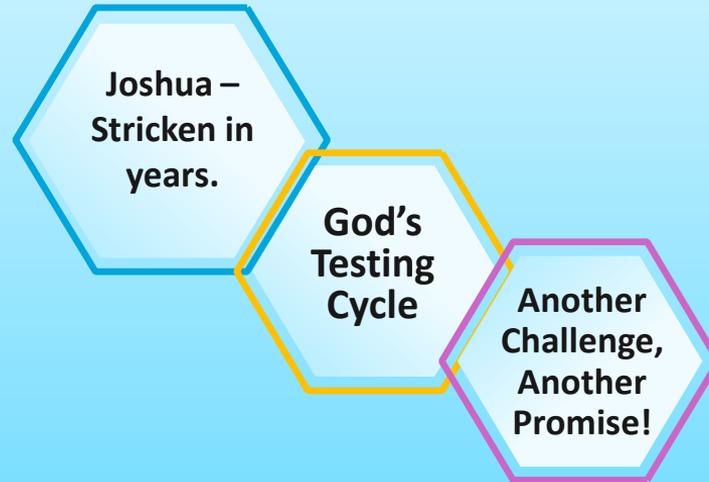
Verses 3- 6

Remember! This could get confusing. Israel has already *occupied* the land nationally. In that respect, she obeyed God completely.

The tribes have not *possessed* their inheritances locally.

God graciously designs His inheritance for each of us and our assemblies and accompanies it with a promise!

We are *commanded* to appropriate our inheritance. When we do not, we always fall back into the same cycle of disobedience.



Application: Am I content (with attending a doctrinally sound church) or am I intent on claiming my Designer inheritance?



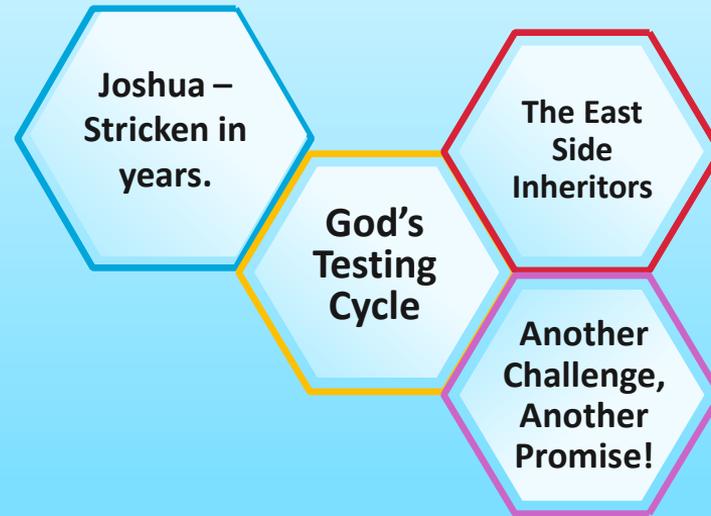
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Verses 8 – *“Of all sad words of tongue or pen...”* - Whittier 1856

Unwilling to wait for God’s provision in God’s time, these folks requested an advance lump sum settlement from the “lottery.”

In this teacher’s understanding: God allowed this so that we may all learn the long-term consequences of “settling” (pardon the pun) for less than God’s best.



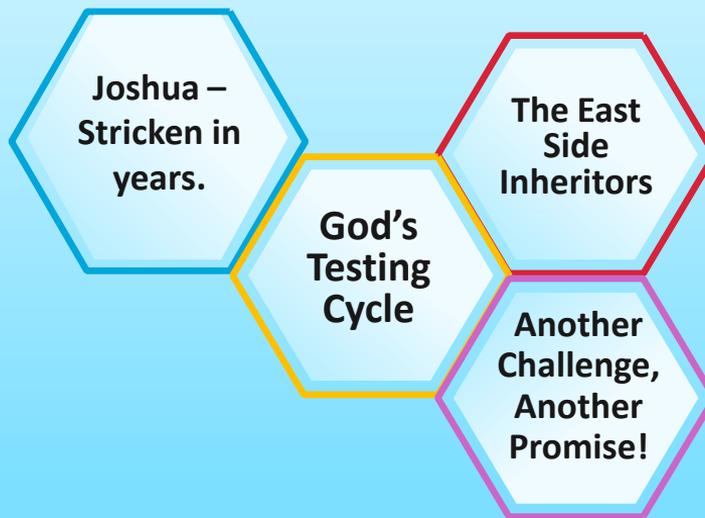
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A Closer Look at Some Highlights in Joshua 13 & 14a

The Preview in 13

Now, let's grab our maps and take a peek at the east side gang...



The Tribes

The red numbers indicate the order in which the lots were designated. For example, Benjamin was # 1 and Issachar was # 13.

However, we will be scanning their distribution as recorded in Joshua:

7 Manasse East

8 Gad

9 Reuben

2 Judah

5 Ephraim

6 Manasse West

1 Benjamin

3 Simeon

12 Zebulun

13 Issachar

11 Asher

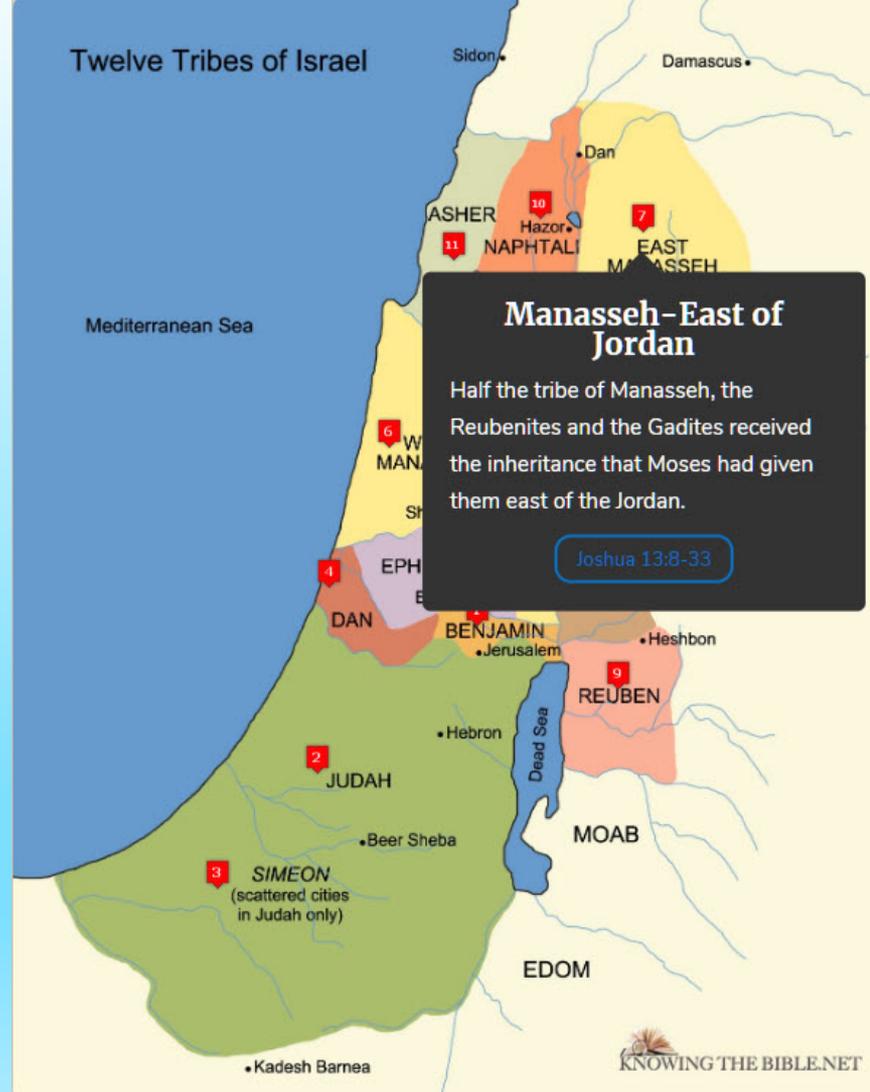
10 Naphtali

4 Dan



Joshua 13:7-8

*7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half tribe of **Manasseh**, 8 With whom the **Reubenites** and the **Gadites** have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them;*

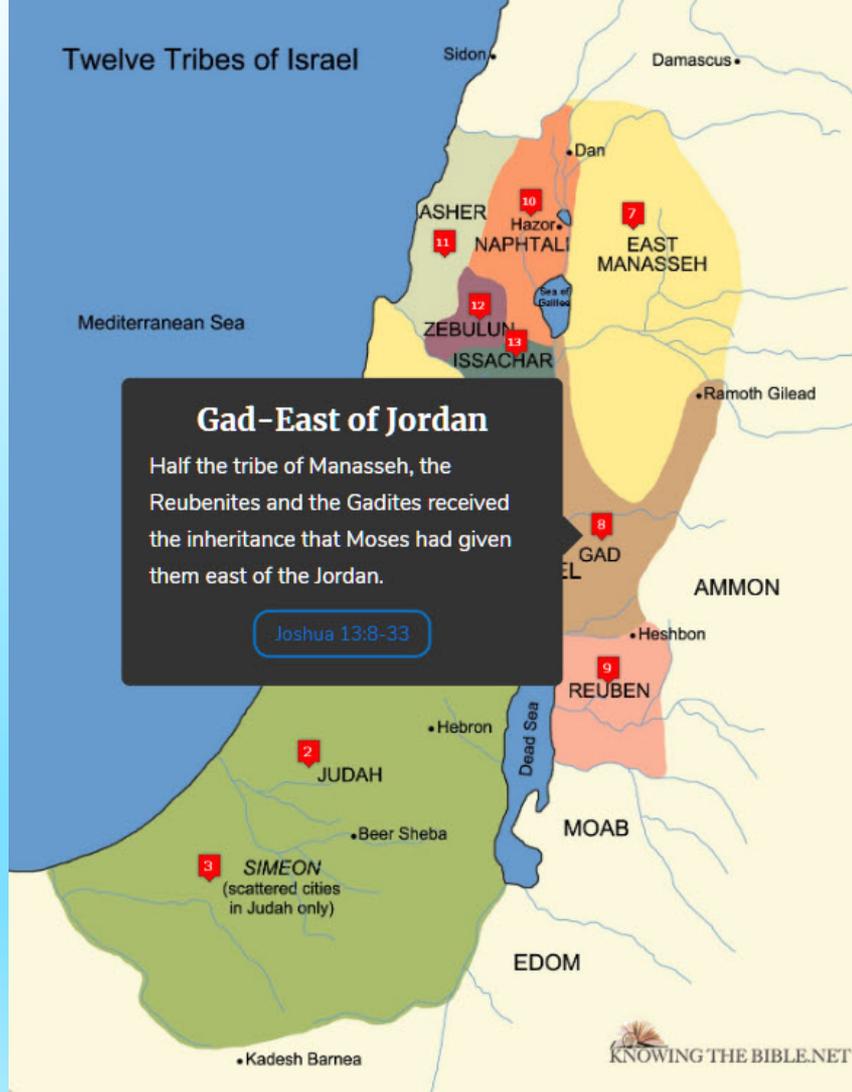


Joshua 13:9-33

We won't read these verses in class, but notice they contain a very detailed break-out with important notes along the way.

- Little Gad was the “pastrami in the Reuben!” This prime real estate was blessed with much water and grain. It was lush and rich; the crème de la crème! But remember, being rich has its own tests!
- Each tribe has a different inheritance, a different challenge.

Application: God does not treat us all uniformly because He tests us in different conditions and circumstances. (God is not always “fair,” but He is always just!)



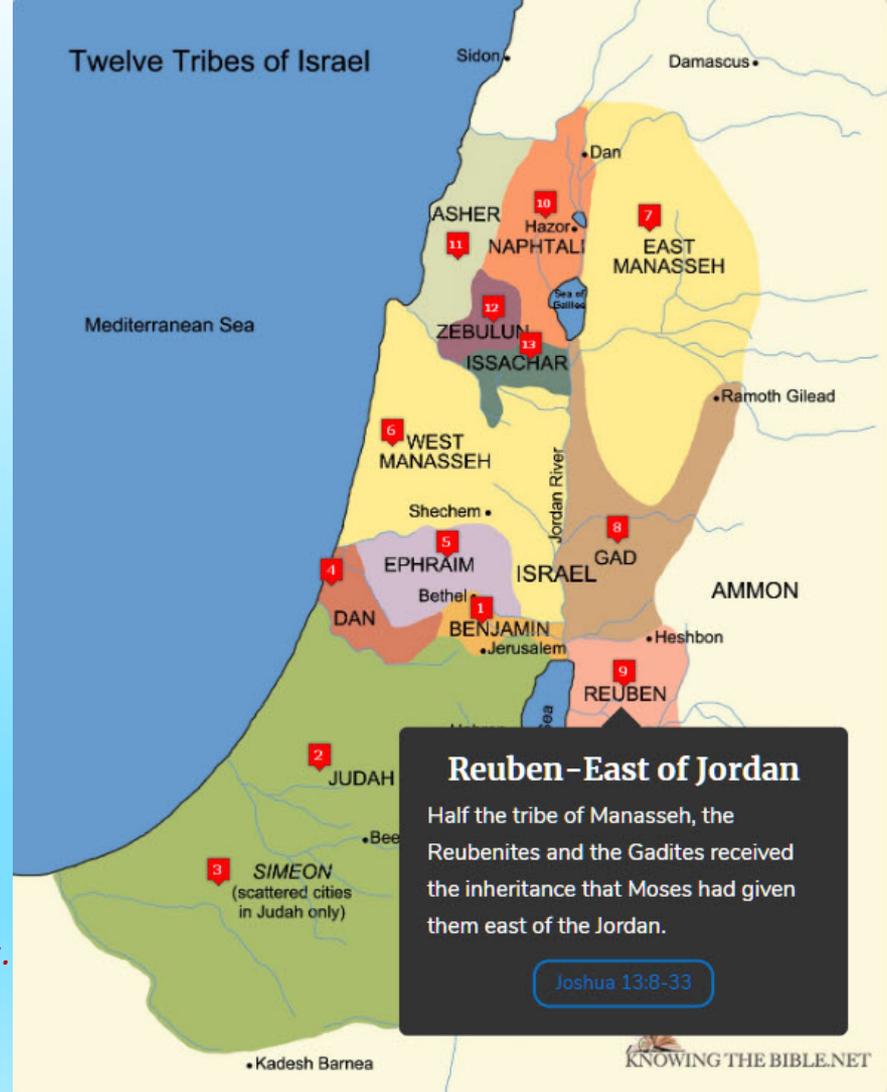
Joshua 13:9-33

Some important notes made by Joshua:

- **Vs. 13.** *Israel had not expelled the Geshurites and Maachathites, and those chickens will return to roost later.*
- **Vss. 14,33.** *The Levites will have a unique and exclusive inheritance and a unique relationship with God!*
- **Vs. 22.** *Balaam finally get's his uppins'*

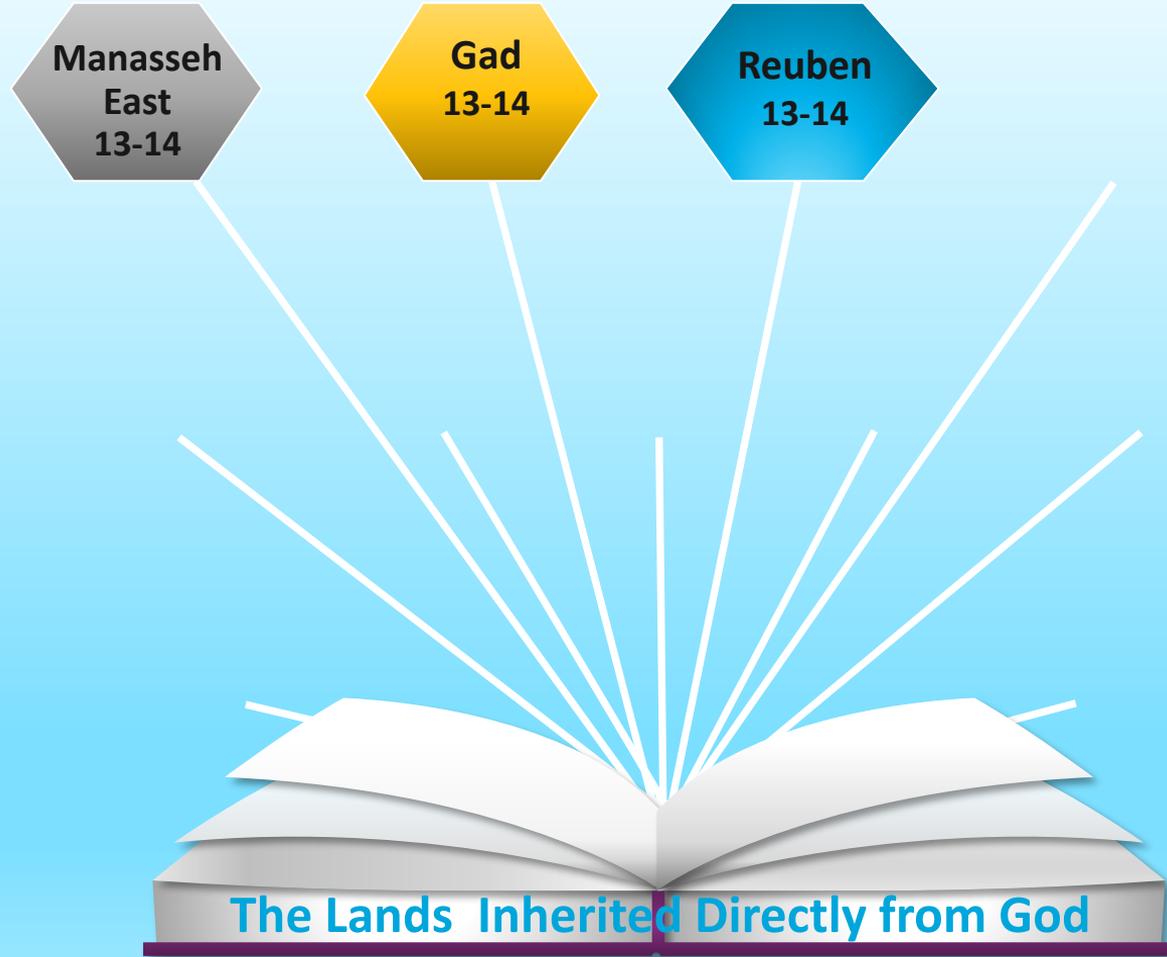
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So, Anyway,

- The east siders now have their inheritance.
- Note, Gad's possession does not contradict God's earlier command not to possess Ammon. This area had already been conquered by Sihon.





A Closer Look at Some Highlights in Joshua 14 & 15

The Preview in 13

14:6-15:63

Caleb & Judah.

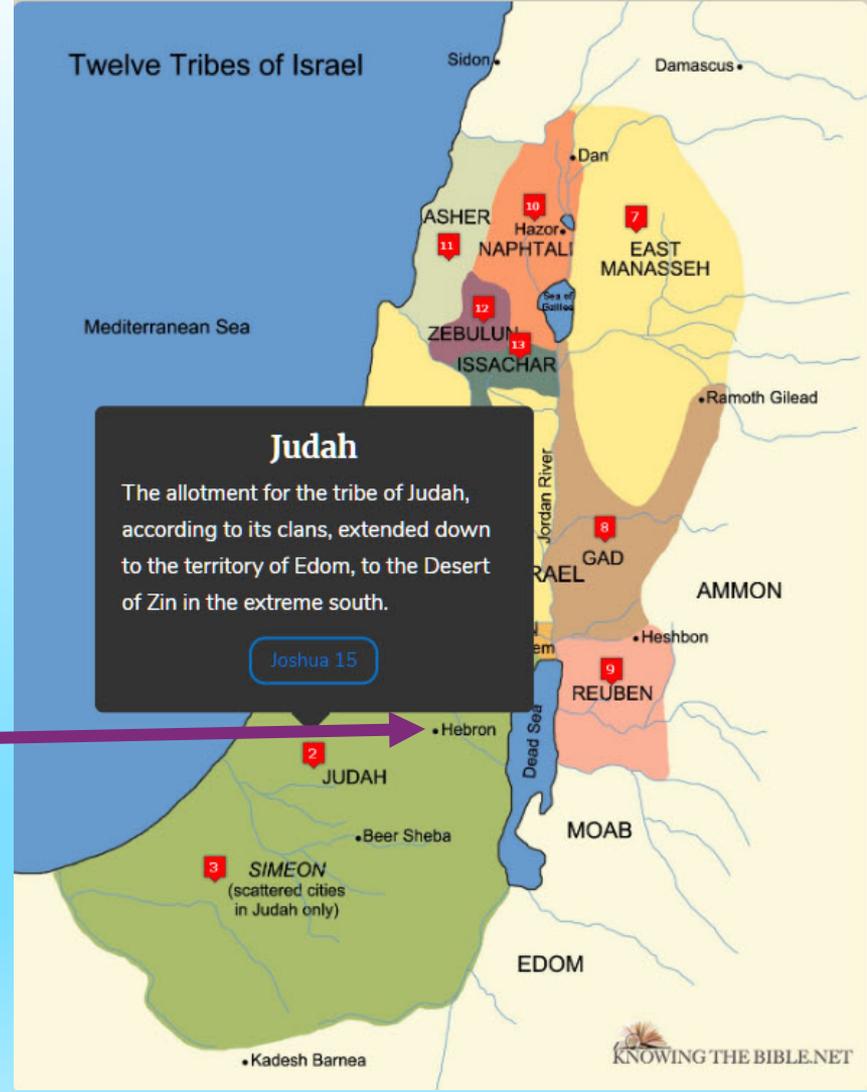


Two themes are highlighted in Chapters 14 and 15.

First, there is the matter of Caleb's family business.

- 14:6-9: Caleb cashes in and appropriates the promise.
- 14:12: Caleb re-invests with confidence in God's economy!
- 14:13 and 15:13,14: With great steps of faith (this was Anakim country)...
...come great rewards!
...and rest in the end!
...and a posterity that multiplies! 15:16-20

Application: It's never too late to be great in God's eyes!



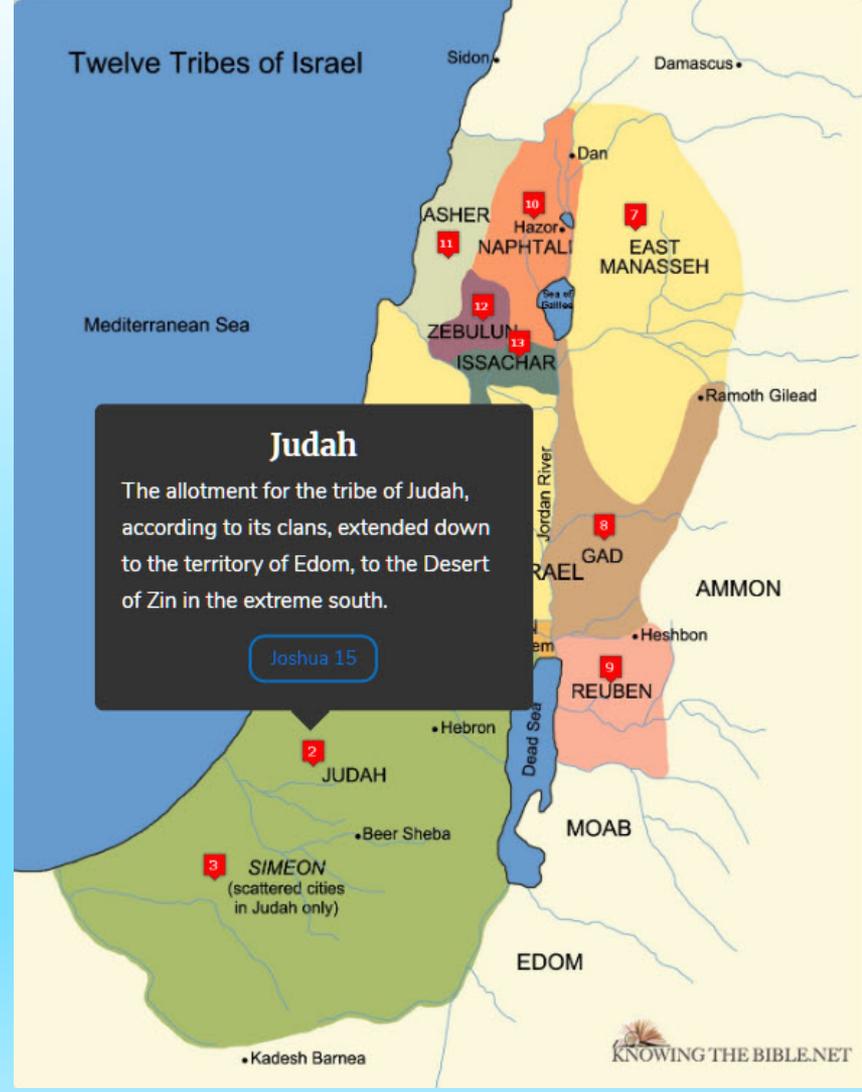
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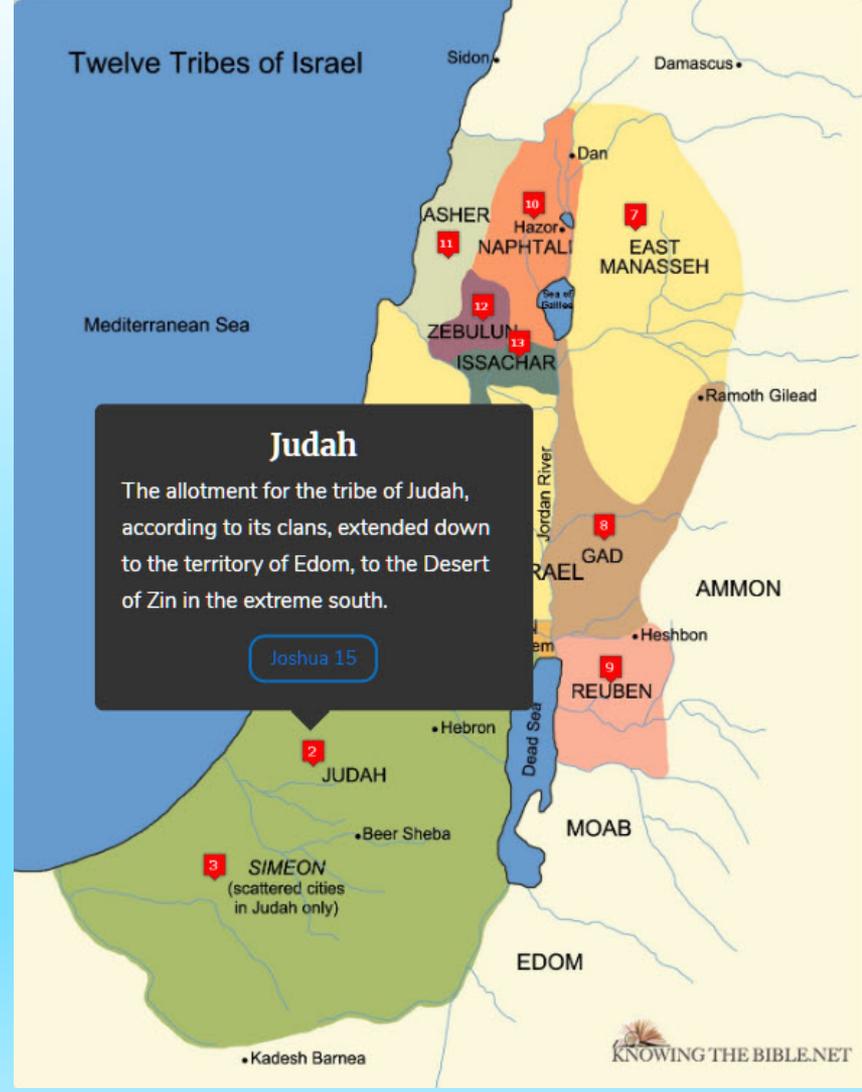
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4. And finally, a sad note which serves as a reminder for us all. Verse 63.

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Be sure to download these “Apps” today!

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...between
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Viruses and sin compared.

1. Unlike bacteria, viruses are not likely to have been created by God.

“God did not create viruses, since they do not reproduce after their kinds or even clone themselves, like microbes. They are modified genetic material that can capture a cell’s reproductive processes. Thus, it forces it to make copies of itself. Viruses never do good, like the good things God made.” - Victor McAllister

God did not create sin. God is not the author of sin or of confusion of any kind, but He is the author of salvation and forgiveness! Read Hebrews 12:2.

Viruses and sin compared.

2. Unlike bacteria, scientists continually debate whether viruses are dead or alive.

“Nobody’s quite sure if we can label viruses as living. Many scientists struggle with this question.” - Lifelique

While we can define sin and even speak of its properties we do not fully understand its exact nature and we certainly cannot see it. Biblical teachers may debate whether it is an entity or not, but we agree it is very much present! Just as the oceans contain at least 200,000 unique viral populations (BBC.com), so sin has infected all of mankind. Just as all men must contend with viruses, all men have been infected with sin

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

Sin entered the world through God’s creatures and it is what separates us from our God. In our efforts to quarantine ourselves from viruses we have separated ourselves from each other. As man tries to quarantine himself from sin through good works he only separates himself even more from God. We cannot cure ourselves. We can only make things worse.

“Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” - Romans 4:4-5

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3. Viruses are parasitical. They cannot reproduce on their own.

James says that sin is the result of lust (from the outside) reproducing itself as sin inside the human heart. For a full explanation, read James 1:13-18. Sin cannot reproduce on its own. It requires a host. We sin because we are sinners. We are not innocent victims of sin.

“Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” - James 1:15

Viruses and sin compared.

4. Viruses appear deceptively similar to natural functions.

“They can be defined as a collection of a few molecules of genetic material, nucleic acid covered by a layer of protein mass to shelter themselves.” - Lifeliqe

When we wash our hands singing Happy Birthday, we are exposing the virus for what it is and destroying its mucous like shield. At that point the body can recognize and destroy it.

When we cleanse our spiritual hands, we can stave off the spawning of sin in our own lives.

“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.” - James 4:8

This cleansing is readily available:

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” 1 John 1:9-10.

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5. Viruses force the body to do their own bidding.

They cannot survive for a long by themselves, therefore they need a host on whom they can 'parasite'. However, this coexistence is only beneficial for the virus, as it takes over its host and forces him to do his bidding by overwriting its genetic material with its own." -

Lifelique

Sin brings bondage and, ironically death.

"For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness...For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." - Romans 6:20...23

Viruses and sin compared.

6. Viruses use human cells to manufacture new copies until the victim is overwhelmed.

“Cells become a ‘manufactory’ and create many copies of the original virus, which then inflict other ones and continue until the immune system or drugs slows them down or stops them.” - Lifeliqe

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7. Viruses mutate, making them difficult targets.

“Every virus mutates. It is part of the life cycle of the virus.” .

Healthline.com

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”

- 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

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8. Viruses are vulnerable to light.

“As the researchers explained, broad-spectrum UVC light kills viruses and bacteria, and it is currently used to decontaminate surgical equipment. But this type of light can cause skin cancer and cataracts, so it’s not used in public spaces.” - WebMd

“For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.” - John 3:20,21

Conclusion: The struggle with viruses will likely continue and may even be hinted at in the book of Revelation. The solution for sin, on the other hand has been provided and is freely available to all.

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