

Joshua - Commentaries by Norman W. Berry

Chapter-A-Day: Volume 2, Joshua 19, Verses 1-23, Day 9 - (19:1-23)

V.1-9 This tribe of Simeon received the southern part of what had been given to Judah. Judah failed to do what the children of Joseph did in Joshua 17:14-18. There, their faith and desire gave them energy to get more. Here, weakness and feebleness causes the loss of some of the land to others.

V.10-16 Of the cities and villages belonging to this tribe, Gittah-hepher (v. 13) is perhaps one of the most important in the tribe's history. If you will look up 2 Kings 14:25 you will see whose home that city became in later years — the last word of that verse is another spelling of this city.

V.17-23 A touching story takes place in Shunem (v. 18, see 2 Kings 4:8-37), where the great prophet Elisha went one time.

Chapter-A-Day: Volume 2, Joshua 19, Verses 24-51, Day 10 - (19:24-51)

V.24-31 Two places within Asher's area became quite famous: great Zidon (also spelled "Sidon" elsewhere) and the strong city of Tyre (vv. 28-29). The Lord Jesus, many years later, was familiar with the kind of people who lived in those places when He was on earth. He found a woman of those parts who would not leave Him without getting her request (Matt. 15:21-18). These two cities are still in existence.

V.32-39 Chinnereth, verse 35, was a city on the shore of what we now call the sea of Galilee, an area in which the Lord Jesus, many years later, often traveled.

V.40-48 Leshem is the same as Laish. The tribe of Dan not only inherited land near Judah towards the Southern part of Palestine, but they also "went up," verse 47, to the Northern end above the Sea of Galilee and took some land there where Leshem was.

V.49-50 The people appreciated so much what Joshua had done as their leader, that they give him personally an inheritance. In Greek, his name is Jesus. The Lord Jesus is going to receive His inheritance (Rom. 8:17), and notice who are the "joint-heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:17)! (v. 16)

V.51 Final decisions came from this one place of meeting.