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(b) Simeon (19:1-9)

1 Then the second lot went to Simeon, to the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families; and their inheritance was in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Judah.

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1 The second lottery went to the tribe of Simeon according to its families. Its inheritance was enclosed within the inheritance of the tribe of Judah.

1 And the second lot came forth to Simeon, even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.

- Centuries earlier, Jacob rebuked Simeon and Levi for taking vengeance into their own hands (Gen 34:25-31). As a result, Jacob prophesied that God would scatter these two sons (Gen 49:7).

— God, however, turned this curse into a blessing: Simeonites had a home within Judah, and the Levites lived throughout Israel, bringing God's Word to every tribe (Joshua 21)

2 So they had in their inheritance Beersheba or Sheba and Moladah,

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2 Its inheritance included Beer-sheba (also known as Shebah), Moladah,
2 And they had in their inheritance Beersheba, and Sheba, and Moladah,

3 Hazar-shual, Balah, and Ezem,
3 and Hazarshual, and Balah, and Azem,
3 and Hazar-shual and Balah and Ezem,
3 And Hazarshual, and Balah, and Azem,

4 Eltolad, Bethul, and Hormah,
4 and Eltolad and Bethul and Hormah,
4 Eltolad, Bethul, Hormah,
4 And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

5 Ziklag, Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah,
5 and Ziklag and Beth-marcaboth and Hazar-susah,
5 Ziklag, Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susah,
5 And Ziklag, and Bethmarcaboth, and Hazarsusah,

6 Beth-lebath, and Sharuhem; thirteen cities with their villages;
6 and Beth-lebath and Sharuhem; thirteen cities with their villages;
6 Beth-lebath, and Sharuhem, for a total of thirteen towns and villages.
6 And Bethleabath, and Sharuhem; thirteen cities and their villages:

7 Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan; four cities with their villages;
7 Ain, Rimmon and Ether and Ashan; four cities with their villages;
7 Also included were Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan, for a total of four towns and villages.
7 Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages:

8 and all the villages which *were* around these cities as far as Baalath-beer, Ramah of the Negev. This *was* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families.

8 and all the villages which *were* around these cities as far as Baalath-beer, Ramah of the Negev. This *was* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families.

8 Also included were all the surrounding villages as far as Baalath-beer, in Ramah of the Negev. This was the inheritance of the tribe of Simeon, according to its families.

8 And all the villages that were round about these cities to Baalathbeer, Ramath of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their

families.

9 The inheritance of the sons of Simeon *was taken* from the portion of the sons of Judah, because the share of the sons of Judah was too large for them; so the sons of Simeon received an inheritance in the midst of Judah's inheritance.

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9 The inheritance of the tribe of Simeon was contained in part of the territory of Judah; that is, because the portion allotted to the tribe of Judah was large enough for both tribes, the tribe of Simeon obtained an inheritance within that of Judah.

9 Out of the portion of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

- Simeon's allocation fell within in (southern) border of Judah's inheritance because Judah's territory proved to be too large to manage

— This is an initial fulfillment of Jacob's prophecy (Gen 49:5-7) that Simeon would experience "dispersion"

— Not one person of note in Scripture, neither judge nor prophet, was from the tribe of Simeon

(c) Zebulun (19:10-16)

10 Now the third lot came up for the sons of Zebulun according to their families. And the territory of their inheritance was as far as Sarid.

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10 The third lottery went to the tribe of Zebulun according to its families. The boundary of its inheritance extended to Sarid,

10 And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid:

- Zebulun's territory was north of the plain of Jezreel, that marked Manasseh's northern border, and southwest of the hills of Naphtali

— On the northwest, its neighbor was Asher, and on the southeast, Issachar

— Zebulun's land was very fertile

— He received 12 towns, though the writer identified only five here (v15)

— Probably some of the towns in v10-14 were the other seven towns belonging to Zebulun, but which ones is not known

11 Then their border went up to the west and to Maralah, and it reached Dabbesheth and reached to the brook that is opposite Jokneam.

11 Then their border went up to the west and to Maralah, it then touched Dabbesheth and reached to the brook that is before Jokneam.

11 then turned westward toward Maralah, proceeding to Dabbesheth, and then to the valley that is east of Jokneam.

11 And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the river that is before Jokneam;

12 Then it turned from Sarid to the east toward the sunrise as far as the border of Chisloth-tabor, and it proceeded to Daberath and up to Japhia.

12 Then it turned from Sarid to the east toward the sunrise as far as the border of Chisloth-tabor, and it proceeded to Daberath and up to Japhia.

12 From Sarid it proceeded back eastward, creating a sunrise boundary at Chisloth-tabor, and proceeded from there to Daberath, then to Japhia,

12 And turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of Chisloth-tabor, and then goeth out to Daberath, and goeth up to Japhia,

13 From there it continued eastward toward the sunrise to Gath-hepher, to Eth-kazin, and it proceeded to Rimmon which stretches to Neah.

13 From there it continued eastward toward the sunrise to Gath-hepher, to Eth-kazin, and it proceeded to Rimmon which stretches to Neah.

13 from which it proceeded toward the east to Gath-hepher, then to Eth-kazin, then going to Rimmon, where it turned toward Neah.

13 And from thence passeth on along on the east to Gittahhepher, to Ittahkazin, and goeth out to Remmonmethoar to Neah;

14 Then the border circled around it on the north to Hannathon, and it ended at the Valley of Iphtahel.

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14 On the north of Neah, the boundary turned toward Hannathon, terminating at Iphtah-el Valley

14 And the border compasseth it on the north side to Hannathon: and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Jiphthahel:

15 *included* also were Kattah, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem; twelve cities with their villages.

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15 and Kattath, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem, for a total of twelve towns and villages.

15 And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve cities with their villages.

16 This *was* the inheritance of the sons of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

16 This *was* the inheritance of the sons of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

16 These towns and villages are the inheritance of the tribe of Zebulun according to its families.

16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

(d) Issachar (19:17-23)

17 The fourth lot went to Issachar, to the sons of Issachar according to their families.

17 The fourth lot fell to Issachar, to the sons of Issachar according to their families.

17 The fourth lottery went to the tribe of Issachar according to its families.

17 And the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families.

- The writer did not give the boundaries of Issachar in as much detail as the preceding tribes

— The Jordan River on the east, the borders of Manasseh on its south and southwest, Zebulun on its northwest, and Naphtali on its north, prescribed its territory

18 Their territory was to Jezreel and *included* Chesulloth, Shunem,

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18 The territorial allotment included Jezreel, Chesulloth, Shunem,

18 And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem,

19 Hapharaim, Shion, and Anaharath,

19 and Hapharaim and Shion and Anaharath,

19 Hapharaim, Shion, Anaharath,

19 And Haphraim, and Shihon, and Anaharath,

20 Rabbith, Kishion, and Ebez,

20 and Rabbith and Kishion and Ebez,
20 Rabbith, Kishion, Ebez,
20 And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez,

21 Remeth, En-gannim, En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez.
21 and Remeth and En-gannim and En-haddah and Beth-pazzez.
21 Remeth, En-gannim, En-haddah, Beth-pazzez,
21 And Remeth, and Engannim, and Enhaddah, and Bethpazzez;

22 The border reached to Tabor, Shahazumah, and Beth-shemesh, and their border ended at the Jordan; sixteen cities with their villages.

22 The border reached to Tabor and Shahazumah and Beth-shemesh, and their border ended at the Jordan; sixteen cities with their villages.

22 with the boundary including Tabor, Shahazumah, and Beth-shemesh. The boundary terminated at the Jordan River, for a total of sixteen towns and villages.

22 And the coast reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Bethshemesh; and the outgoings of their border were at Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages.

23 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Issachar according to their families, the cities with their villages.

23 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Issachar according to their families, the cities with their villages.

23 These towns and villages comprise the inheritance of the tribe of Issachar, according to its families.

23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

(e) Asher (19:24-31)

24 Now the fifth lot went to the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families.

24 Now the fifth lot fell to the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families.

24 The fifth lottery went to the tribe of Asher according to its families.

24 And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families.

- Asher's territory stretched along the Mediterranean coastline, from where the Carmel mountain range meets the Plain of Sharon, northward to the northern border of Canaan

— The Phoenicians lived north of Asher on this coast

— Asher's neighbor on the southeast was Zebulun, and on the east it was Naphtali

25 Their territory was Helkath, Hali, Beten, and Achshaph,
25 Their territory was Helkath and Hali and Beten and Achshaph,
25 The territorial boundary included Helkath, Hali, Beten, Achshaph,
25 And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph,

26 Allammelech, Amad, and Mishal; and it reached to Carmel on the west and Shihor-libnath.

26 and Allammelech and Amad and Mishal; and it reached to Carmel on the west and to Shihor-libnath.

26 Allammelech, Amad, and Mishal, and on the west Carmel and Shihor-libnath,

26 And Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal; and reacheth to Carmel westward, and to Shihorlibnath;

27 It turned toward the east to Beth-dagon and reached Zebulun, and to the Valley of Iphtahel northward to Beth-emek and Neiel; then it proceeded on north to Cabul,

27 It turned toward the east to Beth-dagon and reached to Zebulun, and to the valley of Iphtahel northward to Beth-emek and Neiel; then it proceeded on north to Cabul,

27 then proceeded east to Beth-dagon. It proceeded to Zebulun and the Iphtah-el Valley, turned north to Beth-emek and Neiel, then proceeded north to Cabul,

27 And turneth toward the sunrising to Bethdagon, and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthahel toward the north side of Bethemek, and Neiel, and goeth out to Cabul on the left hand,

28 Ebron, Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah, as far as Great Sidon.

28 and Ebron and Rehob and Hammon and Kanah, as far as Great Sidon.

28 Ebron, Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah as far as Great Sidon.

28 And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even unto great Zidon;

29 The border turned to Ramah and to the fortified city of Tyre; then the border turned to Hosah, and it ended at the sea by the region of Achzib.

29 The border turned to Ramah and to the fortified city of Tyre; then the border turned to Hosah, and it ended at the sea by the region of Achzib.

29 There the boundary turned toward Ramah, reaching to the fortress city of Tyre and turned to Hosah, where it terminated at the Mediterranean Sea. Also included were Mahalab, Achzib,

29 And then the coast turneth to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre; and the coast turneth to Hosah; and the outgoings thereof are at the sea from the coast to Achzib:

30 *Included also were* Ummah, Aphek, and Rehob; twenty-two cities with their villages.

30 *Included also were* Ummah, and Aphek and Rehob; twenty-two cities with their villages.

30 Ummah, Aphek, and Rehob, for a total of 22 towns and villages.

30 Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their villages.

31 *This was* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

31 *This was* the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

31 These towns and villages are the inheritance of the tribe of Asher according to its families.

31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

(f) Naphtali (19:32-39)

32 The sixth lot went to the sons of Naphtali; to the sons of Naphtali according to their families.

32 The sixth lot fell to the sons of Naphtali; to the sons of Naphtali according to their families.

32 The sixth lottery went to the tribe of Naphtali according to its families.

32 The sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, even for the children of Naphtali according to their families.

- The Sea of Chinnereth (Galilee), combined with the Jordan River north of that lake, formed Naphtali's eastern border

— Naphtali's territory extended north up to Phoenician territory

— Naphtali shared borders on the west with Asher, on the southwest with Zebulun, and on the south with Issachar

— 19 fortified cities belonged to this tribe (v35-38)

33 Their border was from Heleph, from the oak in Zaananim, and Adami-nekeb and Jabneel, as far as Lakkum, and it ended at the Jordan.

33 Their border was from Heleph, from the oak in Zaananim and Adami-nekeb and Jabneel, as far as Lakkum, and it ended at the Jordan.

33 The territorial boundary proceeded from Heleph, the oak in Zaananim, and Adami-nekeb, and Jabneel as far as Lakkum, terminating at the Jordan River.

33 And their coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaananim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakum; and the outgoings thereof were at Jordan:

34 Then the border turned westward to Aznoth-tabor and proceeded from there to Hukkok; and it reached Zebulun on the south and reached Asher on the west, and Judah at the Jordan toward the east.

34 Then the border turned westward to Aznoth-tabor and proceeded from there to Hukkok; and it reached to Zebulun on the south and touched Asher on the west, and to Judah at the Jordan toward the east.

34 There the boundary proceeded west to Aznoth-tabor and then to Hukkok, reaching Zebulun at the south, Asher on the west, and Judah on the east at the Jordan River.

34 And then the coast turneth westward to Aznothtabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the south side, and reacheth to Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the sunrising.

35 The fortified cities were Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth,

35 The fortified cities were Ziddim, Zer and Hammath, Rakkath and Chinnereth,

35 Also included were the fortress towns of Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Chinnereth,

35 And the fenced cities are Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth,

36 Adamah, Ramah, and Hazor,

36 and Adamah and Ramah and Hazor,

36 Adamah, Ramah, Hazor,

36 And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

37 Kedesh, Edrei, and En-hazor,

37 and Kedesh and Edrei and En-hazor,

37 Kedesh, Edrei, En-hazor,

37 And Kedesh, and Edrei, and Enhazor,

38 Yiron, Migdal-el, Horem, Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.

38 and Yiron and Migdal-el, Horem and Beth-anath and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.

38 Iron, Migdal-el, Horem, Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh, for a total of nineteen towns and their villages.

38 And Iron, and Migdalel, Horem, and Bethanath, and Bethshemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their villages.

39 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their villages.

39 These towns and villages comprised the inheritance of the tribe of Naphtali according to its families.

39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

(g) Dan (19:40-48)

40 The seventh lot went to the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their families.

40 The seventh lot fell to the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their families.

40 The seventh lottery went to the tribe of Dan according to its families.

40 And the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.

- Dan received territory primarily in the Shephelah and Coastal Plain—west of Benjamin, and between Judah and Ephraim. Its land was extremely fruitful.

— Later, the Amorites, who settled portions of the Philistine plain (Judges 1:34), drove the Danites out of the plains and into the hills. This led to a migration of part of the tribe of Dan northward to Leshem near the northern part of Naphtali (Cf. Judges 17-18).

41 The territory of their inheritance was Zorah, Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh,

41 The territory of their inheritance was Zorah and Eshtaol and Ir-shemesh,

41 The territorial allotment included Zorah, Eshtaol, Ir-shemesh,

41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Irshemesh,

42 Shaalabbin, Aijalon, and Ithlah,

42 and Shaalabbin and Aijalon and Ithlah,

42 Shaalabbin, Aijalon, Ithlah,

42 And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah,

43 Elon, Timnah, and Ekron,

43 and Elon and Timnah and Ekron,

43 Elon, Timnah, Ekron,

43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,

44 Eltekeh, Gibbethon, and Baalath,

44 and Eltekeh and Gibbethon and Baalath,

44 Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath,
44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

45 Jehud, Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon,
45 and Jehud and Bene-berak and Gath-rimmon,
45 Jehud, Bene-berak, Gath-rimmon,
45 And Jehud, and Beneberak, and Gathrimmon,

46 Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the territory opposite Joppa.
46 and Me-jarkon and Rakkon, with the territory over against Joppa.
46 Me-jarkon, and Rakkon at the border near Joppa.
46 And Mejarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho.

47 The territory of the sons of Dan proceeded beyond them; for the sons of Dan went up and fought with Leshem and captured it. Then they struck it with the edge of the sword and took possession of it and settled in it; and they named Leshem Dan after the name of their father Dan.

47 The territory of the sons of Dan proceeded beyond them; for the sons of Dan went up and fought with Leshem and captured it. Then they struck it with the edge of the sword and possessed it and settled in it; and they called Leshem Dan after the name of Dan their father.

47 Later, when the descendants of Dan lost their territory, they went up and attacked Leshem. After they captured it and executed its inhabitants, they took possession of it and settled there, renaming the city of Leshem to Dan in memory of their ancestor Dan.

47 And the coast of the children of Dan went out too little for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

- The record of the conquest of "Leshem" (also called "Laish" and later "Dan") is in Judges 18

48 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

48 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

48 These towns and villages comprised the inheritance of the tribe of Dan according to their families.

48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

(G) Joshua's inheritance of the city of Timnath-Serah in Ephraim (19:49-51)

49 When they finished apportioning the land for inheritance by its borders, the sons of Israel gave an inheritance among them to Joshua the son of Nun.

49 When they finished apportioning the land for inheritance by its borders, the sons of Israel gave an inheritance in their midst to Joshua the son of Nun.

49 When the Israelis had completed distribution of the various territories of the land as inheritances, they provided an inheritance to Nun's son Joshua.

49 When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them:

50 In accordance with the command of the LORD, they gave him the city for which he asked, Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim. So he built the city and settled in it.

50 In accordance with the command of the LORD they gave him the city for which he asked, Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim. So he built the city and settled in it.

50 By a command from the LORD, they allocated the town that he requested, Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim. He rebuilt the town and settled there.

50 According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnathserah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

- Like Caleb, Joshua received *a city*, "Timnath-serah" (called "Timnath-heres" in Judges 2:9), within his tribal allotment of Ephraim, for being faithful to God

— It was located in the hill country of Ephraim, which he challenged his own tribe to settle (17:17-18)

51 These are the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers' *households* of the tribes of the sons of Israel apportioned by lot in Shiloh before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting. So they finished dividing the land.

51 These are the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the households of the tribes of the sons of Israel distributed by lot in Shiloh before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting. So they finished dividing the land.

51 These are the inheritances that Eleazar the priest, Nun's son Joshua, and the heads of the families of the Israeli tribes distributed by lot in the LORD's presence at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. So they finished dividing the land.

51 These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by

lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.