

Joshua 16

v4

“So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.”

- Joseph was given a double portion.

- 1 Chronicles 5:1 Now we come to the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel. For Reuben was the eldest, but because he polluted his father's couch [with Bilhah his father's concubine] his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph [favourite] son of Israel; so the genealogy is not to be reckoned according to the birthright.

- Joseph is well blessed/rewarded. Joseph's faithfulness and testimony leave a precious reminder in his legacy. When the people consider their history and heritage and look at these two tribes they will be reminded of Joseph's faithfulness and what God did through Joseph for their fathers.

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“And they drove not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.”

- They left a part undone. They left the enemy with a foothold in the land.

- The consequences of this would cause so much suffering in the future... For generations. Their children would suffer because of this lack of faith.

- We really do cause ourselves and others so much pain and loss because we are not thorough with our sin/flesh. We may think that we've done enough, we convince ourselves “oh, that isn't any real harm”, “I can handle that”, “That would be legalistic to remove that” ... If we have a conviction then we should obey quickly and completely!