

Joshua 19

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“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.”

- The children of Dan took possession of The Land! They were in need, they were willing and they were able!
- Another story of faith and victory. The land was not enough to hold them and they simply went out and took more.
- They didn't simply grumble and complain at how others had more. They didn't whine and live in defeat, bitterness and self-pity.

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“When they had finished... the Israelites gave an inheritance among them to Joshua son of Nun.

“According to the word of the Lord they gave him the city for which he asked-Timnath-serah in the hills of Ephraim.”

- Only after all of the work had been done. Only after the land had been divided. Only after the tribes had received their inheritance... Then the leader receives His share/reward. This is leadership. This is Christlike demonstrating the servant King. Joshua tended to the sheep before ever taking anything for himself. Joshua's heart was loyal to The Lord and so compassionate and loving towards His people.

- It is interesting that *“the Israelites gave”* as if this was a gift from the people.

- GILL: most interpreters observe the modesty of Joshua, that though the oldest and the greatest man in the nation, the chief governor, yet had his inheritance last of all; nor did he take any part to himself, it was given to him by the people, who had the whole land divided among them; in which he was a type of Christ; see 2 Corinthians 8:9 Philemon 2:6.

- If we are to be leaders we would do well to consider Joshua and to seek The Lord for such qualities and testimony. Putting The Lord first, the people second and yourself last. This is easy to write but Lord please teach me by Your Spirit how to live such a loving, selfless, obedient life.