



Second Chances  
& Pressing In

Josh 16-17

# Introduction

**The lot fell to the children of Joseph from the Jordan, by Jericho, to the waters of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goes up from Jericho through the mountains to Bethel, then went out from Bethel to Luz, passed along to the border of the Archites at Ataroth,  
(Jos 16:1-4)**

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**...and went down westward to the boundary of the Japhletites, as far as the boundary of Lower Beth Horon to Gezer; and it ended at the sea. So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.**

**(Josh 16:1-4)**

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Besides being historical narrative, Joshua is also allegorical to us of living a Spirit filled, victorious life this side of heaven.

1Co 10:11 These are all warning markers—**DANGER!**—in our history books, written down so that we don't repeat their mistakes. (MSG)

# Back Story

**“And thus, he set Ephraim before Manasseh.”**

**Gen 48:20**

This is often the way of God . . . setting the second before the first.

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God forgets our old life before coming to Christ. Our new life in Christ is where God's attention and blessings are directed.

**Jhn 3, 2Co 5:17, Rom 6:6**

# Principle

Imputed righteousness causes God to be incredibly patient with us.

**Ps 86:15; Mic 7:18**

# Application

Just as God is patient and forgiving, He wants His children to be patient with and forgiving of others.

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience"  
(Colossians 3:12).*



# Joshua 17:12-13

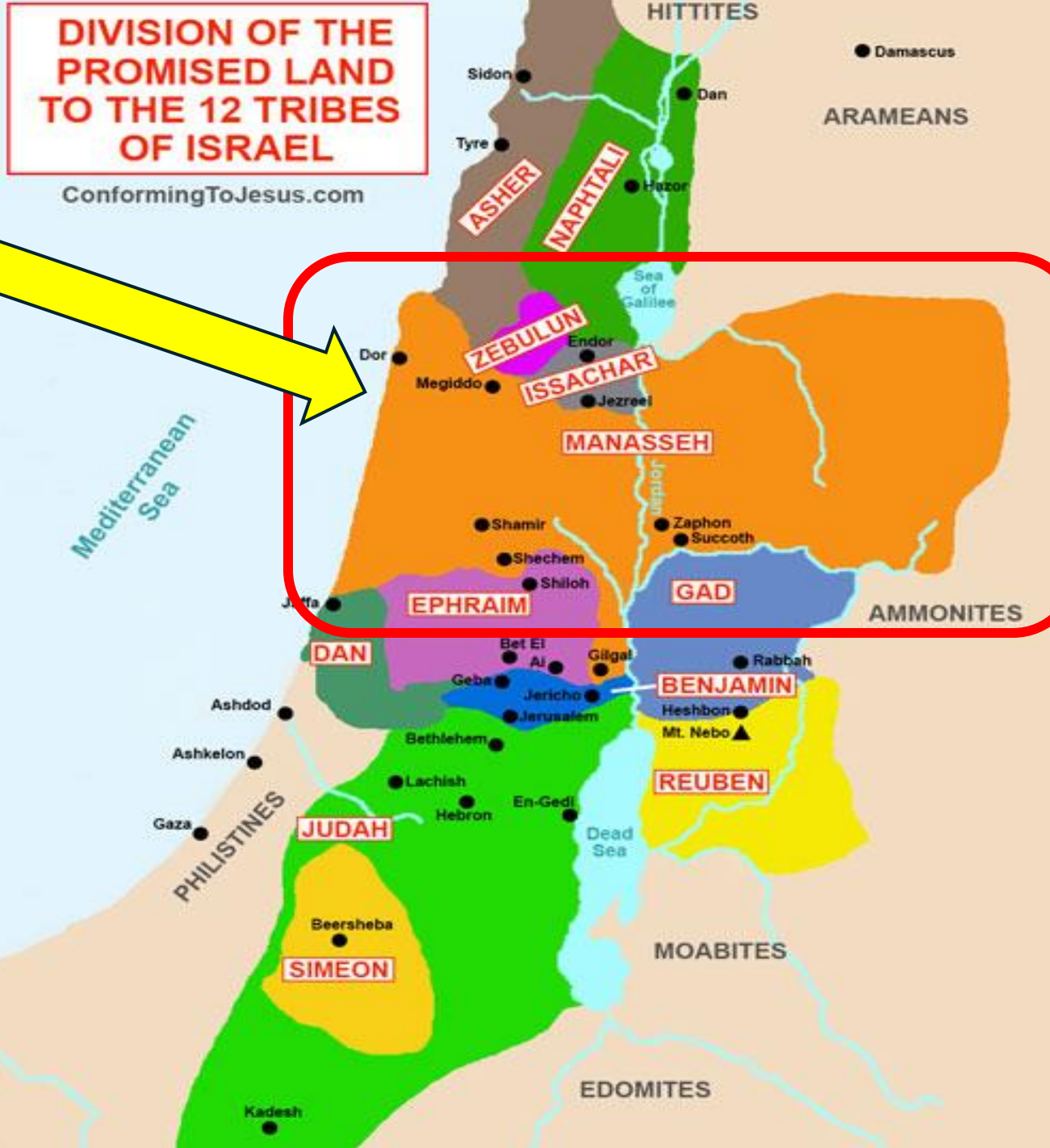
**God desires that we take full victory over every area that the enemy has had a stronghold in our lives.**

**Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.**

## Joshua 17:14-15

**The children of Manasseh wanted more land, yet they failed to destroy the Canaanites from the land they already had.**

# THE INHERITANCE OF MANASSEH



Joshua 17:16-18

Joshua says in effect:

*“Don’t tell me what you think you deserve... Go to the wooded area. Go to the mountains. Cut down the timber. Drive out the giants.”*

*Php 4:13*

Joshua 17:16-18

**Php 3:12** I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

Joshua 17:16-18

**And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (Php 1:6)**



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