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The Inheritance

JOSHUA 13-14

Wholehearted devotion is the proper response to God’s gracious inheritance.

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Tribal

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Now Joshua was old and advanced in years, and the LORD said to him, “You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to possess.”

Joshua 13:1 ESV

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"I myself will drive them out from before the people of Israel. Only **allot the land to Israel for an inheritance**, as I have commanded you."

Joshua 13:6b ESV

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These are the inheritances that the people of Israel received in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel gave them to inherit. [2] Their inheritance was by lot, just as the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses for the nine and one-half tribes. [3] For Moses had given an inheritance to the two and one-half tribes beyond the Jordan, but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them.

Joshua 14:1-3 ESV

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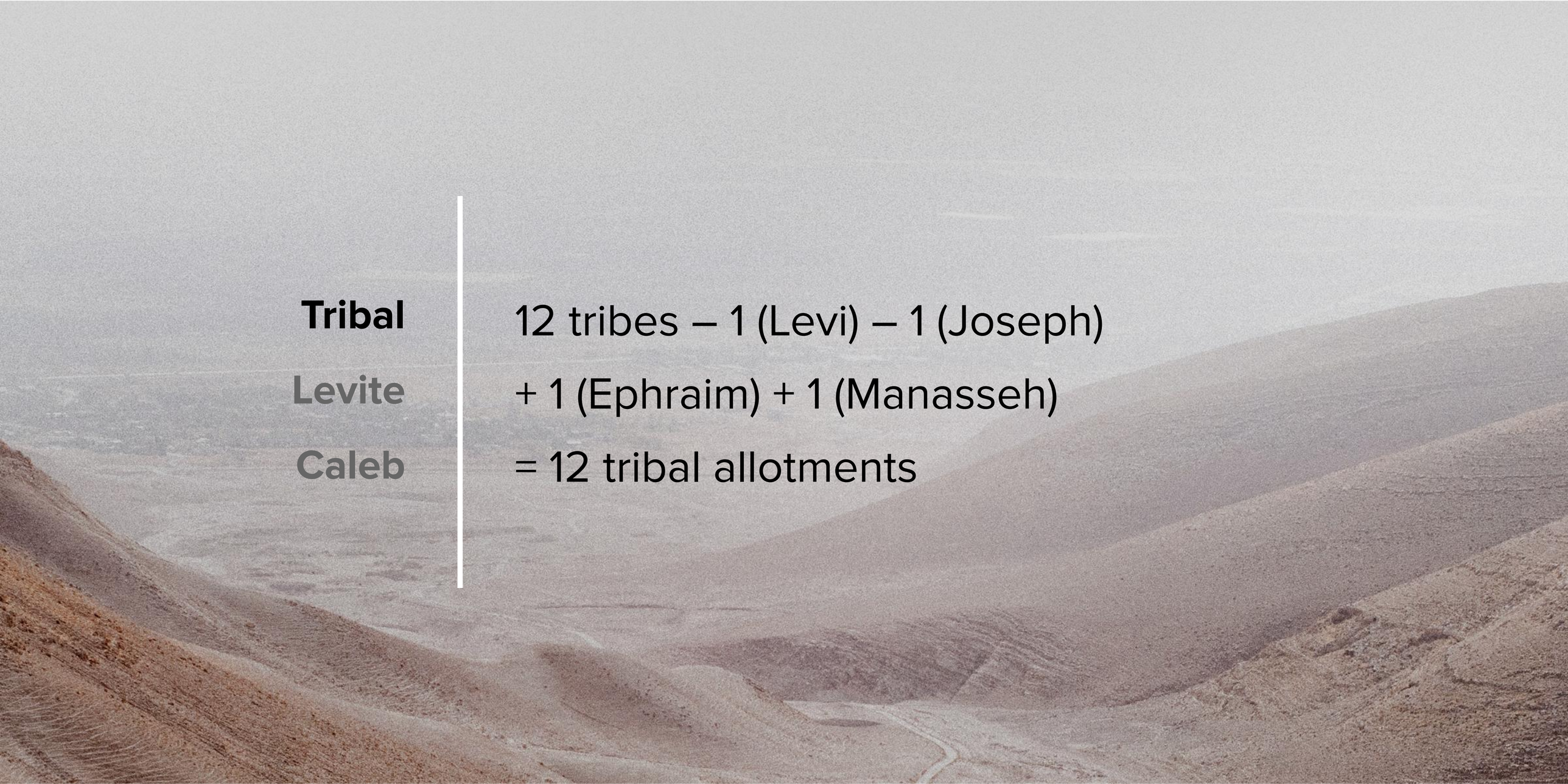
For the people of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. And no portion was given to the Levites in the land, but only cities to dwell in, with their pasturelands for their livestock and their substance. [5] The people of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses; they allotted the land.

Joshua 14:4-5 ESV



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12 tribes – 1 (Levi) – 1 (Joseph)

+ 1 (Ephraim) + 1 (Manasseh)

= 12 tribal allotments

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To the tribe of Levi alone Moses gave no inheritance. The offerings by fire to the LORD God of Israel are their inheritance, as he said to him. **Joshua 13:14** ESV

But to the tribe of Levi Moses gave no inheritance; the LORD God of Israel is their inheritance, just as he said to them. **Joshua 13:33** ESV

And no portion was given to the Levites in the land, but only cities to dwell in, with their pasturelands for their livestock and their substance. **Joshua 14:4b** ESV

Partial (Half-hearted) Obedience

But the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the people of Judah could not drive out, **Joshua 15:63a** ESV

Yet the people of Manasseh could not take possession of those cities, but the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in that land. **Joshua 17:12** ESV

So Joshua said to the people of Israel, “How long will you put off going in to take possession of the land, which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you?”
Joshua 18:3 ESV

Partial (Half-hearted) Obedience

And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. **Numbers 14:2a** ESV

"Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt." **Numbers 14:4b** ESV

And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them?" **Numbers 14:11** ESV

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"But my servant Caleb, because he has a **different spirit** and has **followed me fully**, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it."

Numbers 14:24 ESV

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SLAVE

SPY

SUFFERER

SOLDIER

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Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal.
And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said
to him, “You know **what the LORD said** to Moses
the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you
and me. 7 I was forty years old when Moses the
servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea
to spy out the land, and I brought him word again
as it was in my heart. 8 But my brothers who went
up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I
wholly followed the LORD my God.”

Joshua 14:6-8 ESV

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"And Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.' And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, **just as he said**, these forty-five years since the time that **the LORD spoke this word** to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old."

Joshua 14:9-10 ESV

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"I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. [12] So now give me this hill country of which **the LORD spoke on that day**, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out **just as the LORD said**."

Joshua 14:11-12 ESV

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“The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. [8] If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. [9] Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them.”

Numbers 14:7b-9 ESV

Half-Hearted	Wholehearted
Disbelief	Believes God’s promise
Fears man	Fears God
Forgets God’s works	Remembers God’s works
Tests God	Trusts God
Sees opposition	Sees opportunity
Grumbles	Grateful
Looks back	Looks forward

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