

Chapter 17

The half tribe of Manaffes (eldest sonne of Ioseph) receiue their lotte, 3. including the daughters of Salphaad: 14. with an enlargement of inheritance to the same tribes of Ephraim and Manaffes.

And this lotte fel to the tribe of Manaffes (for he is the first borne of Ioseph) to Machir the first borne of Manaffes the father of Galaad, who was a warlike man, and had for possession Galaad and Bafan: ² and to the rest of the children of Manaffes according to their families, to the children of Abiezer, and to the children of Helec, and to the children of Efriel, and to the children of Sechem, and to the children of Hopher, and to the children of Semida. These are the children of Manaffes the sonne of Ioseph, males by their kinredes. ³ But Salphaad the sonne of Hopher the sonne of Galaad the sonne of Machir the sonne of Manaffes had no sonnes, but onlie daughters: whose names be these, Maala, and Noa and Hegla and Melcha and Therfa. ⁴ And they came in the presence of Eleazar the priest, and of Iosue the sonne of Nun, and of the princes, saying: Our Lord commanded by the hand of Moyse, that a possession should be geuen vs in the middes of our brethren. And he gaue them according to the commandement of our Lord a possession in the middes of their fathers brethren. ⁵ And the cordes fel to Manaffes ten, beside the Land of Galaad and Bafan beyond Iordan. ⁶ For the daughters of Manaffes possessed inheritance in the middes of his sonnes. And the Land of Galaad fel to the lotte of the children of Manaffes that remayned. ⁷ And the border of Manaffes from Afer, was Machmathath which looketh to Sichern: and goeth out on the right hand beside the inhabitantes of the Fountaine of Taphua. ⁸ For in the lotte of Manaffes was fallen the Land of Taphua, ^a)which is beside the borders of

^a The land or territorie of Taphua fallig to the lotte of Manaffes, yet Taphua (that is the citie it felle) was the childrens of Ephraim.

Manaffes, the childrens of Ephraim. ⁹ And the border of the Reede valley went downe into the fouth of the torrent of the cities of Ephraim, which are in the middes of the cities of Manaffes: the border of Manaffes on the North of the torrent, and the iffue therof goeth to the fea: ¹⁰ fo that the poffeffion of Ephraim is on the South, and on the North of Manaffes, and the fea inclofeth both, and they be ioyned one to an other in the tribe of Afer on the North, and in the tribe of Iffachar on the Eaft. ¹¹ And the inheritance of Manaffes in Iffachar and in Afer was Bethfan and the villages therof, and Ieblaam with the villages therof, and the inhabitantes of Dor, with the townes therof, the inhabitantes alfo of Endor with the townes therof. And in like maner the inhabitantes of Thenac with the townes therof, and the inhabitantes of Mageddo with the townes therof, and the third part of the citie of Nopheth. ¹² Neither could the children of Manaffes ouerthrow the cities, but the Chananeite began to dwel in ^ahis Land. ¹³ But after that the children of Ifrael grew to be ftrong, they fubdewed the Chananeites, and made them their tributaries, neither did they kil them. ¹⁴ And the children of Iofeph fpake to Iofue, and faid: Why haft thou geuen me the poffeffion of one lotte and corde, wheras I am of fo great a multitude, and our Lord hath bleffed me? ¹⁵ To whom Iofue faid: If thou be a great people, goe vp into the wood, and cutte thee roome in the Land of the Pherezeite and Raphaims: becaufe the poffeffion of mount Ephraim is narrow for thee. ¹⁶ To whom the children of Iofeph anfwered: We can not goe vp to the mountaines, wheras the Chananeite that dwel in the champayne countrie, wherein are fituated Bethfan with the townes therof, and Iezrael poffeffing the middes of the valley, vfe yron chariottes. ¹⁷ And Iofue faid to the houle of Iofeph, of Ephraim and Manaffes: Thou art a great people, and of great ftrength, thou shalt not haue one lotte, ¹⁸ but thou shalt paffe to the mountaine, and shalt cutte and make glades for thee to inhabite: and

^a The Chananeite remained in the Land of Manaffes, for a time.

mayeft procede farder, when thou haft fubuerted the Chananeite, whom thou fayeft to haue yron chariotes, and to be very ftrong.