

## Chapter 18

*From the campe of Ifrael in Silo, furueyers are fent to diuide the reft of the Land into feuen partes, for the feuen tribes yet without portions. 10. VVhich being donne, Iofue cafteth lottes for them, 11. and the firft lotte falleth to Benjamin, 12. whose part is described by the limites, 21. with the names of the principal cities.*

**A**nd al the children of Ifrael were affembled in Silo, and there they pitched the tabernacle of the teftimony, and the Land was fubdewed to them. <sup>2</sup> But there remained feuen tribes of the children of Ifrael, which as yet had not receiued their poffeffions. <sup>3</sup> To whom Iofue faid: How long are you flack with cowardenes, and enter not to poffeffe the Land, which our Lord the God of your fathers hath geuen you? <sup>4</sup> Choofe of euerie tribe three men, that I may fend them, and they may goe and circuite the Land, and marke it out according to the number <sup>a)</sup>of euerie multitude: and report vnto me that which they haue marked out. <sup>5</sup> Diuide vnto you the Land into feuen partes: let Iudas be in his boundes on the fouth quarter, and the houle of Iofeph on the North. <sup>6</sup> The Land in the middes between thefe marke out into feuen partes: and you shal come hither to me, that <sup>b)</sup>before our Lord your God I may caft the lotte for you: <sup>7</sup> for the Leuites part is not among you, but the priefthood of our Lord is their inheritance. And Gad and Ruben, and the half tribe of Manaffes had now receiued their poffeffions beyond Iordan at the Eaft fide: which Moyfes the feruant of our Lord gaue them. <sup>8</sup> And when the men were ryfen vp, that they might goe to marke out the land, Iofue commanded them, faying: Circuite the

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<sup>a</sup> Not equal but proportionable partes were affigned, for fo it was commanded. *Num. 26. v. 54. To the greater number to geue a greater portion, and to the fewer a leffe.*

<sup>b</sup> After the portions were appointed by mens induftrie & difcretion, God confirmed the fame by lotte, to take away al occafion of difcontentment.

Land and marke it out, and returne to me: that here before our Lord, in Silo I may caſt the lotte for you. <sup>9</sup> They therefore went on: and going ouer it, diuided it into feuen partes, writing it in a volume. And they returned to Iofue into the campe in Silo. <sup>10</sup> Who did caſt lottes before our Lord in Silo, and diuided the Land to the children of Ifrael into feuen partes. <sup>11</sup> And firſt came vp the lotte of the children of Benjamin by their families, to poſſeſſe the Land between the children of Iudas and the children of Iofeph. <sup>12</sup> And their border was againſt the North from Iordan: going forward by the fide of Iericho on the north quarter, and thence Weſtward ryſing vp vnto the mountaines, and reaching to the wildernes of Bethauen, <sup>13</sup> & paſſing through by Luza to the South, the ſame is Bethel: and goeth downe into Ataroth addar vnto the mountaine, that is on the South of Bethhoron the lower. <sup>14</sup> And it bendeth compaſſing againſt the ſea, Southward of the mountaine that looketh to Bethhoron againſt the South: and the iſſues therof are into Cariath-baal, which is called alſo Cariathiarim, a citie of the children of Iudas. This is their coaſt againſt the ſea, toward the Weſt. <sup>15</sup> But on the South from part of Cariathiarim the border iſſueth forth againſt the ſea, and cometh to the fountaine of the waters of Nephtoa. <sup>16</sup> And it goeth downe into part of the mountaine that looketh toward the Valley of the children of Ennom: and is againſt the north quarter in the vttermoſt part of the Valley raphaim. And it goeth downe into Gehennom (that is, the valley of Ennom) by the fide of the Iebuſeite to the South: and cometh to the Fountaine of Rogel, <sup>17</sup> paſſing to the north, and going forth to Enfemes, that is to ſay, the fountaine of the funne: <sup>18</sup> and it paſſeth vnto the litle hilles, that are againſt the aſcent of Adommim: and goeth downe to Abenboen, that is, the ſtone of Boen the ſonne of Ruben: and it paſſeth on the north fide to the champaine countries: and goeth downe into the playne, <sup>19</sup> and paſſeth by againſt the North of Bethagla: and the iſſues therof are againſt the brincke of the moſt ſalt ſea on the North in the end of Iordan to the ſouth quarter: <sup>20</sup> which is the border therof on the Eaſt. This is the

possession of the children of Benjamin by their borders round about, and their families. <sup>21</sup> And their cities were, Iericho and Bethhagla and Vallis Cafis, <sup>22</sup> Beth Araba and Samaraim and Bethel, <sup>23</sup> and Auim and Aphara and Ophera, <sup>24</sup> Towne Emona and Ophni and Gabee: twelve cities, & their townes. <sup>25</sup> Gabaon and Rama and Beroth, <sup>26</sup> and Mefphe, and Caphara, and Amofa, <sup>27</sup> and Recem, Iarephel and Tharela, <sup>28</sup> and Sela, Eleph, and Iebus, which is Ierufalem, Gabaath and Cariath: fourteenne cities, and their townes. This is the possession of the children of Benjamin by their families.