

## Chapter 18

*From the campe of Ifrael in Silo, furueyers are sent to diuide the rest of the Land into feuen partes, for the feuen tribes yet without portions. 10. VVhich being donne, Iofue casteth lottes for them, 11. and the first 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 fubdedwed 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 houfe of Iofeph on the North. <sup>6</sup> The Land in the middes between these marke out into feuen partes: and you shal come hither to me, that <sup>b)</sup>before our Lord your God I may cast 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 firft came vp the lotte of the children of Benjamin by their families, to poffeffe the Land between the children of Iudas and the children of Iofeph. <sup>12</sup> And their border was againft the North from Iordan: going forward by the fide of Iericho on the north quarter, and thence Weftward ryfing vp vnto the mountaines, and reaching to the wildernes of Bethauen, <sup>13</sup> & paffing through by Luza to the South, the fame 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 compaffing againft the fea, Southward of the mountaine that looketh to Bethhoron againft the South: and the iffues therof are into Cariath-baal, which is called alfo Cariathiarim, a citie of the children of Iudas. This is their coaft againft the fea, toward the Weft. <sup>15</sup> But on the South from part of Cariathiarim the border iffueth forth againft the fea, 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 againft the north quarter in the vttermoft part of the Valley raphaim. And it goeth downe into Gehennom (that is, the valley of Ennom) by the fide of the Iebufeite to the South: and cometh to the Fountaine of Rogel, <sup>17</sup> paffing to the north, and going forth to Enfemes, that is to fay, the fountaine of the funne: <sup>18</sup> and it paffeth vnto the litle hilles, that are againft the afcent of Adommim: and goeth downe to Abenboen, that is, the ftone of Boen the fonne of Ruben: and it paffeth on the north fide to the champaine countries: and goeth downe into the playne, <sup>19</sup> and paffeth by againft the North of Bethagla: and the iffues therof are againft the brincke of the moft falt fea on the North in the end of Iordan to the fourth quarter: <sup>20</sup> which is the border therof on the Eaft. This is the

poffeffion of the children of Beniamin 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: twelue 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 poffeffion of the children of Beniamin by their families.