

Joshua 16

Verse 1 – 3

Then the lot for the sons of Joseph went from the Jordan at Jericho to the waters of Jericho on the east *into* the wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill country to Bethel. ² It went from Bethel to Luz, and continued to the border of the Archites at Ataroth. ³ Then it went down westward to the territory of the Japhletites, as far as the territory of lower Beth-horon even to Gezer, and it ended at the sea.

Then the lot for the sons of Joseph...

His two sons were Ephraim and Manasseh

See map 1605



The two sons of Joseph had been adopted by Jacob as his own.

By doing this Jacob gave the double portion to Joseph.

Verse 4 - 10

The sons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their inheritance. ⁵ Now *this* was the territory of the sons of Ephraim according to their families: the border of their inheritance eastward was Ataroth-addar, as far as upper Beth-horon. ⁶ Then the border went westward at Michmethath on the north, and the border turned eastward to Taanath-shiloh and continued *beyond* it to the east of Janoah. ⁷ Then it went down from Janoah to Ataroth and to Naarah, then reached Jericho and came out at the Jordan. ⁸ From Tappuah the border continued westward to the brook of Kanah, and it ended at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim according to their families, ⁹ *together* with the cities which were set apart for the sons of Ephraim in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. ¹⁰ But they did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so the Canaanites live in the midst of Ephraim to this day, and they became forced laborers.

The sons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their inheritance. ⁵ Now *this* was the territory of **the sons of Ephraim according to their families**

Ephraim's borders are outlined first even though Manasseh was the first born.

Ephraim became the leader of the 10 Northern tribes.

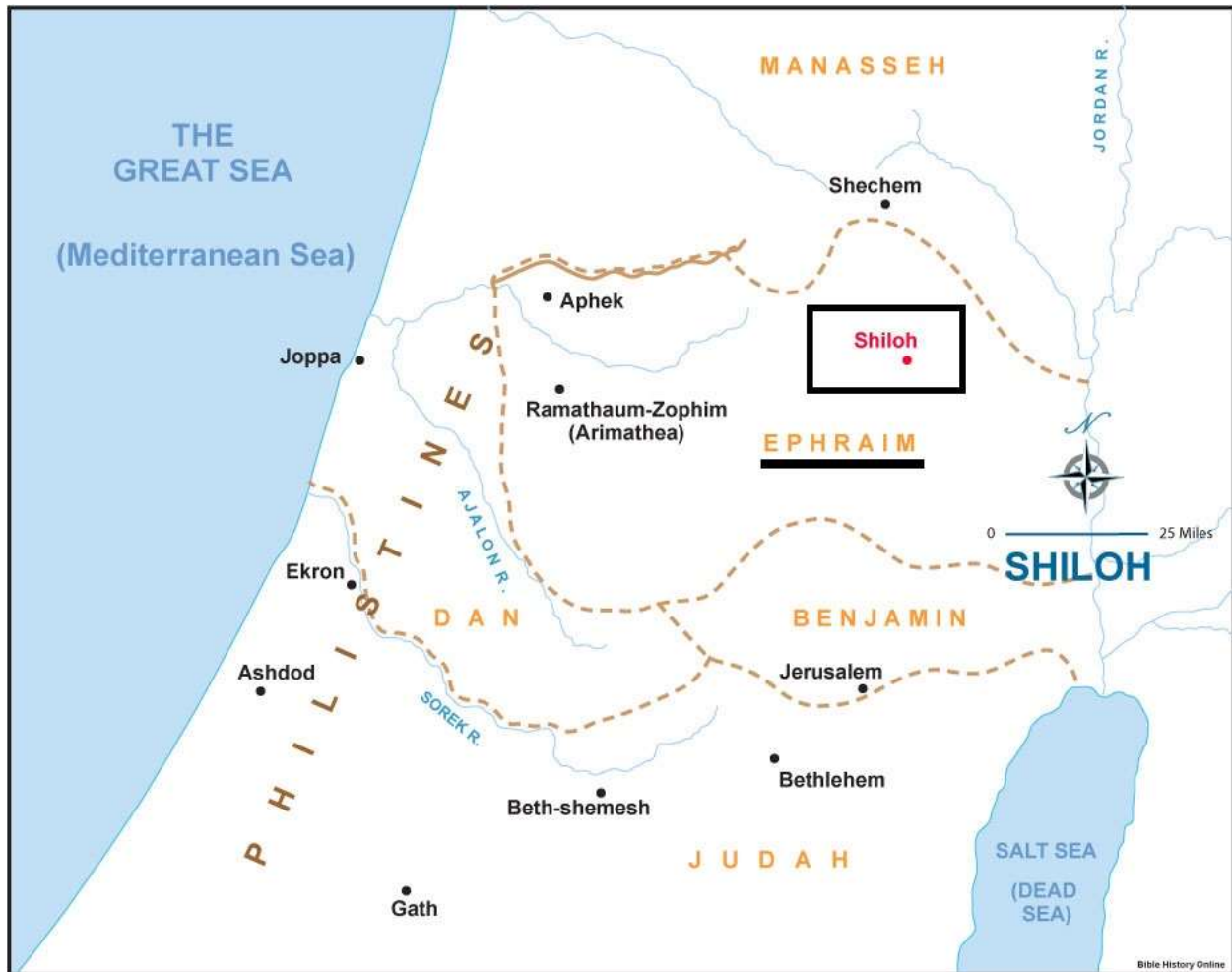
See Genesis 48:9-20

This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim according to their families, ⁹ *together* with the cities which were set apart for the sons of Ephraim in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Manasseh.

Manasseh was given a lot more land than Ephraim but Ephraim was given cities within the borders of Manasseh.

Ephraim was also blessed with the tabernacle being in Shiloh for over 300 years.

See pic 1610 & 1615



Pic 1615

Location of the Tabernacle after the Israelites crossed the Jordan River

Scripture	Place	Began	Ended	Years
Joshua 5:10	Gilgal	1406	1396	10
Joshua 18:1	Shiloh	1396	1070	326
Jeremiah 7:14	Shiloh destroyed	1070		
	Not sure	1070	1020	50
I Sam 21	Nob	1020	1000	20
I Chron. 16:39-40	Gibeon	1000	959	40
I Kings 8:3-4	Temple	959		

¹⁰ But they did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so the Canaanites live in the midst of Ephraim to this day, and they became forced laborers.

Ephraim was able to control the Canaanites (made them forced laborers) but for some reason were unwilling to put them to death. It seems cheap labor was more attractive to them than obeying what the Lord had commanded.