

Text: Judges 1:21-36

FAILURE OF MANY TRIBES TO CONQUER RESISTANT CITIES

Benjamin **Judges 1:21**

Geographical location: Just north of Judah

The children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; So the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin to this day. Judges 1:21

Sons of Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh)

Geographical location: North of Benjamin

1. Conquest of Bethel (Luz) **Judges 1:22-26**

They had help from a traitor of Bethel

2. This same traitor went to the land of the Hittite to build a city and called it Luz

3. Manasseh did not drive out

a) The inhabitants of Beth Shean **Judges 1:27a**

b) The inhabitants of Taanach **Judges 1:27b**

c) The inhabitants of Dor **Judges 1:27c**

d) The inhabitants of Ibleam **Judges 1:27d**

e) The inhabitants of Megiddo **Judges 1:27e**

Reason: Strong resistance

The Canaanite were determined to dwell in the land **Judges 1:27f**

Another reason: Change of plan by Israel

And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites under tribute, but did not completely drive them out **Judges 1:28**

4. Ephraim

Nor did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; so the Canaanites delt in Gezer among them. Judges 1:29

5. Zebulun

Geographical location: North-west of Manasseh

Nor did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron or the inhabitants of Nahalol; so the Canaanites dwelt among them, and were put under tribute Judges 1:30

6. Asher

Geographical location: North West of Zebulun

Nor did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Acco or of the inhabitants of Sido, or of Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, or Rehob. So the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out. Judges 1:31-32

7. Naphthali

Geographic al location: East of Asher

Nor did Naphthali drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh or the inhabitants of Beth Anath; but they dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land. Nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth

Shemesh and Beth Anath were put under tribute to them. **Judges 1:33**

8. Dan

Geographical locations:

- a) Half tribe of Dan was in the south... near Judah
- b) Half tribe of Dan was in the north... (all by itself)
- c) The text below describes Dan in the north

And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountains, for they would not allow them to come to the valley.

And the Amorite were determined to dwell in Mount Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim; yet when the strength of the house became greater, they were put under tribute.

Now the boundary of the Amorites was from the Ascent of Akrabim, from Sela and upward. **Judges 1:34-3**

BITTER AND SAD LESSONS

- 1. No seeking of guidance from God
- 2. Poor leadership
- 3. Foolish short-term goals (taking tribute from the Canaanites)
- 4. Poor co-ordination among the tribes