

- 3) When the land is conquered it is to be divided among the tribes, but there is a principle to be followed in dividing that land:
 - i) What is that principle?
 - ii) If a tribe has more people, they get more of the land. If a tribe has less people, they get less of the land. So they have to know how many. So the census is taken for that reason so when the land is divided by lot, the size of the piece of land in the particular place where the lot falls will be determined by how many people are in that particular province.

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ii. Chapter 27

- a. The daughters of Zelophehad are very concerned because their father is dead.
- b. They begin to think, "When we go into the promised land, our father, because he doesn't have any sons, is not going to have any inheritance and his name is going to disappear from Israel because the name of a person was associated with the land that he has."
- c. So they go to Moses and say, "Moses, we want you to give us our father's inheritance and what will happen is this. When our firstborn son comes along he will redeem the inheritance that would belong to our father which you are giving to us and he'll be legally adopted as our father's son so that our father's name will continue through him."
- d. Moses says, "Let me consult the Lord."
- e. The Lord says, "Those girls are exactly right. You give them the land that Zelophehad would have so that when that firstborn son comes along he can inherit that land and the name of Zelophehad can be continued in Israel through him."
- f. But then a problem arose and the problem we will see in Chapter 36.
 - 1) The heads of the families of Gilead said, "Moses, you've given these five girls the inheritance of their father. Now these girls aren't married. Now suppose they get married and they marry somebody from a different tribe. Now Moses we understood that once the land was given to us it would always remain the possession of that tribe. But if you give part of the land of Manasseh to these five girls and they marry people from other tribes, what is going to happen to that land? That land is going to go to other tribes."
 - 2) What solution did Moses give?
 - 3) He said, "You are only allowed to marry within the tribe because once the land is given to the tribe it is to stay there."
 - 4) So when these five daughters of Zelophehad get married they cannot marry people outside their tribe. They have to marry people within the tribe of Manasseh."