

# Sermon Outline

“REST ON EVERY SIDE ...” | Geoff Lin

Bible reading: Joshua 13:1-7 and Joshau 21:43-45

## 1. Introduction (13:1-7)

- “the kind of nation Israel was to be ...”

## 2. Allocation by Moses of the land east of the Jordan (13:8-33)

13:8-14 Overview  
13:15-23 Reuben  
13:24-28 Gad  
13:29-31 half of Manasseh  
13:32-33 Summary

- what about the inhabitants of the land? (v13)  
- the Levites were given no inheritance (v14, v33)

## 3. Allocation by Joshua of the land west of the Jordan (14:1-21:42)

14:1-50 overview  
14:6-15:63 Judah (inc. Caleb)  
16:1-17:18 Joseph (= Ephraim + half of Manasseh)  
18:1-10 The remaining 7 tribes  
18:11-28 Benjamin  
19:1-9 Simeon  
19:10-16 Zebulun  
19:17-23 Issachar  
19:24-31 Asher  
19:32-39 Naphtali  
19:40-48 Dan  
19:49-51 Special allocation for Joshua  
20:1-9 Cities of Refuge  
21:1-42 Towns for the Levites

- why Caleb and Joshua?  
- “who was Zelophehad and who were his daughters?”  
- what about the inhabitants of the land?  
- bickering between the tribes  
- cities of refuge (for accidental/unintentional death without malice afterthought)  
- towns for the Levites (?)

## 4. Conclusion (21:43-45)

Jos 21:43 So the LORD gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. 44 The LORD gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the LORD gave all their enemies into their hands. 45 Not one of all the LORD’s good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

Gen 12:6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

- not about cartography, but God’s character ...

## So what, for us (in the bigger and better story we belong to)?

### i. “rest” is a relief from burden (which only Jesus can bring)

Mt 11:28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

- Jesus heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath (Lk 13:10-17)

- Sunday family celebrations (inc. **Commitment Sunday** on 27 Oct 2024)

### ii. “rest” is forward-looking (the anticipation of so much more still to come)

Heb 4:8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. 9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; 10 for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. 11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Jos 1:8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Every Promise Fulfilled ...	
1:1-18	Who will lead us next?
2:1-24	It’s never too late ...
3:1-5:12	One story ends (and another begins)
5:13-7:26	Joshua fought the battle of Jericho (but what happened next?)
8:1-35	The problem of Holy War in the Old Testament
9:1-12:24	Thinking theologically about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
13:1-22:34	“Rest on every side”
23:1-24:33	“Every promise has been fulfilled”