

Parsha Paths: Pinchas: Who Will Inherit?

Census by Families

These are the names of the Israelites, Jacob and his descendants, who came to Egypt.

Jacob's first-born Reuben; Reuben's sons: Enoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. (Bereshit 46:8-9)

The descendants of the Israelites who came out of the land of Egypt were: Reuben, Israel's first-born. Descendants of Reuben: [Of] Enoch, the clan of the Enochites; of Pallu, the clan of the Palluites of Hezron, the clan of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the clan of the Carmites. Those are the clans of the Reubenites. The men enrolled came to 43,730 (Bamidbar 26:4-7)

Descendants of Manasseh: Of Machir, the clan of the Machirites.—Machir begot Gilead.—Of Gilead, the clan of the Gileadites. These were the descendants of Gilead: [Of] Iezer, the clan of the Iezerites; of Helek, the clan of the Helekites; [of] Asriel, the clan of the Asrielites; [of] Shechem, the clan of the Shechemites; [of] Shemida, the clan of the Shemidaites; [of] Hephher, the clan of the Hephherites (Bamidbar 26:29-32)

Shimon's Demographic Changes

The tribe of Simeon. Chieftain of the Simeonites: Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai. His troop, as enrolled: **59,300**. (Bamidbar 2:12-13)

Those are the clans of the Simeonites; [men enrolled:] **22,200** (Bamidbar 26:14)

Simeon and Levi are a pair;
Their weapons are tools of lawlessness. . . .
I will divide them in Jacob,
Scatter them in Israel. (Bereshit 49)

Goral and Kalpi

על-פי הגורל תחלק נחלתו בין רב למעט:

Each portion shall be assigned by lot, whether for larger or smaller groups. (Bamidbar 26:56)

And these are the allotments of the Israelites in the land of Canaan, that were apportioned to them by the priest Eleazar, by Joshua son of Nun, and by the family heads of the Israelite tribes, the portions that fell to them by lot, as GOD had commanded through Moses for the nine and a half tribes. (Joshua 14:1-2) Elazar was dressed with the Urim VeTummim, and Joshua and all the Jewish people were standing before him, and a kalpi containing the names of the tribes

and another kalpi containing the names of the boundaries were placed before him. (Bava Batra 122a)

וַיִּתֵּן אֶחָדָן עַל־שְׁנֵי הַשְּׁעִירִים גְּרָלוֹת גּוֹרֵל אֶחָד לַיהוָה וְגּוֹרֵל אֶחָד לַעֲזָאזֵל:
and he shall place lots upon the two goats, one marked for GOD and the other marked for Azazel. (VaYikra 16:8)

And they arranged two goats there, and there was a kalpi there, and in it were two lots. (Mishnah Yoma 3:9)

Daughters of Tzelophchad: Movers and Shakers

וַתִּקְרְבֵנָה בָּנוֹת צֶלְפָּחָד בְּנֵי־חֶפֶר בֶּן־גִּילָד בֶּן־מַכִּיר בֶּן־מְנַשֶּׁה לְמִשְׁפַּחַת מְנַשֶּׁה בֶּן־יוֹסֵף וְאֵלֶּה שְׁמוֹת
בְּנֹתָיו מַחֲלָה נֹחַ וְחֹגְלָה וּמִלְכָּה וְתִרְצָה:

The daughters of Tzelofchad, son of Chefer, son of Gilad, son of Makhir, son of Menashe, of the families of Menashe, son of Yosef, approached; and these are the names of his daughters: Makhlah, Noah and Choglah and Milkah and Tirtzah. (Bamidbar 27:1)

מחלה: מחול

נעה: לנוע

חגלה: לחוג

מלכה: ללכת

תרצה: לרוץ

The daughters of Zelophehad are wise, they are interpreters of verses, and they are righteous. (Bava Batra 119b)

How Many Portions?

And now assignments were made to the remaining Manassites, by their clans: the descendants of Abiezer, Helek, Asriel, Shechem, Hephher, and Shemida. Those were the male descendants of Manasseh son of Joseph, by their clans. (Yehoshua 17:2)

They appeared before the priest Eleazar, Joshua son of Nun, and the chieftains, saying: "GOD commanded Moses to grant us a portion among our male kinsmen." So, in accordance with GOD's instructions, they were granted a portion among their father's kinsmen. Ten districts fell to Manasseh, apart from the lands of Gilead and Bashan, which are across the Jordan. Manasseh's daughters inherited a portion in these together with his sons, while the land of Gilead was assigned to the rest of Manasseh's descendants. . (Yehoshua 17:4-6)

And Rav Pappa said to Abaye: In the verse quoted above, what portions is it counting? If the verse is counting children, there were many such portions, And if the verse is counting fathers' houses, there are only six, (Bava Batra 119a)

Can We Find Their Names?

But Joshua declared to the House of Joseph, to Ephraim and Manasseh, "You are indeed a numerous people, possessed of great strength; you shall not have one allotment only. The hill country shall be yours as well; true, it is forest land, but you will clear it and possess it to its farthest limits. And you shall also dispossess the Canaanites, even though they have iron chariots and even though they are strong (Yehoshua 17:17-18)

Ben-hesed in Arubboth—he governed Socho and all the Hopher area; (Kings I 4:10)

Tirtza: The City and the Stream

In the third year of King Asa of Judah, Baasha son of Ahijah became king in Tirzah over all Israel—for twenty-four years (Kings I 15:33)

In the thirty-first year of King Asa of Judah, Omri became king over Israel—for twelve years. He reigned in Tirzah six years. Then he bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver; he built [a town] on the hill and named the town that he built Samaria, after Shemer, the owner of the hill (Kings I 16:23-24)

You are beautiful, my darling, as Tirzah,
Comely as Jerusalem, (Shir haShirim 6:4)

Abel Mehola: Elisha's Town

Also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king of Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah to succeed you as prophet
He set out from there and came upon Elisha son of Shaphat as he was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah came over to him and threw his mantle over him.
He left the oxen and ran after Elijah, saying: "Let me kiss my father and mother good-by, and I will follow you." And he answered him, "Go back. What have I done to you?"
He turned back from him and took the yoke of oxen and slaughtered them; he boiled their meat with the gear of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah and became his attendant (Kings I 19)

Menachot

וְעִשְׂרִית הָאֵיפָה סֹלֶת לְמִנְחָה בְּלוּלָה בְּשֶׁמֶן כֶּתִיב רַב־יַעַת הָהוּן:

And as a grain offering, there shall be a tenth of an ephah of choice flour with a quarter of a hin of beaten oil mixed in— (Bamidbar 28:5)

In the course of time, Cain brought an offering מנחה to GOD from the fruit of the soil; (Bereshit 3:3)

After spending the night there, he selected from what was at hand these presents מנחה for his brother Esau” (Bereshit 32:14)

When a person presents an offering of meal מנחה to God: The offering shall be of choice flour; the offerer shall pour oil upon it, lay frankincense on it, (VaYikra 2:1)