

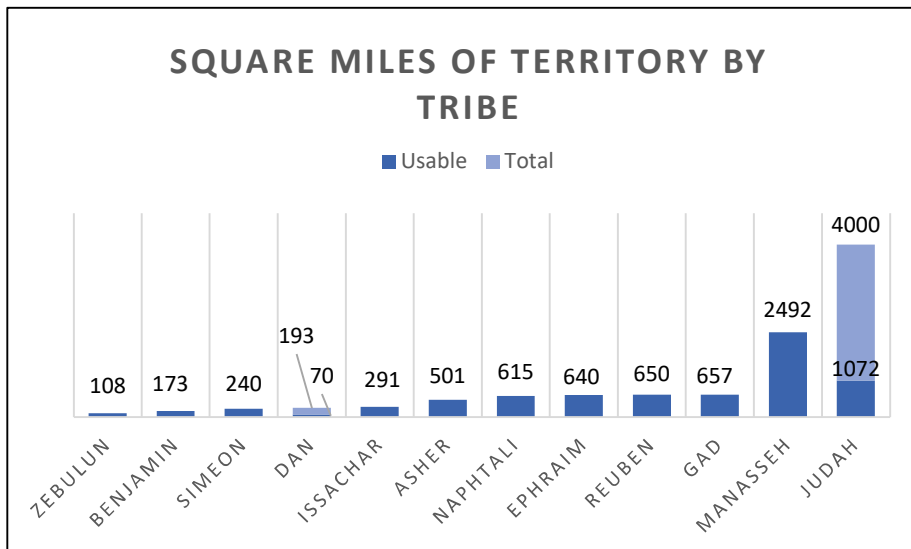
Joshua 18:11-28

Benjamin's Allotment

Joshua 18:11 Now the lot of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin came up according to their families, and the territory of their lot lay between the sons of Judah and the sons of Joseph.



▲ Tribal allotment of Benjamin; from map 4-13 of the *ESV Bible Atlas*.



▲ By comparison, Cass County, NE is 556 square miles, and Nebraska's largest, Cherry County, is 6,009 square miles.

Highlights from Benjamin's later history:

- The tribe was nearly _____ after the incident where the Levite's concubine was molested and killed in Gibeah (Judg 19-21).
- Israel's first king, _____, was from this tribe (1 Sam 9:1), and turned his home town of Gibeah into the capital during his reign.
- In Saul's day the _____ were so strong that they came up and took this plateau from the Israelites (1 Sam 13).
- This region became the contested _____ region between the later kingdoms of Israel and Judah, and they battled over it (e.g. 1 Kgs 15:22).
- A number of references indicate that it was generally considered to have been aligned with the southern kingdom of _____.
- The apostle _____ was from the tribe of Benjamin (Rom 11:1; Phil 3:5).

Points to Ponder

- The _____ of Benjamin's allotment is highlighted by the fact that it is given first, and it is described by both borders and city lists.
- It is obvious that the author of this book was quite familiar with the _____ of Israel; this is a very detailed and realistic account.