

Daughters Inherit

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Chapter 36 outlines the account of Zelophehad's daughters and the circumstances around inheritance. These impacted future possibilities. Note the considerations were circumspective. They were not one way they considered the immediate matters at hand at that moment but also what might occur in the future. No short-term fix but a protocol for guidance thereafter. There are other implications too – daughters' inheritance which can be overlooked. One such is that a Jew is one who is born of a Jewish woman not from a Jewish man. Actually, God indicated this in Genesis 3; the seed of the woman would triumph over the seed of the serpent. Though this does not mention inheritance directly it speaks of inference to that effect. See the record of Jesus's lineage in Matthew and Luke one is the lineage of Joseph the other that of Mariam or Mary as is often referred to. It is her lineage which traces back to Adam which was the son of God. However, what of the words /account in Numbers 36? In the chapter's circumstances God had promised the Israelites an inheritance in what is now called the land of Israel. Belief in the fulfilment of this was a motivation to the said Israelites. This promise was about to be physically realised. The land was before them. Inheritance was extant. Concerns also were looming. The daughters of Zelophehad had made a petition regarding inheritance for their father. He had heard the promise God made, God had included him. He believed and yet he had died in the journey to that promised land. In light of that fact would he be excluded from its realisation?

Consultation was made and God's judgement was the recourse why? Because he God had made the promise and declared it. Man, no matter who, could not adjudicate upon it, only God. God's answer was that the daughters could inherit! Problem solved? Wait! there

was another concern if they married what would happen to said inheritance. Again, a ruling was given.

They were to marry inside the tribe of their father's. This preserves the element of divine allocation. and maintains a given allocation to the tribe. This will always be determined by God appointment.

Interestingly enough, in the coming kingdom under Jesus the tribal allocation is considerably enlarged to include those deemed inclusive to each assigned area. As such those nations which came from Abraham can be amalgamated into differing tribes. On another level daughter's inheritance can include those who are true brethren in Christ. The female connection is via a religious one. Women being a scriptural representation of religious bodies. see revelation 12 for examples.