

Joshua 17:11-18

Manasseh

**Mal 3:16** "Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name."

That is our desire that in considering these names and their meanings we think upon HIS name and see The Lord Jesus Christ in every verse.

I. Vs. 11:

a. Manasseh:

i. Jones:

1. "Forgetting" or "forgetfulness"
2. From root "nashah" = "to forget", "to forget"
3. Gen. 41:51 "For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil"
4. He was firstborn of Joseph, but Jacob crossed his hands, putting his left hand on Manasseh and his right hand on Ephraim.

ii. Abarim:

1. "forgetting" or "evaporating"
2. Root "nasha" = "to forget"

iii. NOBSE:

1. "Making to forget"

iv. Davis:

1. "Making to forget"

b. Issachar(Is-sa-char):

i. Jones:

1. "He is wages" or "He brings wages"
2. Gen. 30:18 "And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar."
  - a. The infamous mandrakes incident.
  - b. Jacob's 5<sup>th</sup> son by Leah, his 9<sup>th</sup> son overall.

ii. Abarim:

1. "Man of hire" or "He is wages" or "There is recompense"
2. Root "ish" is "man" and "sakar" is "to hire".

iii. Strong's:

1. "He will bring a reward"
2. NOTE: S has the Hebrew here with a "Y" Yissaskar" Hebrew 3485.

c. Asher(Ash-er):

i. Jones:

1. "Happy" or "Fortunate"
2. Root "Asher" = "to go straight on" or "to be fortunate"

ii. Abarim:

1. "Happy"
2. Root "ashar" = "to go right(straight) on"
3. Asher the town is here in vs. 9 on the S border of Manasseh's territory with Ephraim.
4. The town may have been named for the Assyrian main god spelled various ways (ashur, ashur, asur, assur).

iii. M&S:

1. "Happiness"

- d. Bethshean(Beth-shē-an): About 4 miles W of the Jordan and 12 miles S of the Sea of Galilee.
- i. Jones:
    1. "House of Rest"
    2. Root "shaan: = "to rest" or "to be quiet"
    3. NOTE: Beth Shan is a contraction of Beth Shean with the same meaning "House of Rest". Beth Shan is where the Philistines nailed the bodies of King Saul and Jonathan to the walls of the city.
  - ii. Abarim:
    1. "House of Security" or "House of Perpetuity"
    2. A saying root "sha'an" is "to be undisturbed"
    3. In Joshua and Judges this city was in Manasseh. In Chron. (I Chron. 7:29) it belongs to Ephraim.
    4. A saying most scholars believe Beth Shean is the same place as Beth Shan.
    5. A notes the Verb (Sha'an) means "to be undisturbed" while the Adjective (Sha'anan) means unmoved in the sense of being "Perpetual, inattentive or complacent".
  - iii. M&S:
    1. "House of Security"
    2. M&S too say Beth Shan is an abridged version of Beth Shean.
- e. Ibleam(Ib-le-am): NOTE: Sometimes "Bileam" or "Yibhlean" maybe "Gath-rimmon" in Joshua 21:24?
- i. Jones:
    1. "Devouring the people"
    2. Root "bala"="to swallow" or "to devour" + "am"= "people"
  - ii. Abarim:
    1. "He destroys the people" or "the people Flow Forth"
    2. Root verb "bala"= "to swallow" + noun "am" = "People" or "kinsman"
    3. The name "Ibleam" is the name "Balaam" treated as a verb and made active: "he will Balaam".
  - iii. M&S:
    1. Nothing
  - iv. Strong's:
    1. "Devouring people"
  - v. Lloyd:
    1. "Devouring the people"
- f. Dor(Dor): On the Mediterranean
- i. Jones:
    1. "Habitation" or "circle"
    2. Root "dor" = "generation" or "dur" = "to dwell"
  - ii. Abarim:
    1. "Habitation"
    2. Root "dur" = "to dwell"
    3. The territory of Dor is assigned to the tribes of Issachar and Asher, but the town of Dor is assigned to Manasseh.
  - iii. M&S:
    1. "a dwelling"

- g. Endor(En-dor): En prefix = “fountain” or “Spring” OR “eye” (our eyes flow water). A thought – using “eye” regarding “witch of endor” it was her “seeing” extra-human things.
- i. Jones:
    1. “Fountain of Habitation”
    2. En + Dor
  - ii. Abarim:
    1. “Fountain of Habitation” or “Dwelling Place by the Fountain” or Where the Eye lingers”.
    2. Root “En” = “eye” or “fountain” (because our eyes “water”) + verb “dur” for dwell
    3. The territory of Endor belongs to either Issachar or Asher, but the town belongs to Manasseh.
    4. Close to its namesake “Dor” also on the river Kishon(“Tortuous” or “winding about”).
    5. The home of the witch of Endor.
  - iii. M&S:
    1. “Fountain of the age” ? (not sure why when M&S say “dor” means “dwelling”).
- h. Taanach(Tā-a-nach):
- i. Jones:
    1. “wandering through”
    2. Arabic root “anakh” = “to wander” ?
  - ii. Abarim:
    1. Unclear
    2. Not clear what language it comes from.
    3. Brown-Driver-Briggs thinks it is Egyptian?
  - iii. M&S:
    1. They say that Gesenius says it means “Sandy” while Furst says it means “fortified”.
- i. Megiddo(Me-gid-do):
- i. Jones:
    1. “Place of multitudes”
    2. Root “gadhah” = “a crowd in great numbers in one place”
  - ii. Abarim:
    1. “Invading” or “Place/Instrument of Exposure”
    2. Root verb “gadad” = “to cut”, “to invade”, “to expose”.
  - iii. NOBSE: (New Open Bible Study Edition)
    1. “Place of Troops”
  - iv. M&S:
    1. “Place of Troops” or “rich in ornaments” (i.e fruitful).
  - v. Easton:
    1. “Place of Troops”
  - vi. Hitchcock:
    1. “His Precious Fruit” or “declaring a message”
  - vii. Smith’s:
    1. “Place of Crowns”

II. Vs. 15:

a. Perizzites(Per-iz-zites):

i. Jones:

1. "Villagers"
2. Root "p'raziy" = "country", "unwalled villages"
3. They dwelt in the mountainous regions of Ephraim and Judah.

ii. Abarim:

1. Only speaks of Perez the twin son of Judah and Tamar, not the Canaanites.

iii. M&S:

1. No translation

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b. Jezreel(Jez-re-el): Also spelled Yizreel

i. Jones:

1. "He Will be Sown of God" (i.e have numerous progeny)
2. Root "Zara" = "to sow seed", "to plant", "to be made fruitful"

ii. Abarim:

1. "God Sows"

iii. BDB: (Brown-Driver-Briggs):

1. "God Soweth"

iv. M&S:

1. "Sown by God"