

**WALKING IN THE LAND OF THE BIBLE** (Paul E. Engle)  
**Session #3 - How to Divide the Land of Israel**

**INTRO.** Palestinian/Israel conflict' diving up territory

**I. THE EARLIEST DIVISION OF THE LAND WAS \_\_\_\_\_**

A. Joshua 13-21.[Cf. Atlas p.17 3.7]

B. The Levite priests were given how many cities? \_\_\_\_\_ -

C. Six towns were designated as \_\_\_\_\_

Josh. 21:43-44a "So the Lord gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. The Lord gave them rest on every side..

**II. NAMES FOR THIS LAND.** Exercise:Write down as many names for the land as you can recall: \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Land of \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Land of \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Land of \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Land of \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Land of \_\_\_\_\_ - cf. Deut 11:9
- f. The \_\_\_\_\_

\*In this course I'll more often refer to it as the Land of the Bible.

**III. THE DIVISION OF LAND INTO THE DIVIDED KINGDOMS OF \_\_\_\_\_.**

1. **Story of the uniting of the kingdoms:** (Atlas p.18 3-8)

2. **Story of the kingdom dividing:** Occurred in 930 BC (cf. 1 Kings 12:16-33; 2 Chron. 10:1-19) (Atlas p. 23)

- a. What was the northern kingdom now called? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What was the southern kingdom called? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. This was an era of false idol worship & growing influence of the prophets.
- d. During this period the \_\_\_\_\_ empires began to grow in influence. Eventually this led to the \_\_\_\_\_ capture of Israel (c.722BC) and the \_\_\_\_\_ captivity of Judah (c.586 BC).

**IV. THE LAND WAS DIVIDED INTO POLITICAL DISTRICTS DURING THE FIRST CENTURY MINISTRY OF CHRIST.** (ESV Atlas p. 45 bottom.)

1. **Idumea** -

2. **Judea** - More significant biblical history occurred here than any other district:

a. Judean Wilderness - What happened here? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Mountains of Judah (Highlands)

What events occurred here?

O. Palmer Robertson (p30). *“One Jewish fable supposes that at Creation, God divided between two large storks all the stones to be scattered over the surface of the earth. But the sack of one of the giant birds broke over Palestine, so that half the stones of the world tumbled onto the land of the Bible. Fields of grain and productive vineyards may be found in parts of the Judean territory.”*

c. **Who did the Romans use to administer this land?**

3. **Galilee** ( Atlas p. 50 8-4)

a. The name Galilee means \_\_\_\_\_. It's mentioned only 6X in the OT but \_\_\_\_\_ in the NT. It extends from Mediterranean Sea on the west to the Jordan Rift valley on the east.

b. **Galilee was divided into two major regions: upper and lower**

a. Upper Galilee: What's it like?

b. Lower Galilee - Description:

4. **Samaria**: (Atlas p.51 8-40) How did the Samaritan race come about?

Josephus, *Antiquities* 18:2 *“The Jews were celebrating the Feast of Unleavened Bread (which we call Passover). It was customary during that season for the priests to open the temple gates just after midnight. But on this occasion when the gates were first opened, some Samaritans came privately into Jerusalem and threw some human corpses into the temple cloisters. As a result the Jews then banned the Samaritans from the temple, even though they had not previously done this at such festivals.”*

**Look at how he reached out to the Samaritans:**

5. **Decapolis** (Atlas p.50 8-4)

**What occurred here?**

6. **Perea**: (Atlas p. 51 8.5) This was a Transjordan district ruled by \_\_\_\_\_.  
Today this area is in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHY BOTHER TAKING TIME TO STUDY THESE REGIONS?**