

## ~BOUNDARY MARK (76)

- When the Israelites occupied Canaan, a plot of land was given to each family, and such holdings were marked off by landmarks, or boundary marks. These are not described in the Bible, but they may have been posts, stones, or even furrows in the ground. The Hebrew word for boundary mark **Hebrew *gevul*** is the same as that for boundary and territory.
- So the **boundary** of the Canaanite came to be from Sidon as far as Gerar, near Gaza, as far as Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, near Lasha. (**Genesis 10:19**)
- As for the people, he removed them into cities from one end of the territory of Egypt to its other end. (**Genesis 47:21**)
- At least some **boundary** marks in Palestine bore inscriptions of identification. Elaborate inscriptions do appear on landmarks, or **boundary stones**, in Egypt and Mesopotamia. For example, an inscribed boundary stone of Nebuchadnezzar I was discovered at Nippur.
- Yehowah's Law prohibited the moving back of **boundary marks**.
- You must not move back the **boundary marks** of your fellowman, when the ancestors will have set the **boundaries** in your inheritance that you will inherit in the land that Yehowah your God is giving you to take possession of it. (**Deuteronomy 19:14**)
- Do not move back a **boundary** of long ago, which your forefathers have made. (**Proverbs 22:28**)
- In fact, cursed was the one moving back the **boundary mark** of his fellowman.
- Cursed is the one who moves back the **boundary mark** of his fellowman. And all the people must say; Amen! (**Deuteronomy 27:17**)
- Since landholders generally were dependent upon the produce of their plots of ground, moving back a **boundary mark** would mean

depriving another person of some of his means of sustenance. Doing this was equivalent to theft and was so viewed in ancient times.

- There are those who move back **boundary marks**, a drove they have snatched away, that they may shepherd it. (**Job 24:2**)
- But there were unscrupulous persons who were guilty of such abuses, and princes of Judah in Hosea's time were likened to those moving back a **boundary**.
- The princes of Judah have become just like those moving back a **boundary**. Upon them I shall pour out my fury just like water. (**Hosea 5:10**)
- Yehowah is considerate of the widowed and fatherless. Thus it is said that he will tear down the house of the self-exalted, but he will fix the **boundary** of the widow.
- The house of the self-exalted one's Yehowah will tear down, but he will fix the **boundary** of the widow. (**Proverbs 15:25**)
- Do not move back the **boundary** of long ago, and into the field of fatherless boys do not enter. (**Proverbs 23:10**)
- For their Redeemer is strong. He himself will plead their cause with you. (**Proverbs 23:11**)
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