

## ~GEBAL 1 (107)

(Ge'bal) [possibly, Territory, Border, Gebalites, Ge'bal-ites]

.. Were Conditional

- **Gebal**, a Phoenician city on the Mediterranean seacoast, is identified with modern Jebeil, about 28 kilometers (17 miles) North-Northeast of Beirut. Historians consider **Gebal**, the Byblos of the Greeks, to be one of the oldest cities of the Middle East.
- And the land of the **Gebalites** and all of Lebanon toward the rising of the sun, from Baal-gad at the base of Mount Hermon as far as to the entering in of Hamath. (**Joshua 13:5**) Footnote
- Yehowah included the land of the **Gebalites** among those regions yet to be taken by Israel in Joshua's day.
- Now Joshua was old, being advanced in years. So Yehowah said to him; You yourself have grown old and have advanced in years, and to a very great extent the land yet remains to be taken in possession. (**Joshua 13:1**)
- This is the land yet remaining. All the regions of the Philistines and all the Geshurites (**Joshua 13:2**)
- From the branch of the Nile that is in front of Egypt and up to the border of Ekron to the north, it used to be reckoned as belonging to the Canaanites, five axis lords of the Philistines, the Gazites and the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites and the Ekronites, and the Avvim. (**Joshua 13:3**)
- To the south all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah, which belongs to the Sidonians, as far as Aphek, as far as the border of the Amorites. (**Joshua 13:4**)
- And the land of the **Gebalites** and all of Lebanon toward the rising of the sun, from Baal-gad at the base of Mount Hermon as far as to the entering in of Hamath. (**Joshua 13:5**)
- Critics have picked on this as an inconsistency, since the city of **Gebal** was far North of Israel 100 kilometers, [60 miles], North of Dan and apparently never came under Israelite domination.

- Certain scholars have suggested that the Hebrew text may be damaged at this verse and consider that the account anciently read the land adjoining Lebanon, or as far as the border of the **Gebalites**. However, it should also be observed that Yehowah's promises in

- This is the land yet remaining. All the regions of the Philistines and all the Geshurites. (**Joshua 13:2**)
- From the branch of the Nile that is in front of Egypt and up to the border of Ekron to the north, it used to be reckoned as belonging to the Canaanites, five axis lords of the Philistines, the Gazites and the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites and the Ekronites, and the Avvim. (**Joshua 13:3**)
- To the south all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah, which belongs to the Sidonians, as far as Aphek, as far as the border of the Amorites. (**Joshua 13:4**)
- And the land of the **Gebalites** and all of Lebanon toward the rising of the sun, from Baal-gad at the base of Mount Hermon as far as to the entering in of Hamath. (**Joshua 13:5**)
- All the inhabitants of the mountainous region, from Lebanon to Misrephoth-maim, all the Sidonians; I myself shall dispossess them from before the sons of Israel. Only make it fall to Israel as an inheritance, just as I have commanded you. (**Joshua 13:6**)
- And now apportion this land as an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half tribe of Manasseh. (**Joshua 13:7**)

.. **Were Conditional.**

- Thus Israel may never have gained **Gebal** because of its own disobedience.
- But if you should turn back at all and you do cleave to what is left of these nations, these that remain with you, and you do form marriage alliances with them and go in among them, and they among you. (**Joshua 23:12**)
- You should positively know that Yehowah your God will not continue to dispossess these nations on your account, and they must become to you as a trap and as a snare and as a scourge on your flanks and as thorns in your eyes until you have perished off

this good ground that Yehowah your God has given you. (**Joshua 23:13**)

- **Gebalites** helped Solomon in the **11th Century B.C.E.** with the preparation of the materials for the temple construction.
- So Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the **Gebalites** did the cutting, and they kept preparing the timbers and the stones to build the house. (**1 Kings 5:18**)
- Yehowah lists the old men of **Gebal** among those who assisted in maintaining ancient Tyre's commercial might and glory.
- Even old men of **Gebal** and her skilled ones happened to be in you as caulkers for your seams. All the ships of the sea and their mariners themselves proved to be in you, in order to exchange articles of merchandise. (**Ezekiel 27:9**)