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* **ZELOPHEHAD’S DAUGHTERS**

**Numbers 27:1-11**

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**27**Then came the daughters of Zelophehad son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, from the families of Manasseh son of Joseph. The names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

**2**They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, and the leaders, and all the congregation at the door of the Tent of Meeting, saying,

**3**Our father died in the wilderness. He was not among those who assembled together against the Lord in the company of Korah, but died for his own sin [as did all those who rebelled at Kadesh], and he had no sons.

**4**Why should the name of our father be removed from his family because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father’s brethren.

**5**Moses brought their case before the Lord.

**6**And the Lord said to Moses,

**7**The daughters of Zelophehad are justified *and* speak correctly. You shall surely give them an inheritance among their father’s brethren, and you shall cause their father’s inheritance to pass to them.

**8**And say to the Israelites, If a man dies and has no son, you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter.

**9**If he has no daughter, you shall give his inheritance to his brethren.

**10**If he has no brethren, give his inheritance to his father’s brethren.

**11**And if his father has no brethren, then give his inheritance to his next of kin, and he shall possess it. It shall be to the Israelites a statute and ordinance, as the Lord commanded Moses.

**Joshua 17:3-4**

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**3**But Zelophehad son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons but only daughters; their names were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

**4**They came before Eleazar the priest and Joshua son of Nun and the leaders and said, The Lord commanded Moses to give us an inheritance with our brethren. So according to the Lord’s command, Joshua gave them an inheritance among their father’s brethren.

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