

## Lines and Ropes

In this area of study, I would like to establish the idea of the measuring system through out the whole Bible old and new testament, such measuring system was and still used in the Byzantine era.

Some translation of scripture, as we are going to study, use the word LINE, while the original text use the word Ropes, this is significant to differentiate between them.

Line is used mainly for spiritual borders, border lines, or to know my border lines, with God, family, and friends . Sometime we use the term “to know my limits”.

While the use of word “Rope” , means a tangible measuring system , we can imagine it as a tape measure of what we use today.

The Rope measure was a one length, we are not sure if it was a total of 10 feet as in the Roman’s system, or 6 feet as in the Byzantine system.

I want to establish the Rope system as it was used in that culture, because it is attached to other scripture, and it does help us to know if the measuring system was simply a tangible or figurative of speech.

I’ll be taking you through the scripture and the culture that has not change much.

Psalms 16:

The lines have fallen to me in pleasant [places]; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

The word in Aramaic and Arabic is Ropes, a measuring system was used that time, still used in some villages.

The word Lines translated in English, changes the manning in the Aramaic While the word Line means border. The word Rope is a measuring unit.

David starts his Psalm and went to verse five to introduce the idea of inheritance

Psalms 16:5

O LORD, [You are] the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot “the portion of my inheritance

Here David use the Spiritual meaning “portion” In verse 6 he explains. But in verse 6 , he introduce to an actual inheritance was given to him by the way of measuring the land to inherit.

Psalms 16:6

The lines “the measuring robe” have fallen to me in pleasant land; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

That means, I'm happy about such fair dividing the land, and receiving my part. The word "good", means, I like such inheritance.

The same word, Rope is used In 2 Samuel 8:2

Then he defeated Moab. Forcing them down to the ground, he measured them off with a line. With two lines he measured off those to be put to death, and with one full line those to be kept alive. So the Moabites became David's servants, [and] brought tribute.

Lines to divide borders is deferent from Rope to set such borders

Pleasant land, the fertile land of Israel, one of many names of the Land.

Israel, Palestine, The Land, the Holy City, Zion. The Pleasant Land.

Ho to inherit the eternal life:

Matthew 19:16

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good [fn] Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

Mark 10: 25

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Luke 18:18

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

David is saying, a land was measured for me to inherit, how pleasant to inherit in the pleasant land.

Robes are used and still in remote villages to measure and settle arguments of lands, irrigation system, borders.

David measuring his enemy, he measured them off with a line.

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Israel inheritance

He also drove out the nations before them, Allotted them an inheritance by survey, And made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents.

God measure us:  
Zachariah 2: 1-2

Then I raised my eyes and looked, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand. So I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what [is] its width and what [is] its length."

The enemy measure us:

And they blessed Rebekah and said to her: "Our sister, [may] you [become The mother of] thousands of ten thousands; And may your descendants possess The gates of those who hate them."

Lines for judgment:

Amos 7:17

"Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Your wife shall be a harlot in the city; Your sons and daughters shall fall by the sword; Your land shall be divided by [survey] line; You shall die in a defiled land; And Israel shall surely be led away captive From his own land.' "

Micah 2:5

Therefore you will have no one to determine boundaries [\[fn\]](#) by lot In the assembly of the LORD.

Spiritual Lines to divide:

Therefore you will have no one to determine boundaries "lines to measure" [\[fn\]](#) by lot In the assembly of the LORD.

My line inheritance now:

Mathew 19:29

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife <sup>[fn]</sup> or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

What is the measure line ?

Give and you shall be giving;

A saying in the Middle East:

My Father inflicted this on me and I did not inflict on others

The disciples asked Jesus about the blind man, who committed sin, him or his father. The idea of inheriting my parent result of their wrong doing.

What did you inherit:

Daniel chapter 5, an account of Belshazzar the king who inherited the vessels from his father Nebuchadnezzar and used it to drink wine. Then he was measured

While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple which [had been] in Jerusalem, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

verses 25-27

"And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, <sup>[fn]</sup> MENE, TEKEL, <sup>[fn]</sup> UPHARSIN. <sup>[fn]</sup>

"This [is] the interpretation of [each] word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it;

"TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting;  
Borders of the Nile in Egypt, before and after the flood

Type of measures in the Middle East

Cheating in measures

God measured the waters in His hands. Isaiah

The girl at marriage , is measured by making coffee, or serving a tea, filled to the brim without spilling a drop of tea

We measure things from thumb to small finger

Wife who hold her husband in her palm or bucket, is a controlling measure

We inherit:

Blessings, parent continue to speak blessings on their children daily

Father's debts

Father's enemies

Oldest son, inherit doubles, to take care of his siblings

A blessed or cursed house , building inhabited with demons

Disease

Why the Lord visits the sins of the fathers to fourth generation

Generation curse

My extended family and their affairs. A man or a woman get married to well know family, to cousins to keep inheritance

Friends of my father.

Wisdom of the fathers

Do I want to inherit what I did not labor for, or labor hard to own it

Link to measures in the old testament

<http://www.middletonbiblechurch.org/biblecus/biblec2.htm>