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Reuben and Gad in the Transjordan

32: 1-42



As Isra'el prepared to cross the Jordan River to take the Promised Land, the tribes of Rueben and Gad petition Moses for the Transjordan territory of the Amorites. Apparently, some of the tribe of Manasseh were also interested in those territories. They were pleased enough with the conquered kingdoms of Sihon (to see link click Dk - The Defeat of Sihon of Heshbon) and Og (see Dl - The Defeat of Og of Basham), and preferred to settle there. The rich grazing land of Bashan and Gilead was especially attractive for their flocks and herds. Some negotiations ensued whereby Moses required them to pledge to assist in the conquest of the Land. Having secured their word: Moses gave to them, to the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben, and to the half-tribe of Joseph's son Manasseh, the kingdom of Sihon, the king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og, the king of Bashan, the land with its cities with their territories, and the cities of the surrounding land (32:33).

A Reuben and Gad request land (32:1-15)

B The promise of Reuben and Gad (32:16-24)



C Gad and Reuben accept Moshe's revisions (32:25-27)

B Reuben and Gad repeat acceptance of Moshe's revisions (32:28-32)

A Moshe grants the land (32:33-42)