

## THIS SIDE OF JORDAN

Num 32:1-7

32 Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle;

2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying,

3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon,

4 Even the country which the Lord smote before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle:

5 Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan.

6 And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?

7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the Lord hath given them?

Num 32:17-23

17 But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance.

19 For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward.

20 And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the Lord to war,

21 And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the Lord, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him,

22 And the land be subdued before the Lord: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the Lord, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the Lord.

23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out.

Josh 1:12 And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying,

13 "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, 'The Lord your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.'

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But you shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valor, and help them,

15 until the Lord has given your brethren rest, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the Lord's servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise."

#### I. vs 5 **“DO NOT TAKE US OVER THE JORDAN”**

A. Two and a half tribes asked their spiritual leadership not to take them deeper:

1. Into the Promise Land

a. into the fullness of God’s promises

b. into the fullness of the will of God / Plan, Purpose, Destiny

2. The land where these two and a half tribes settled was not part Of the Canaan land God promised them.

a. These two and a half tribes came up with their own plan for their life.....other than God’s plan

- B. These three tribes based their decision on how deep they were  
 Going to go in the promises of God based upon their Cattle:
1. Num 32:1 “they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead,  
 that indeed the region was a place for livestock,”  
 4. “a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle”
    - a. They were moved by what their natural eyes had seen
    - b. and given over to the cares of this world: cattle
    - c. more concerned what fed their flesh, than what fed their  
 spirit man
    - d. How many Christians base their decisions upon their cattle /  
 stuff / instead of the promises of God
- C. two and a half tribes: Reuben, Gad & Manasseh did not want to  
 cross Jordan with their brethren:
1. **Def Jordan:** their descent
    - a. Crossing Jordan was a type and shadow of humbling yourself  
 and dying unto self
      - (a) and two and a half tribes said they were not interested  
 In taking that spiritual journey, where they had to die unto  
 self & care for others
  2. The Promise land had definite boundaries set by God:
    - a. The other side of Jordan where these two and a half tribes  
 wanted to stay did not have definite borders
      - (1) they wanted to be free to do their own thing / outside of  
 the will of God
    - b. Reuben, Manasseh & Gad are a type and shadow of  
 Christians who:
      - (1) are not only **border line Christians**
        - (a) who were brought out
        - (b) but not willing to be brought in
      - (2) we have been brought out of the kingdom of darkness &  
 into the Kingdom of God’s Son: Jesus Christ (Col 1:13)
        - (a) will we allow The Holy Spirit to bring us into the fullness  
 of God’s will?

- (2) but, also did not want any godly restraints & boundaries & disciplines placed upon their life
- 2. Could you imagine pasturing a church and almost one third of The congregation is telling their Pastor:
  - a. We do not want to go any deeper in the things of God
  - b. We do not want to enter into the fullness of God's will & promises & blessings & purpose
  - c. we are not interested in dying unto self & committing to that degree
  - d. we want to stay on this side of Jordan
    - (1) we are not interested in ministry
    - (2) we are not interested in the battles and needs of others
- D. The self centeredness of these two and a half tribes is revealed
  - 1. Num 32:6 "**Shall your brethren go to war while you sit Here?**
    - a. these tribes had the attitude of:
      - (1) as long as I got mine.....what do I care about my brethren
      - (2) I am blessed right here.....I do not need to do warfare Anymore.....I am not concerned about anyone else
    - 2. **It is just like having people in the church saying:**
      - a. I am blessed, prosperous.....why do I need to come and be a part of intercessory prayer & contribute in helping bring a break through anointing into the services
      - b. I have entered into my promise land / blessing:
        - (1) Why do I need to be involved with spiritual warfare and serving in ministry & help someone else enter into their destiny?
        - (2) I just came to get my blessing & do not care about any one nor any thing else
- E. This type of attitude causes two negative things to manifest:
  - 1. Num 32:7 Now why will you **discourage** the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the Lord has given them?

- a. These two and a half tribes never took into count that their brethren helped them fight to get them where they were:
  - (1) they forgot who was standing by their side in the midst  
Of the battles they fought
- 2. Moses said this type of attitude will discourage your brethren:
  - a. **Def Discourage:** refuse, forbid, neutralize:  
break, disallow, discourage, make of none effect.
- 3. I want you to know that it is discouraging to hear someone Boast of their blessing.....  
It is discouraging to see someone walk into their destiny / promise land:
  - a. **When they are not willing to take the time to:**
    - (1) teach you how they did it
    - (2) or fight with you in the trenches of spiritual warfare until  
Your victory manifest
  - b. I get tired of watching preachers on TV brag about all the expensive cars they have sitting in their garage
    - (1) bragging about their new airplane.....they received through everyone else helping them fight
    - (2) and not willing to take the time to show you how to get what God has promised you
  - c. It is one thing for the saints to testify in church of their blessing
    - (1) But if you are not willing to help: teach, train, pray for your brethren to get their blessing
      - (a) Moses says it discourages the heart of the children of God

F. The secondly we discover that that Moses calls this self centeredness, this “Me first attitude: **SIN**  
Num 32:19-23  
19 For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on

this eastern side of the Jordan."

20 Then Moses said to them: "If you do this thing, if you arm yourselves before the Lord for the war,

21 and all your armed men cross over the Jordan before the Lord until He has driven out His enemies from before Him,

22 and the land is subdued before the Lord, then afterward you may return and be blameless before the Lord and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the Lord.

23 But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the Lord; and **be sure your sin will find you out.**

1. In vs 19 Moses tells these two and a half tribes: Ok, you got Your inheritance / you have your blessing
  - a. vs 20 now arm yourselves
  - b. vs 21 now humble yourselves and cross over Jordan with your brethren you have not yet arrived
    - (1) fight with your brethren you have not yet arrived in their inheritance
    - (2) help your brethren get their victory
  - c. vs 22 after your brethren have received their inheritance then return to your land of blessing & be blameless before The Lord
2. But: Moses also goes onto say: that if you do not do this:
  - a. vs 23 **"be sure your sin will find you out"**
3. What is God saying, by putting such a verse in the bible:
  - a. answer:
    - (1) It is a sin to be blessed & prosperous & know how to handle money
      - (a) and not take the time to teach & train someone who is Struggling financially
    - (2) it is a sin to have a strong and healthy marriage, and
      - (a) not be willing to pour your life into a couple who is struggling with their marriage
    - (3) it is a sin to walked around healed by the power of God
      - (a) and not take time to minister to the sick

(4) it is a sin to be living in victory:

(a) and not take time to minister to those who live in defeat

(1) Gal 6:1 puts it this way:

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

2 **Bear one another's burdens**, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

(5) it is a sin to have: spiritual gifts, anointing: and not serve others

II. Lets take a closer look at these two and a half tribes, and see what made them so self centered & insensitive to their brethren: and did not want their leadership taking them into the fullness of the promise land:

A. **Reuben: Def** / see ye, sight, satisfaction

1. Reuben was one who was constantly moved by what he presently seen in the natural world:

a. When Reuben seen the edges of the promise land.....that was enough for him

(1) type of the believer: saved, but goes no deeper in their walk with God

b. His was so moved by what he saw, that it never entered his mind....that the deeper we go into the promise land....the more God will have in store for us

2. Reuben was so moved by what he seen with his natural eyes That His father spoke this about him:

a. Gen 49:3 "Reuben, you are my firstborn, My might and the beginning of my strength, The Excellency of dignity and the Excellency of power.

4 **Unstable as water, you shall not excel,**

Because you went up to your father's bed; Then you defiled it — He went up to my couch.

(1) Reuben the Oldest son of Jacob **UNSTABLE AS WATER:**

- (a) Water has not form of it's own
- (b) it will take on the form of what ever it is poured into
- © That was Reuben: lacked back bone
- (d) he would take on the form of what ever was going on around him / yield to pressure & temptation

2. Reuben is **noted for his immorality:**

- a. Gen 35:22 And it happened, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard about it. Jacob's Twelve Sons  
Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:
  - a. People who pick up this spirit of Reuben struggle with immorality in their life
  - b. They will be a covenant child: but living on the edge
  - c. have promises & prophecies spoken over their life
  - d. but immorality plagues them (or some form of sin dominates their life
  - e. They will walk in victory for a short season, but due to their being unstable, they become conformed to the temptations around them
- (1) instead of being conformed into the image of Jesus  
( Rom 8:29)

3. **Def Unstable:** lust

note: Lust of the flesh is not limited to sexual temptations

- a. Gal 5:16 But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).  
17 For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do.

- (1) Note the unstableness of the Reubenite spirit / a people given over to the lust of the flesh:
  - (a) vs 17 “so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do”
    - (1) due to being unstable & self centered: they experience a Constant struggle between their flesh & their spirit man
    - (2) this unstableness / lust / self centered: will always cause them to never press into the fullness of what God has promised for their life
    - (3) they have a tendency to settle for what flesh desires Compromise with what the world offers in place of the will of God.....never entering into the fullness of their promise land / destiny

B. **Manasseh: Def** causing to forget / forgetfulness

- 1. Gen 41:51 Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh:
  - a. “For God has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house.”
    - (1) This is a healthy form of Forgetfulness and avoids: offense, bitterness, unforgiveness
- 2. The Manasseh spirit represents a people who forget their promises of God
  - a. Manasseh forgot that it was the other side of Jordan / Canaan land that God had promised them
    - (1) Ps 103:2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:
      - (a) Don’t just settle for what the world offers / God has more
- 3. The Manasseh spirit represent believers who are **biblically illiterate**
  - a. Manasseh did not go to the writings of Moses (which became part of the Old Testament scriptures) that defined the boundaries of Canaan Land. Manasseh failed to go to The Word
  - b. Type of Believers with **no biblical foundation of Christian Doctrine** in their life:

- (1) Bible doctrines like: holiness, baptism of the Holy Spirit, Faith.....just to name a few
  - (a) are absent from their life.....so they never pursue the fullness of God's will for their life
- b. Believer's who pick up the Manasseh spirit are very shallow in their bible knowledge and forget to disregard the prophecies spoken over their life:
  - (1) which will cause believers to settle on the wrong side Of Jordan / short of God's best
    - (a) Heb 4:1 herefore, since a promise remains of entering His lest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have **come short of it.**
- 4. Instead of forgetting God's promises we are to:
  - Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
  - a. Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
    - (1) when we renew our mind with the word of God, you will Be able to prove God's will for your life:
    - (2) and not settle on "this side of Jordan"....short of the fullness of what God has in store for your life

**C. Gad Def:** troop, soldier

- 1. Gad's settling in on the other side of Jordan caused their location to never be secured and constantly fall under attack of the Moabites
  - a. This is what also happens to believers who pick up the Gad spirit, and never enter into the fullness of God's will
    - (1) their unwillingness to press deeper into their destiny Causes them to experience constant harassment from the powers of darkness / under constant demonic attack

2. Gilead was one of the cities of the tribe of Gad, which was lost to Syria in battle
  - (1) The tribe of Gad could not stand against the attack of their enemies because of giving themselves over to idol worship
    - (a) Gad worshipped a Semitic god of fortune / or prosperity
    - (b) remember when they made their decision to stay on this side of Jordan instead of pressing into the fullness of the promise land
      - (1) they based their decision upon their cattle, and how green the land was according to: Putting the prosperity of this world ahead of God's will for their life
      - (2) they had no balance with the prosperity message
        - (a) Num 32:4 the country which the LORD defeated before the congregation of Israel, is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock
3. Living on the other side of Jordan and being so focused On prosperity, that God eventually **lost the anointing of God** that once rested upon their life:
  - a. The Prophet Jeremiah cries out in regards to the tribe of Gad: Jer 8:22 Is there **no balm** in Gilead, Is there no Physician there? Why then is there no recovery For the health of the daughter of my people?
4. Their self centeredness caused them to be caught up in bickering & **failing to walk in unity** with the other tribes of Israel:
  - a. You can find examples of this in scripture: such as when Gad & Ephraim had great conflict
  - b. Once again you can see this same characteristic in some believers who pick up this Gad type of spirit
    - (1) unable to walk in unity of The Holy Spirit
      - (a) Eph 4:3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
      - (2) unable to tap into the anointing & blessing of unity
        - (a) Ps 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For

brethren to dwell together in unity!

3 it is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing — Life forevermore.

c. This is what Jesus said about people who cannot walk in unity:

(1) Luke 11:17 "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.

(a) Just as Gad could not stand against it's enemies

(b) believers who do not learn to flow in the spirit of Unity find them self defenseless against the attacks of The power of darkness

d. But if we are willing to walk in unity we magnify, multiply our abilities to withstand & overcome the attacks of the powers of darkness:

(1) Lev 26:7 You will chase your enemies, and they shall fall by the sword before you.

8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall by the sword before you.

III. Where are you at today in pursuing your Promise Land, God's Plan, will and destiny for your life?

A. Have you settled in on the wrong side of Jordan?

1. and become a Border Line Christian

B. Or have you determined to **enter into the fullness** of God's Promises?

1. Mark 12:30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

C. Have you determined to walk in unity and be a contributor to The corporate anointing of your local church:

1. By being willing to press into the fullness of the vision God

Has given your Pastor

2. Being willing to minister to & go into spiritual warfare with Your brother and sisters in Christ who have not yet walked Into their inheritance

D. Heb 7:12 “For the priesthood has changed.....vs 14 Our Lord Sprang out of Judah”

Rev 5:5 Behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah, The Root of David has prevailed..”

1. We need not take on the spiritual characteristics of Reuben, Manasseh & Gad
  - a. Rather we can partake of the heritage of the tribe of Judah From which Jesus came forth
    - (1) And do Jesus as Jesus did: “**not My will, but thine, be done**”
    - (2) Obeying our heavenly Father....following the Holy Spirit
    - (3) and not settling on this side of Jordan