

NUMBERS 32-36 FINAL PREPARATIONS

Chapter 32 2 1/2 Tribes Settle East Of The Jordan

Summary: The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and 1/2 of Manasseh decide to remain on the eastern side of the Jordan, because the land is subdued, ready for occupation, and good for pasturing. They will cross over with the rest of Israel and help establish them in their homes. The land seems suitable, but they will be more exposed to enemies on the eastern side.

Lesson: *What looks the best may not be the best. [Remember Lot?]*

Chapter 33 Moses Gives A Review And Preview

Summary: Moses reviews for the younger generation the itinerary of Israel's exodus from Egypt to Canaan (1-49). In his final address, Moses instructs them to drive out the Canaanites, destroy their pagan worship, and possess the land (50-56). Failure to remove the Canaanites will cause continuous trouble, and will result in Israel's expulsion from Canaan.

Lesson: *Destroy sin before it destroys you.*

Chapter 34 God Gives Canaan's Boundaries

Summary: God gives* Canaan's boundaries (1-15) and names those who will draw them (16-29). **Lesson:** *As God establishes Canaan's boundaries, so He establishes ours (Acts 17:26). We must learn to operate within them.*

Chapter 35 God Appoints Special Cities

Summary: God provides for the Levites 48 cities and land (1-8), 6 of which are for refuge for those who commit murder accidentally (9-34).

Lesson: *Jesus is our provision and our refuge.*

Chapter 36 God Regulates Marriage For Female Heirs

Summary: Zelophehad's daughters (and other female heirs) must marry within their own tribe, to keep their property from passing to another tribe.

Lesson: *Be yoked with believers, lest you lose God's blessings.*

**God, not Moses, gives all directions for Israel (36:13). We, like Moses, are God's order-takers. Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me" (Jn. 4:34). May God, not we, direct our paths (Prov. 3:5-6).*