

# Deuteronomy 3:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And this land, which we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

## Analysis

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Moses' distribution of the conquered land 'at that time' shows prompt fulfillment of God's promises. Giving territory 'unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites' honored these tribes' request (Numbers 32) while ensuring they fulfilled military obligations. The specific boundaries 'from Aroer... by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead' provide clear property lines. Just land distribution reflects God's order and fairness.

## Historical Context

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Reuben and Gad, along with half of Manasseh, chose to settle east of Jordan due to the region's suitability for their extensive livestock. This distribution occurred before crossing Jordan, with the condition that these tribes would help conquer western Canaan first (Joshua 1:12-18).

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How do you balance personal preferences with community obligations in God's kingdom?
2. What blessings has God given you that come with responsibilities to help others?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֵת H853	הָאָרֶץ H776	הַזֹּאת H2063	יָרְשָׁנוּ H3423	בְּעֵת H6256	וְהָיָה H1931
	And this land		which we possessed	at that time	
מִמְעֵרָה H6177	אֲשֶׁר H834	עַל H5921	בְּחַל H5158	אֶרְנוֹן H769	וְחֶמֶץ H2677
from Aroer			which is by the river	Arnon	and half
					mount H2022
הַגִּלְעָד H1568	וְעָרָיו H5892	בָּתָּהּ H5414	לְרֵאשִׁיטֵי H7206	וְלַגָּדִי H1425	
Gilead	and the cities	thereof gave	I unto the Reubenites	and to the Gadites	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 2:36** (Parallel theme): From Aroer, which is by the brink of the river of Arnon, and from the city that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God delivered all unto us: