

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

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

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

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

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

בָּהּ וְאַתָּה בָּאָרֶץ אֲתָּה בָּזְבֻּן בְּזָמָן בְּעֵת תְּ

H853 And this land H2063 which we possessed at that time H1931

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H6256

בְּרֵרֶת תִּחְצֵץ אֶרְן וְמַעֲרֵעֶר רֶ

from Aroer H834 which is by the river Arnon and half mount

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H769

H2677

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לְגִלְעָד לְרָאוּבָנִים לְעֵבָנִים נָתָת תִּי וְעַבְנִים

Gilead and the cities thereof gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites

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H5414

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Additional Cross-References

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: