

# Numbers 32:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kirjathaim,

## Analysis

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**Verse 37 continues the geographical details of tribal settlements**—These verses enumerate specific cities and territories assigned to Gad, Reuben, and Manasseh in Transjordan. The detailed place names (many now archaeologically identified) demonstrate historical reliability of biblical records and emphasize that spiritual inheritance has concrete, real-world manifestation.

The extensive geographical detail teaches that God's covenant faithfulness operates in space-time history, not mythological abstraction. Christianity is fundamentally historical religion—God acts in real places at real times among real people. Luka's Gospel emphasizes this: 'In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar... the word of God came to John' (Luke 3:1-2)—biblical faith is anchored in datable, locatable historical events.

## Historical Context

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These Transjordan cities became important in later Israelite history—some served as Levitical cities, others as refuge cities. Ramoth-gilead (v.{v}) became significant battleground where King Ahab died (1 Kings 22). Archaeological excavations at sites like Heshbon, Dibon, and others confirm occupation during this period, validating biblical historical claims.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does Scripture's detailed geographical precision demonstrate that biblical faith is historical and verifiable, not mythological or abstract?
2. What does the real-world, place-specific nature of biblical narrative teach about God's involvement in actual history rather than mere spiritual ideas?
3. How can you cultivate confidence in Christianity as historical religion based on events that actually occurred in space and time?

## Interlinear Text

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וְבָנֵי י	רְאוּבֵן	בָּנָו	אֶת	חֶשְׁבֹן	וְאֶת	אֶלְעָלָה	וְאֶת
<b>And the children</b>	<b>of Reuben</b>	<b>built</b>	H853	<b>Heshbon</b>	H853	<b>and Elealeh</b>	H853
H1121	H7205	H1129		H2809		H500	

  

קִרְיַתְחַיִּים:
<b>and Kirjathaim</b>
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 21:27** (Parallel theme): Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say, Come into Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and prepared:

**Numbers 32:3** (Parallel theme): Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon,