

Portion: Matot-Massei (Tribes-Journeys)
Bemidbar (Numbers 32:1-33)

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1 And the children of Re'ubēn and the children of Gaḏ had much livestock, a large number. And they saw the land of Ya'zēr and the land of Gil'ad and saw that the place was a place for livestock.

2 So the children of Gaḏ and the children of Re'ubēn came and spoke to Mosheh, and to El'azar the priest, and to the leaders of the congregation, saying,

3 "Ataroth, and Dibon, and Ya'zēr, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and El'alēh, and Sebam, and Nebo, and Be'on,

4 "the land which יהוה had stricken before the congregation of Yisra'ēl, is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock.

5 And they said, "If we have found favour in your eyes, let this land be given to your servants as a possession, and do not let us pass over the Yardēn."

6 And Mosheh said to the children of Gaḏ and to the children of Re'ubēn, "Are your brothers to go into the battle while you yourselves sit here?"

7 "Now why do you discourage the heart of the children of Yisra'ēl from passing over into the land which יהוה has given them?"

8 "Thus your fathers did when I sent them away from Qadēsh Barnēa to see the land.

9 "For when they went up to the wadi Eshkol and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Yisra'ēl, so that they did not go into the land which יהוה had given them.

10 Then the displeasure of יהוה burned on that day, and He swore an oath, saying,"

11 Not one of the men who came up from Mitsrayim, from twenty years old and above, is to see the land of which I swore to Abrahām, Yitshaq, and Ya'aqob, because they did not follow Me completely,

12 except Kalēb son of Yephunneh, the Qenizzite, and Yehoshua son of Nun, for they have followed יהוה completely.'

13 "So the displeasure of יהוה burned against Yisra'ēl, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the eyes of יהוה was destroyed.

14 "And see, you have risen in your father's place, an increase of men, sinners, to add still more the burning displeasure of יהוה against Yisra'ēl.

15 For if you turn away from following Him, He shall once again leave them in the wilderness, and you shall destroy all these people.

16 Then they came near to him and said, "Let us build sheep-enclosures here for our livestock, and cities for our little ones,

17 but let us ourselves be armed, hastening before the children of Yisra'ēl until we have brought them to their place. And our little ones shall dwell in the walled cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 "We shall not return to our homes until every one of the children of Yisra'el has received his inheritance.

19 "For we shall not inherit with them on the other side of the Yardēn and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this eastern side of the Yardēn."

20 And Mosheh said to them, "If you make this promise: if you arm yourselves before יהוה for battle,

21 and all your armed ones pass over the Yardēn before יהוה until He has driven out His enemies from before Him,

22 and the land has been subdued before יהוה, then afterward you shall return, and be guiltless before יהוה and before Yisra'el. And this land shall be your possession before יהוה.

23 "But if you do not do so, then see, you shall sin against יהוה, and know: your sin is going to find you out.

24 "Build cities for your little ones and enclosures for your sheep, and do what you have promised."

25 And the children of Gad and the children of Re'ubēn spoke to Mosheh, saying, "Your servants are going to do as my master commands.

26 "Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our livestock are going to be there in the cities of Gil'ad,

27 "but your servants are passing over, every armed one of the army, before יהוה, to battle, as my master says.

28 And Mosheh gave command concerning them to El'azar the priest, to Yehoshua son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Yisra'el.

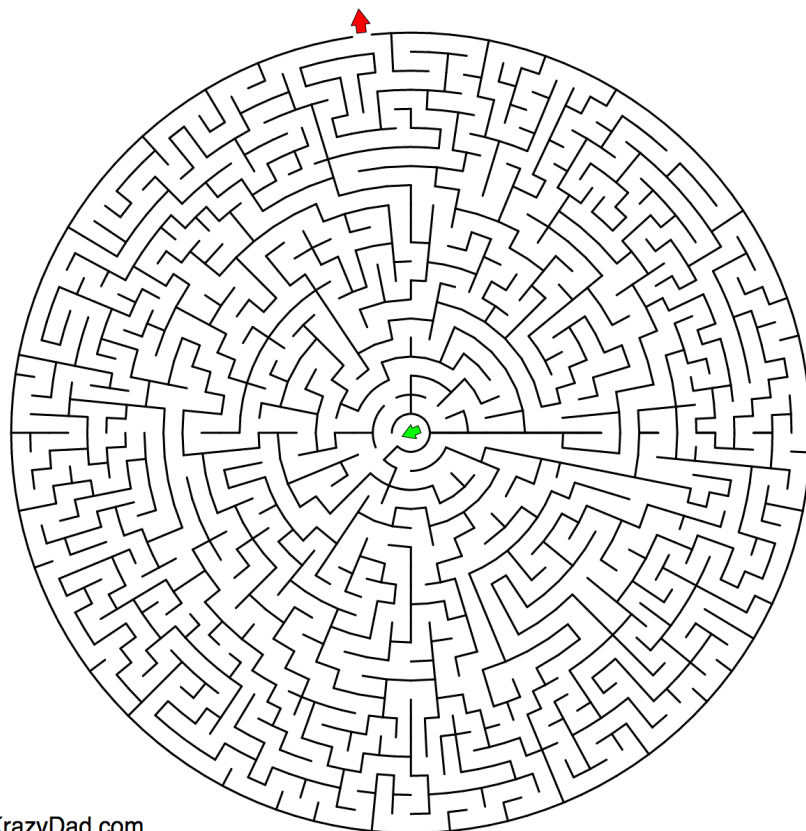
29 And Mosheh said to them, "If the children of Gad and the children of Re'ubēn pass over the Yardēn with you, every man armed for battle before יהוה, and the land has been subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gil'ad as a possession.

30 But if they do not pass over armed with you, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Kena'an.

31 Then the children of Gad and the children of Re'ubēn answered, saying, "As יהוה has said to your servants, so we do.

32 We ourselves are passing over armed before יהוה into the land of Kena'an, but the possession of our inheritance remains with us beyond the Yardēn.

33 So Mosheh gave to the children of Gad, to the children of Re'ubēn, and to half the tribe of Menashsheh, son of Yosēph, the reign of Sihon sovereign of the Amorites and the reign of Oğ sovereign of Bashan, the land with its cities within the borders, the cities of the land round about.



Fill In The Blank

- 1) For when they went up to the wadi _____ and saw the land, they _____ the heart of the children of Yisra'el, so that they did not go into the land which יהוה had given them.
- 2) Now why do you discourage the _____ of the children of Yisra'el from _____ over into the land which יהוה has given them?
- 3) And Mosheh said to them, "If the children of Gad and the children of Re'ubēn pass over the _____ with you, every man armed for battle before יהוה, and the land has been _____ before you, then you shall give them the land of Gil'ad as a possession.
- 4) And they said, "If we have found _____ in your eyes, let this land be given to your _____ as a possession, and do not let us pass over the Yardēn."
- 5) And see, you have risen in your father's place, an increase of men, _____, to add still more the burning _____ of יהוה against Yisra'el.
- 6) "For we shall not _____ with them on the other side of the Yardēn and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this _____ side of the Yardēn."
- 7) So the children of Gad and the children of _____ came and spoke to Mosheh, and to El'azar the priest, and to the leaders of the congregation, saying, "Ataroth, and Dibon, and Ya'zēr, and Nimrah, and _____, and El'alēh, and Sebām, and Nebo, and Be'on, "the land which יהוה had _____ before the congregation of Yisra'el, is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock.
- 8) Not one of the men who came up from Mitsrayim, from _____ years old and above, is to see the land of which I swore to Abraham, Yitshaq, and Ya'aqob, because they did not follow Me _____.

True Or False

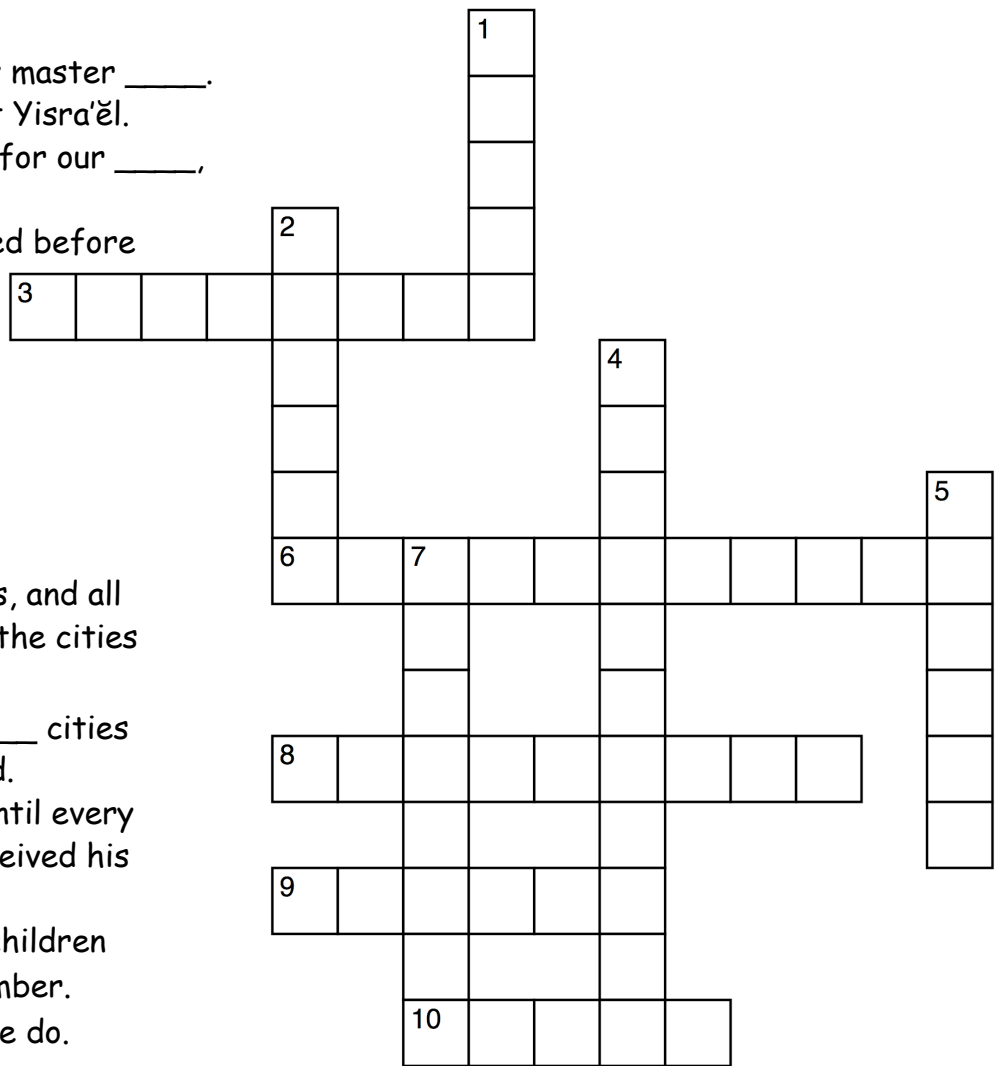
- 1) The tribes of Re'ubēn and Gad wanted to settle the land they had already seen instead of crossing over the Yardēn. True/False
- 2) Re'ubēn and Gad did not promise to fight in Kena'an. True/False

Across

- 3. Your servants are going to do as my master _____.
- 6. So the _____ of יהוה burned against Yisra'el.
- 8. Let us build sheep-enclosures here for our _____, and cities for our little ones.
- 9. We ourselves are passing over armed before יהוה into the land of _____.
- 10. Build cities for your little ones and enclosures for your _____, and do what you have promised.

Down

- 1. Our little ones, our _____, our flocks, and all our livestock are going to be there in the cities of Gil'ad.
- 2. Our little ones shall dwell in the _____ cities because of the inhabitants of the land.
- 4. We shall not return to our homes until every one of the children of Yisra'el has received his _____.
- 5. And the children of _____ and the children of Gad had much livestock, a large number.
- 7. As יהוה has said to your _____, so we do.



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