

THE TRIBE SCRIBE

The Jordan Pact

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Representatives from the tribes of **Gad** and **Reuven** (Reuben) came to **Moshe** (Moses)...

THIS LAND EAST OF THE **RIVER JORDAN** IS PERFECT FOR OUR SHEEP AND CATTLE.

YES, IT'S SUCH AMAZINGLY LUSCIOUS GRASS! CAN WE LIVE HERE, **MOSHE**?

THAT'S ABSOLUTELY FINE. YOU CAN HAVE THIS LAND. BUT ONLY IF ALL THE STRONG MEN HELP THE OTHER TRIBES SETTLE THE LAND WEST OF THE **RIVER JORDAN**.

OF COURSE! WE PROMISE! OUR FAMILIES WILL STAY HERE, BUT OUR STRONG MEN WILL CROSS THE **RIVER JORDAN** AND HELP.

THEY WILL STAY UNTIL ALL THE OTHER TRIBES SAFELY HAVE THEIR OWN PIECE OF LAND ON WHICH TO LIVE.

Just before **Moshe** died...

BEFORE I PASS AWAY, **YEHOSHUA** (JOSHUA), I WANT TO REMIND YOU ABOUT THE PROMISE OF THE TRIBES OF **GAD** AND **REUVEN**. THEY MAY SETTLE EAST OF THE **RIVER JORDAN**, BUT THEY MUST FIRST HELP THE OTHER TRIBES.

Later, half of the tribe of **Menashe** was also given land east of the **River Jordan**. They agreed to keep the same promise.

Now that **Yehoshua** is the leader, he gathers the tribes of **Gad**, **Reuven** and **Menashe**.

NOW IS THE TIME. YOU MAY LIVE HERE, WHEN THE OTHER TRIBES CROSS THE **RIVER JORDAN** - BUT FIRST, YOU MUST HELP THE REST OF THE NATION SETTLE IN THE LAND.

WE ARE PROUD MEMBERS OF **ISRAEL**, AND WE WILL STAND STRONG WITH OUR BROTHERS!

WE GAVE OUR WORD AND WE WILL STAY UNTIL EVERY LAST TRIBE HAS A HOME.

Those who could not help settle the land all agreed that they would stay peacefully east of the **River Jordan**, trusting that their fathers, sons and brothers would return once the mission was completed.

KEEPING OUR PROMISES builds trust, makes us strong and helps our community. Just like it did for them.

JUST LIKE WE TRUSTED **MOSHE'S** EVERY WORD, SO TOO WE WILL TRUST YOU **YEHOSHUA**. BE STRONG AND HAVE COURAGE!

WE ARE ALMOST READY TO CROSS OVER INTO THE **PROMISED LAND**.