

**~GAD 2 (851)**

**[Good Fortune]**

• **Territory**

• **Gad Gave David Support**

• **Followed Jeroboam**

- The tribe that sprang from the seven sons of **Gad**. The tribes warriors numbered 45,650 in the second year after the Exodus from Egypt.
- And the sons of **Gad** were Ziphion and Haggi, Shuni and Ezbon, Eri and Arodi and Areli. (**Genesis 46:16**)
- And Yehowah proceeded to speak to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month in the second year of their coming out of the land of Egypt, and he said. (**Numbers 1:1**)
- Take the sum of the whole assembly of the sons of Israel according to their families, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of names, all the males, head by head of them. (**Numbers 1:2**)
- From twenty years old upward, everyone going out to the army in Israel. You should register them according to their armies, you and Aaron (**Numbers 1:3**)
- Of the sons of **Gad**, their births according to their families in the house of their fathers by the number of names from twenty years old upward, everyone going out to the army. (**Numbers 1:24**)
- Those registered of them of the tribe of **Gad** were forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty. (**Numbers 1:25**)
- **Gad** was in the three-tribe division with Reuben and Simeon. Their campsite was to the South of the tabernacle.
- The three-tribe division of the camp of Reuben will be toward the south in their armies, and the chieftain for the sons of Reuben is Elizur the son of Shedeur. (**Numbers 2:10**)
- And his army and his registered ones are forty-six thousand five

hundred. (**Numbers 2:11**)

- And those camping alongside him will be the tribe of Simeon, and the chieftain for the sons of Simeon is Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. (**Numbers 2:12**)
- And his army and the ones registered of them are fifty-nine thousand three hundred. (**Numbers 2:13**)
- And the tribe of **Gad**, and the chieftain for the sons of Gad is Eliasaph the son of Reuel. (**Numbers 2:14**)
- And his army and the ones registered of them are forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty. (**Numbers 2:15**)
- All the registered ones of the camp of Reuben are one hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty in their armies, and they should set out second. (**Numbers 2:16**)
- When on the march Judah's division was first, followed by the Levites of the families of Gershon and Merari carrying the tabernacle, and after them came the division of which **Gad** was a part. Eliasaph son of Deuel was chieftain of their army.
- So the three-tribe division of the camp of the sons of Judah pulled away first of all in their armies, and Nahshon the son of Amminadab was over its army. (**Numbers 10:14**)
- And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Issachar there was Nethanel the son of Zuar. (**Numbers 10:15**)
- And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun there was Eliab the son of Helon. (**Numbers 10:16**)
- And the tabernacle was taken down, and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari as carriers of the tabernacle pulled away. (**Numbers 10:17**)
- And the three-tribe division of the camp of Reuben pulled away in their armies, and Elizur the son of Shedeur was over its army. (**Numbers 10:18**)
- And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Simeon there was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. (**Numbers 10:19**)

- And over the army of the tribe of the sons of **Gad** there was Eliasaph the son of Deuel. (**Numbers 10:20**)
- At the end of the wilderness journey, the fighting men of **Gad** numbered but 40,500, a decrease of 5,150.
- The sons of **Gad** by their families. Of Zephon the family of the Zephonites. Of Haggi the family of the Haggites. Of Shuni the family of the Shunites. (**Numbers 26:15**)
- Of Ozni the family of the Oznites. Of Eri the family of the Erites. (**Numbers 26:16**)
- Of Arod the family of the Arodites. Of Areli the family of the Arelites. (**Numbers 26:17**)
- These were the families of the sons of **Gad**, of their registered ones, forty thousand five hundred. (**Numbers 26:18**)

## .. Territory

- The men of the tribe of **Gad** followed the occupation of their fathers as raisers of livestock.
- And the men are shepherds, because they became stock raisers, and their flocks and their herds and all they have they have brought here. (**Genesis 46:32**)
- For this reason they requested as their allotment of territory the cattle country East of the Jordan. Moses responded by assigning this territory to **Gad**, Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, who also possessed much livestock.
- However, Moses stipulated that this was on the condition that these tribes would assist the others in subduing the territory West of the Jordan.
- To this they readily agreed, and after constructing stone pens for their livestock and cities for their little ones, they supplied their quota of fighters to cross the Jordan for the conquest of the land.
- Now the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** had come to have numerous livestock, very many, in fact. And they began to see

the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, and, look! The place was a place for livestock. (**Numbers 32:1**)

- Hence the sons of **Gad** and the sons of Reuben came and said this to Moses and Eleazar the priest and to the chieftains of the assembly. (**Numbers 32:2**)
- Ataroth and Dibon and Jazer and Nimrah and Heshbon and Elealeh and Sebam and Nebo and Beon. (**Numbers 32:3**)
- The land that Yehowah defeated before the assembly of Israel, is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock. (**Numbers 32:4**)
- And they went on to say; If we have found favor in your eyes, let this land be given to your servants as a possession. Do not make us cross the Jordan. (**Numbers 32:5**)
- Then Moses said to the sons of **Gad** and the sons of Reuben; Are your brothers to go to war while you yourselves keep dwelling here? (**Numbers 32:6**)
- And why should you dishearten the sons of Israel from crossing into the land that Yehowah will certainly give them? (**Numbers 32:7**)
- That is the way your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land. (**Numbers 32:8**)
- When they went up to the torrent valley of Eshcol and saw the land, then they disheartened the sons of Israel, so as not to go into the land that Yehowah was certain to give them. (**Numbers 32:9**)
- Consequently Yehowah's anger blazed on that day so that he swore, saying; (**Numbers 32:10**)
- The men who came up out of Egypt from twenty years old upward will not see the soil of which I have sworn to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, because they have not followed me wholly. (**Numbers 32:11**)
- Except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun, because they have followed Yehowah wholly.

**(Numbers 32:12)**

- So Yehowah's anger blazed against Israel and he made them wander about in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that was doing evil in the eyes of Yehowah came to their end. **(Numbers 32:13)**
- And here you have risen in the place of your fathers as the brood of sinful men in order to add further to the burning anger of Yehowah against Israel. **(Numbers 32:14)**
- In case you should turn back from following him, he also would certainly once again let them stay longer in the wilderness, and you would have acted ruinously toward all this people. **(Numbers 32:15)**
- Later they approached him and said; Let us build here stone flock pens for our livestock and cities for our little ones. **(Numbers 32:16)**
- But we ourselves shall go equipped in battle formation before the sons of Israel until whenever we have brought them to their place, while our little ones must dwell in the cities with fortifications away from the face of the inhabitants of the land. **(Numbers 32:17)**
- We shall not return to our houses until the sons of Israel have provided themselves with landed property, each with his own inheritance. **(Numbers 32:18)**
- For we shall not get an inheritance with them from the side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has come to us from the side of the Jordan toward the sunrising. **(Numbers 32:19)**
- At this Moses said to them; If you will do this thing, if you will equip yourselves before Yehowah for the war. **(Numbers 32:20)**
- And every equipped one of yours will actually pass over the Jordan before Yehowah, until he drives away his enemies from before him. **(Numbers 32:21)**
- And the land is actually subdued before Yehowah, and afterward you return, you also will indeed prove yourselves free from guilt

- against Yehowah and against Israel, and this land must become yours as a possession before Yehowah. (**Numbers 32:22**)
- But if you will not do this way, you will also certainly sin against Yehowah. In that case know that your sin will catch up with you. (**Numbers 32:23**)
  - Build for yourselves cities for your little ones and stone pens for your flocks, and what has gone forth from your mouth you should do. (**Numbers 32:24**)
  - Then the sons of **Gad** and the sons of Reuben said this to Moses; Your servants will do just as my lord is commanding. (**Numbers 32:25**)
  - Our little ones, our wives, our livestock and all our domestic animals will stay there in the cities of Gilead. (**Numbers 32:26**)
  - But your servants will pass over, everyone equipped for the army, before Yehowah for the war, just as my lord is speaking. (**Numbers 32:27**)
  - Accordingly Moses gave a command respecting them to Eleazar the priest and to Joshua the son of Nun and to the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel. (**Numbers 32:28**)
  - So Moses said to them; If the sons of **Gad** and the sons of Reuben pass with you over the Jordan, everyone equipped for the war, before Yehowah, and the land is actually subdued before you, you must then give them the land of Gilead as a possession. (**Numbers 32:29**)
  - But if they do not pass over equipped with you, they must then be settled in your midst in the land of Canaan. (**Numbers 32:30**)
  - To this the sons of **Gad** and the sons of Reuben answered, saying; What Yehowah has spoken to your servants is the way we shall do. (**Numbers 32:31**)
  - We ourselves will pass over equipped before Yehowah to the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance will be with us on this side of the Jordan. (**Numbers 32:32**)
  - At this Moses gave to them, that is, to the sons of **Gad** and to the

sons of Reuben and to half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon the king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og the king of Bashan, the land belonging to its cities in the territories, and the cities of the land round about. **(Numbers 32:33)**

- And the sons of **Gad** proceeded to build Dibon and Ataroth and Aroer. **(Numbers 32:34)**
- And Atroth-shophan and Jazer and Jogbehah. **(Numbers 32:35)**
- And Beth-nimrah and Beth-haran, cities with fortifications, and stone flock pens. **(Numbers 32:36)**
- And the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** and the half tribe of Manasseh proceeded to pass over in battle formation in the sight of the sons of Israel, just as Moses had stated to them. **(Joshua 4:12)**
- About forty thousand equipped for the army passed over before Yehowah for the war onto the desert plains of Jericho. **(Joshua 4:13)**
- **Gad's** territory had been occupied by the Amorites, whom the Israelites had defeated under Moses leadership.
- At this Moses gave to them, that is, to the sons of **Gad** and to the sons of Reuben and to half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon the king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og the king of Bashan, the land belonging to its cities in the territories, and the cities of the land round about. **(Numbers 32:33)**
- At this Yehowah said to me; See, I have started to abandon Sihon and his land to you. Start to take possession of his land. **(Deuteronomy 2:31)**
- When Sihon came on out, he and all his people, to meet us in battle at Jahaz. **(Deuteronomy 2:32)**
- Then Yehowah our God abandoned him to us, so that we defeated him and his sons and all his people. **(Deuteronomy 2:33)**

- And we went capturing all his cities at that particular time and devoting every city to destruction, men and women and little children. We left no survivor. ([Deuteronomy 2:34](#))
- Only the domestic animals did we take as plunder for ourselves, together with the spoil of the cities that we had captured. ([Deuteronomy 2:35](#))
- From Aroer, which is by the bank of the torrent valley of Arnon, and the city that is in the torrent valley, as far as Gilead, there proved to be no town that was too high up for us. Yehowah our God abandoned them all to us. ([Deuteronomy 2:36](#))
- And we proceeded to take at that particular time the land from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were in the region of the Jordan, from the torrent valley of Arnon as far as Mount Hermon. ([Deuteronomy 3:8](#))
- The Sidonians used to call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites used to call it Senir. ([Deuteronomy 3:9](#))
- All the cities of the tableland and all Gilead and all Bashan as far as Salecah and Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. ([Deuteronomy 3:10](#))
- For only Og the king of Bashan remained of what was left of the Rephaim. Look! His bier was a bier of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the sons of Ammon? Nine cubits is its length, and four cubits its width, by the cubit of a man. ([Deuteronomy 3:11](#))
- And we took possession of this land at that particular time, from Aroer, which is by the torrent valley of Arnon, and half of the mountainous region of Gilead, and its cities I have given to the Reubenites and the **Gadites**. ([Deuteronomy 3:12](#))
- And the rest of Gilead and all Bashan of the kingdom of Og I have given to the half tribe of Manasseh. All the region of Argob of all Bashan, is it not called the land of the Rephaim? ([Deuteronomy 3:13](#))
- Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob as far as the boundary of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and he proceeded to call those villages of Bashan by his own name, Havvoth-jair, to this day. ([Deuteronomy 3:14](#))



- And to Machir I have given Gilead. ([Deuteronomy 3:15](#))
- And to the Reubenites and the **Gadites** I have given from Gilead to the torrent valley of Arnon, the middle of the torrent valley being a boundary, and as far as Jabbok, the torrent valley that is the boundary of the sons of Ammon. ([Deuteronomy 3:16](#))
- And the Arabah and the Jordan and the border, from Chinnereth to the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, at the base of the slopes of Pisgah toward the sunrising. ([Deuteronomy 3:17](#))
- So I commanded you men at that particular time, saying; Yehowah your God has given you this land to take possession of it. You will pass over, equipped, before your brothers, the sons of Israel, all the valiant men. ([Deuteronomy 3:18](#))
- Only your wives and your little ones and your livestock, I well know that you have a great deal of livestock, will continue dwelling in your cities that I have given you. ([Deuteronomy 3:19](#))
- Until Yehowah gives your brothers rest, as well as you, and they also have taken possession of the land that Yehowah your God is giving them across the Jordan, after which you must come back, each one to his holding that I have given you. ([Deuteronomy 3:20](#))
- The country occupied by **Gad** was comprised of the lowlands along most of the Jordan River's East bank, South almost to the Dead Sea, and North to near the Sea of Chinnereth.
- Gad's territory also took in the higher tablelands, including the torrent valley of Jabbok. A large part of Gilead was therefore in **Gad's** allotment.
- And we took possession of this land at that particular time, from Aroer, which is by the torrent valley of Arnon, and half of the mountainous region of Gilead, and its cities I have given to the Reubenites and the **Gadites**. ([Deuteronomy 3:12](#))
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- **Gad** was bordered on the North by Manasseh and on the South by Reuben.
- Furthermore, Moses made a gift to the tribe of **Gad**, the sons of **Gad** by their families. (**Joshua 13:24**)
- And their territory came to be Jazer and all the cities of Gilead and half of the land of the sons of Ammon as far as Aroer, which is in front of Rabbah. (**Joshua 13:25**)
- And from Heshbon to Ramath-mizpeh and Betonim and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir. (**Joshua 13:26**)
- And in the low plain Beth-haram and Beth-nimrah and Succoth and Zaphon, the rest of the royal realm of Sihon the king of Heshbon, the Jordan being the border as far as the extremity of the sea of Chinnereth on the side of Jordan toward the east. (**Joshua 13:27**)
- This was the inheritance of the sons of **Gad** by their families, with the cities and their settlements. (**Joshua 13:28**)
- After the conquest of the land, Joshua gave **Gad** a share in the spoil and sent them back. **Gad** then joined with Reuben and Manasseh in constructing a great altar by the Jordan.
- The other tribes were alarmed at this but were calmed when it was explained that the altar was built as a witness that they, like the tribes West of the Jordan, would engage exclusively in the worship of Yehowah.
- The altar was to provide assurance that there was no division between the tribes East and West of the Jordan.
- At that time Joshua proceeded to call the Reubenites and the **Gadites** and the half tribe of Manasseh (**Joshua 22:1**)
- And to say to them; For your part, you have kept all that Moses the servant of Yehowah commanded you, and you were obedient to my voice in all that I have commanded you. (**Joshua 22:2**)
- You have not left your brothers these many days down to this day, and you have kept the obligation of the commandment of

**Yehowah your God. (Joshua 22:3)**

- **And now Yehowah your God has given your brothers rest, just as he promised them. So now turn and go your way to your tents in the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of Yehowah gave you on the other side of the Jordan. (Joshua 22:4)**
- **Only be very careful to carry out the commandment and the Law that Moses the servant of Yehowah commanded you by loving Yehowah your God and by walking in all his ways and by keeping his commandments and by cleaving to him and by serving him with all your heart and with all your soul. (Joshua 22:5)**
- **With that Joshua blessed them and sent them away that they might go to their tents. (Joshua 22:6)**
- **And to the half tribe of Manasseh Moses had made a gift in Bashan, and to the other half of it Joshua made a gift with their brothers on the side of the Jordan to the west. So, too, when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he proceeded to bless them. (Joshua 22:7)**
- **And he went on to say to them; Return to your tents with many riches and with very much livestock, with silver and gold and copper and iron and garments in very great quantity. Take your share of the spoil of your enemies together with your brothers. (Joshua 22:8)**
- **After that the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** and the half tribe of Manasseh returned and went away from the other sons of Israel, from Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, so as to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession in which they had been settled at the order of Yehowah by means of Moses. (Joshua 22:9)**
- **When they came to the regions of the Jordan that were in the land of Canaan, then the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, an altar great in conspicuousness. (Joshua 22:10)**
- **Later on the other sons of Israel heard it said; Look! The sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar on the frontier of the land of Canaan in the regions of the Jordan on the side belonging to the sons of Israel. (Joshua**

## **22:11)**

- **When the sons of Israel got to hear of it, the whole assembly of the sons of Israel were then congregated at Shiloh to go up for military action against them. (Joshua 22:12)**
- **Then the sons of Israel sent to the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** and the half tribe of Manasseh in the land of Gilead Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest. (Joshua 22:13)**
- **And ten chieftains with him, one chieftain of each paternal house of all the tribes of Israel, and they were each a head of the house of their fathers of the thousands of Israel. (Joshua 22:14)**
- **In time they came to the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** and the half tribe of Manasseh in the land of Gilead and began to speak with them, saying; (Joshua 22:15)**
- **This is what all the assembly of Yehowah have said; What is this act of unfaithfulness that you have perpetrated against the God of Israel in turning back today from following Yehowah by your building for yourselves an altar, that you may rebel today against Yehowah? (Joshua 22:16)**
- **Was the error of Peor too small for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves down to this day, although the plague came to be upon the assembly of Yehowah? (Joshua 22:17)**
- **And you, you would turn back today from following Yehowah, and it must occur that should you, for your part, rebel today against Yehowah, then tomorrow it will be against the entire assembly of Israel that he will be indignant. (Joshua 22:18)**
- **Now if it is indeed that the land of your possession is unclean, make your way across to the land of Yehowah's possession where the tabernacle of Yehowah has resided, and get settled in our midst, and against Yehowah do not you rebel and do not make us the ones to rebel by your building for yourselves an altar in addition to the altar of Yehowah our God. (Joshua 22:19)**
- **Was it not Achan the son of Zerah that perpetrated an act of unfaithfulness in the thing devoted to destruction, and was it not against all the assembly of Israel that there came indignation? And he was not the only man to expire in his error. (Joshua**

## **22:20)**

- **At this the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** and the half tribe of Manasseh answered and spoke with the heads of the thousands of Israel. (Joshua 22:21)**
- **Divine One, God, Yehowah, Divine One, God, Yehowah, he is knowing, and Israel, he too will know. If it is in rebellion and if it is in unfaithfulness against Yehowah, do not save us this day. (Joshua 22:22)**
- **If it was to build for ourselves an altar so as to turn back from following Yehowah, and if it was to offer up burnt offerings and grain offerings on it, and if it was to render up communion sacrifices on it, Yehowah himself will search out. (Joshua 22:23)**
- **Or if it was not rather out of anxious care for something else that we did this, saying; In a future day your sons will say to our sons; What do you have to do with Yehowah the God of Israel? (Joshua 22:24)**
- **And there is a boundary that Yehowah has put between us and you, the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad**, namely, the Jordan. You have no share in Yehowah. And your sons will certainly make our sons desist from fearing Yehowah. (Joshua 22:25)**
- **Hence we said; Let us take action in our behalf, please, by building the altar, not for burnt offering nor for sacrifice. (Joshua 22:26)**
- **But that it may be a witness between us and you and our generations after us that we shall render the service of Yehowah before him with our burnt offerings and our sacrifices and our communion sacrifices, that your sons may not say in a future day to our sons; You have no share in Yehowah. (Joshua 22:27)**
- **So we said; And it must occur that in case they should say that to us and to our generations in a future day, we must also say; See the representation of Yehowah's altar that our fathers made, not for burnt offering nor for sacrifice, but it is a witness between us and you. (Joshua 22:28)**
- **It is unthinkable, on our part, to rebel of our own accord against Yehowah and to turn back today from following Yehowah by**

building an altar for burnt offering, grain offering and sacrifice besides the altar of Yehowah our God that is before his tabernacle! ([Joshua 22:29](#))

- Now when Phinehas the priest and the chieftains of the assembly and the heads of the thousands of Israel who were with him heard the words that the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** and the sons of Manasseh spoke, it came to be good in their eyes. ([Joshua 22:30](#))
- So Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** and the sons of Manasseh; Today we do know that Yehowah is in our midst, because you have not perpetrated against Yehowah this act of unfaithfulness. Now you have delivered the sons of Israel out of the hand of Yehowah. ([Joshua 22:31](#))
- With that Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest and the chieftains returned from the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** in the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan to the other sons of Israel and brought back word to them. ([Joshua 22:32](#))
- And the word came to be good in the eyes of the sons of Israel, and the sons of Israel proceeded to bless God, and they did not talk of going up for army service against them to ruin the land in which the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** were dwelling. ([Joshua 22:33](#))
- And the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** began to name the altar, because, it is a witness between us that Yehowah is the true God. ([Joshua 22:34](#))
- All these things were in harmony with Jacob's blessing of **Gad**; As for **Gad**, a marauder band will raid him, but he will raid the extreme rear.
- As for **Gad**, a marauder band will raid him, but he will raid the extreme rear. ([Genesis 49:19](#))
- The tribe was not afraid to have one side, the East, of their boundary open to marauder bands. They did not choose to live on the eastern highlands just to get out of fighting for the land of Canaan.

- Jacob's parting words to **Gad** were as a command to strike back confidently at marauders attacking him and violating his borders. Moreover, the **Gadites** raided the raiders, making these turn about in flight, and then the Gadites would pursue their extreme rear.
- Moses also spoke of **Gad's** good qualities when he said; Blessed is the one widening the borders of **Gad**. As a lion he must reside, and he must tear the arm, yes, the crown of the head.
- And he will pick out the first part for himself, for there the allotment of a statute-giver is reserved. And the heads of the people will gather themselves together. The righteousness of Yehowah will he certainly execute and his judicial decisions with Israel.
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- Ramoth of Gilead, in **Gad's** territory, was one of the cities of refuge appointed by Moses.
- At that time Moses proceeded to set apart three cities on the side of the Jordan toward the rising of the sun. (**Deuteronomy 4:41**)
- For the manslayer to flee there who slays his fellow without knowing it, while he was not hating him formerly, and he must flee to one of these cities and live. (**Deuteronomy 4:42**)
- Namely, Bezer in the wilderness on the tableland for the Reubenites, and Ramoth in Gilead for the **Gadites**, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites. (**Deuteronomy 4:43**)
- Other Levite cities in their territory were Mahanaim, Heshbon, and Jazer.
- And out of the tribe of **Gad**, the city of refuge for the manslayer, namely, Ramoth in Gilead, and its pasture ground, and Mahanaim and its pasture ground. (**Joshua 21:38**)

- Heshbon and its pasture ground, Jazer and its pasture ground, all the cities being four. (**Joshua 21:39**)
- The city of Dibon, where the famous Moabite Stone was found in **1868 C.E.**, was one of several cities rebuilt by the **Gadites** when they took over the territory.
- Now the sons of Reuben and the sons of **Gad** had come to have numerous livestock, very many, in fact. And they began to see the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, and, look! The place was a place for livestock. (**Numbers 32:1**)
- Hence the sons of **Gad** and the sons of Reuben came and said this to Moses and Eleazar the priest and to the chieftains of the assembly. (**Numbers 32:2**)
- Ataroth and Dibon and Jazer and Nimrah and Heshbon and Elealeh and Sebam and Nebo and Beon. (**Numbers 32:3**)
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## .. **Gad Gave David Support**

- When David was under restrictions because of Saul, several army heads of the sons of **Gad** crossed the Jordan River at flood stage to come to his side at Ziklag in Judah.
- They are described as valiant, mighty men, army men for the war, keeping the large shield and the lance ready, whose faces were the faces of lions, and they were like the gazelles upon the mountains for speed; The least one was equal to a hundred, and the greatest to a thousand.



- And these are the ones that came to David at Ziklag while he was still under restrictions because of Saul the son of Kish, and they were among the mighty men, the helpers in the warfare. (**1 Chronicles 12:1**)
- And there were some of the **Gadites** that separated themselves to David's side at the place difficult to approach in the wilderness, valiant, mighty men, army men for the war, keeping the large shield and the lance ready, whose faces were the faces of lions, and they were like the gazelles upon the mountains for speed. (**1 Chronicles 12:8**)
- Ezer was the head, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third. (**1 Chronicles 12:9**)
- Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth. (**1 Chronicles 12:10**)
- Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh. (**1 Chronicles 12:11**)
- Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth. (**1 Chronicles 12:12**)
- Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh. (**1 Chronicles 12:13**)
- These were of the sons of **Gad**, heads of the army. The least one was equal to a hundred, and the greatest to a thousand. (**1 Chronicles 12:14**)
- These are the ones that crossed the Jordan in the first month when it was overflowing all its banks, and they then chased away all those of the low plains, to the east and to the west. (**1 Chronicles 12:15**)
- In the fight with the Hagrites and their allies, it is said of them, along with Reuben and Manasseh. It was to God that they called for aid in the war, and he let himself be entreated in their favor because they trusted in him.
- As a result, an enormous number of captives and much livestock fell into their hands.
- As for the sons of Reuben and the **Gadites** and the half tribe of Manasseh, of those who were valiant fellows, men carrying

shield and sword and bending the bow and trained in war, there were forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty going out to the army. (1 Chronicles 5:18)

- And they began to make war upon the Hagrites, and Jetur and Naphish and Nodab. (1 Chronicles 5:19)
- And they came to be helped against them, so that the Hagrites and all those who were with them were given into their hand, for it was to God that they called for aid in the war, and he let himself be entreated in their favor because they trusted in him. (1 Chronicles 5:20)
- And they got to take captive their livestock, their camels fifty thousand, and sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and asses two thousand, and human souls a hundred thousand. (1 Chronicles 5:21)
- For there were many that had fallen slain, because it was on the part of the true God that the fighting was. And they continued to dwell in their place down to the time of the exile. (1 Chronicles 5:22)

#### • Followed Jeroboam

- With the division of the kingdom, the tribe of **Gad** supported the northern faction under Jeroboam. Years later, in Jehu's day, when Yehowah started to cut off Israel piece by piece,
- **Gad** in its exposed position on the eastern frontier became part of the battleground between the northern kingdom of Israel and Syria.
- In those days Yehowah started to cut off Israel piece by piece, and Hazael kept striking them in all the territory of Israel. (2 Kings 10:32)
- From the Jordan toward the rising of the sun, all the land of Gilead, the **Gadites** and the Reubenites and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the torrent valley of Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan. (2 Kings 10:33)
- Finally, Tiglath-pileser III, king of Assyria, overran **Gad** and carried off the inhabitants captive. This allowed the Ammonites to take possession of this territory.

- In the days of Pekah the king of Israel, Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria came in and proceeded to take Ijon and Abel-beth-maacah and Janoah and Kedesh and Hazor and Gilead and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and to carry them into exile in Assyria. (**2 Kings 15:29**)
- Consequently the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul the king of Assyria even the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser the king of Assyria, so that he took into exile those of the Reubenites and of the **Gadites** and of the half tribe of Manasseh and brought them to Halah and Habor and Hara and the river Gozan to continue until this day. (**1 Chronicles 5:26**)
- For the sons of Ammon this is what Yehowah has said; Are there no sons that Israel has, or is there no inheritor that he has? Why is it that Malcam has taken possession of **Gad**, and his own people have taken up dwelling in Israel's very cities? (**Jeremiah 49:1**)
- In Ezekiel's prophetic vision of the division of the land, the portion assigned to **Gad** is in the extreme South.
- And by the boundary of Zebulun, from the eastern border to the western border, **Gad** one. (**Ezekiel 48:27**)
- And by the boundary of **Gad**, to the southern border, it will be southward, and the boundary must prove to be from Tamar to the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the torrent valley, as far as the Great Sea. (**Ezekiel 48:28**)
- In the listing of the tribes of Israel in (**Revelation Chapter 7**), **Gad** is named third.