

## Tribal Choosing-Returning Regulations

### Recovering the Responsibility

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**Ezekiel 47:21-23-The pattern is clear Yisraelites not YHWH divides the land. Hebrews 13:8. Rev. 21-9-17-measure of man or allotment by man! Ezekiel 48:29-35-**

### **History- Numbers 32 The Eastern Tribes**

**The tribes of Reuben and Gad saw that the land east of the Jordan was suitable for livestock. They said to Moses and Eleazar and the community leaders "If we have found favor in your eyes, let this land be given to us. Do not make us cross the Jordan." Reuben and Gad had not seen the Promised Land but they were certain this land east of the Jordan River was better than what YHVH had for them. The two tribes would have had deep conversations about this before approaching Moses. They made their own decisions and took their own lives and the lives of future generations into their own hands. How many of us have made decisions that we are sure YHVH would approve of?**

**Moses may have remembered the time the first generation of Israelites spied out the land and the forty years it took for the consequences of that ill report to be fulfilled. He did not want any difficulty in this generation to come upon them just as they were gathering to enter in. We see Reuben and Gad were very accommodating to the rest of the tribes and offer to help settle their brothers before returning to the land they want. Moses also made the decision of adding Makir and Yair families of the tribe of Manasseh to settle east of the Jordan along with Reuben and Gad. These were the first tribes to be deported in the exile eight years before the other tribes (1 Chronicles 5:25-26).**

### **Numbers 33: 1-49 The Stages of Israel's Journey**

**In this list it shows how the people fell at Mount Sinai, how they had pleaded for the food of Egypt, how they had slandered the Land and slandered Moses and denied the blessings they had received by provoking quarrels. The list also reveals how the Israelites turn their hearts back to YHVH. We see them faithfully following YHVH through the harshness of the Wilderness despite all difficulties.**

**The Wilderness account is also prophetic of the future. Ezekiel 20:34-44 " Our end time return involves joint work. YHWH ends the exile and return to the land BUT we allot the land! When after passing under the rod of covenant while in the nations! While in the nations based on the names in Numbers 33 1-49 here's what we will experience before our return!**

Numb 33:1-49 Ramses: child of the sun. Succot: tents. Etham: seabound. Migdol: tower. Marah: bitter. Elim: oaks. Red Sea: sea of reeds. Desert of Sin: bush. Dophkah: drover. Alush: crowd. Rephidim: beds. Desert of Sinai: a bush. Kibroth Hattaavah: the graves of lust. Hazeroth: enclosures. Rithmah: noise. Rimmon Puez: pomegranates of the wrath. Libnah: white. Rissah: dew. Kehelathah: a whole; a congregation. Haradah: fear. Makheloth: congregations. Tahath: depression, humility. Terah: turning, duration. Mithchah: sweetness. Hashmonah: fruitfulness. Moseroth: bonds, discipline. Bene Jaakan: children of Jaakan. Hor Haggidgad: cleft mountain. Ezion Geber: giant backbone. Kadesh: holy. Mt. Hor: hill. Punon: precious stone. Oboth: desires. Dibon Gad: wasting of YHWH. Almon Diblathian: hiding place of two fig sacks. Mountains of Abarim: mountains beyond. Beth Jeshimoth: house of deserts. Abel Shittim: meadow (brook) of the Acacias.

In the forty years through the wilderness there had been only forty-two stages of their journey. 42". Being a factor of 6 x 7 could symbolize man's full opposition to YHWH's will for them.

Numbers 33:50-56 when you cross the Jordan River

YHVH now gives instructions to the Israelites as to how to enter the land and what to do with the inhabitants of the land. Firstly they were to drive out all the inhabitants of the land. None were to stay with them in the land. Secondly they were to destroy all the carved images of the inhabitation and their cast idols and demolish all their high places. The Israelites were to clean the land of all memory of other gods. Thirdly, they were to take possession of the land divided by lots according to the tribes and finally settle in it "for I have given you the land to possess." AND ALLOT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**54 THE ETERNAL PRINCIPLE OF YOU SHALL DIVIDE THE LAND!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** When you do it is a sign of divine favor; when your enemies do it is a sign of judgment!!!!!! The millennial city and land will be divided according to pattern and blessing, meaning the task falls to us while the return and power and means to return falls to YHWH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

"IF you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, (Numbers 33:55-56).

We look at what is happening in the land today with the leaders and world powers debating over the land, the inhabitants and settlements and who gets what with very little if any left for Israel. YHVH said, "For I have given you the land to possess" but today many other people want the land of Israel and are trying to destroy the name, the inheritance of Israel and the YHWH of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all together. Where are those who remember the words of YHVH?

Numbers 34 Boundaries of the Land. Firstly, YHVH gives the borders of the Land as seen in Numbers 34:1-14. These borders do not line up with the Covenant to Abraham and his descendants in Genesis 15:18-21 we note the size is different. According to Ezekiel's

prophetic vision this is yet to happen (Ezekiel 47:13-48:35. That is because all twelve tribes are NOT “in” the Land yet and they are still in the Wilderness!

### **Ezekiel 37:11-14 YHWH’s Modern Day Road Map**

Ezekiel is given a very detailed vision describing of the Temple, the Land and its boundaries. It is also clear that Scripture says "You are to distribute this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. You are to allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the aliens who have settled among you and who have children. You are to consider them as native-born Israelites; along with you they are to be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. In whatever tribe the alien settles, there you are to give him his inheritance," declares the Sovereign YHVH. (Ezekiel 47:21-23). If we are ordered to allot the land we also must allot the man on Moriah for YHWH and not Allah-Appis!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The boundaries spoken to Abraham in the covenant are in place and it is clear in Ezekiel 47-48 that the boundaries and the divisions of the Land were given to the Twelve Tribes of Israel by NAME. "This is the land you are to allot as an inheritance to the tribes of Israel, and these will be their portions," declares the Sovereign LORD."

**THOSE TRYING TO STOP THE RETURN AND ALLOTMENT BY YISRAEL-Psalm 83:1-5, 12 "O YHWH, do not remain quiet; Do not be silent and, O YHWH, do not be still. For behold, your enemies make uproar, and those who hate you have exalted themselves. They make shrewd plans against your people, and conspire together against your treasured ones. They have said, "Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more. For they have conspired together with one mind; Against You they make a covenant, saying Let us possess for ourselves the pastures of YHWH." In these prophetic verses the "road map of the nations" is put forth in a clear and concise form. Its plan, purposes, and objectives are clear and unmistakable, first against the YHWH of Israel. The people who surround Israel have made a covenant. Secondly, this covenant has one objective - "That the name of Israel will be remembered no more."**

Which covenant will prevail - the covenant of YHWH or the covenant of the nations? One must prevail and one must fail. YHWH’s “covenant road map” is to bring the Israelite people back into the land He promised them as an everlasting possession. The “nation’s road map” is to divide the land of Israel and to divide Jerusalem, while YHWH’s is for us to do the dividing!

**Numbers 36:1-13 Zelophehad’s daughters marry. Man allotted land to Zelophehad's daughters! Numb 36 1-9. Once Yisrael assigns returning Ephraim their tribal inheritance future generations in the kingdom CANNOT MOVE THEIR UINHERITANCE TO ANOTHER TRIBE! They can no longer choose a tribe. But they can choose the tribe upon their return but once the choice is made it cannot be changed!**