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DEVARIM • 7TH ALIYAH

CHAPTER PREVIEW

In this aliyah, Moshe Rabbeinu continues recounting the division of the lands on the eastern side of the Yarden. He details the specific territories assigned to Machir, the Reubenites, and the Gadites, outlining their borders from the Arnon and Jabbok valleys to the Jordan and the Dead Sea. This section establishes the physical boundaries of the inheritance given to these tribes before Bnei Yisrael cross over into Eretz Yisrael proper.

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פסוק א

Pasuk 1

וּלְמַכִּיר נָתַתִּי אֶת הַגִּלְעָד:

Gilead — I gave and to Machir

פסוק ב

Pasuk 2

וּלְרְאוּבֵנִי וְלַגָּדִי נָתַתִּי מִן הַגִּלְעָד וְעַד נַחַל אַרְנוֹן תּוֹךְ

the middle of Arnon the valley of and until Gilead from I gave and to the Gadites and to the Reubenites

הַנַּחַל וְגַבְלָהּ וְעַד יַבֹּק הַנַּחַל גְּבוּל בְּנֵי עַמּוֹן:

Ammon the children of the border of the river Yabbok and until and the border the valley

רש"י

תּוֹךְ הַנַּחַל וּגְבֻלָּהּ. כָּל הַנַּחַל וְעוֹד מֵעֵבֶר לְשִׁפְתּוֹ, כְּלוּמַר עַד וְעַד

and until until meaning to say of its bank from the side and more the brook all of and the territory the brook the midst of

בְּכָלל וְיוֹתֵר מִכֵּן:

than this and more is included

פסוק ג

Pasuk 3

וְהָעֲרָבָה וְהַיַּרְדֵּן וְגַבְלָהּ מִכִּנְרֶת וְעַד יָם הָעֲרָבָה יָם הַמֶּלַח

the salt the sea of the Arabah the sea of and until from Chinnereth and the border and the Jordan And the Arabah

תַּחַת אֲשֶׁרֶת הַפִּסְגָּה מִזְרָחָה:

eastward the Pisgah the slopes of under

רש"י

מִכִּנְרֶת. מֵעֵבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן הַמַּעֲרָבִי, וְנַחֲלָה בְּנֵי גָד מֵעֵבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן

of the Jordan was on the side Gad of the children of and the inheritance the western of the Jordan from the side From Chinnereth

הַמִּזְרָחִי, וְנָפַל בְּגֹרְלָם רֹחַב הַיַּרְדֵּן כְּנֻגָּדָם, וְעוֹד מֵעֵבֶר שָׁפְתוֹ עַד
until its bank from the side of and furthermore opposite them the Jordan the width of in their lot and there fell the eastern
כִּנְרֶת, וְזֶהוּ שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר וַהֲיִרְדֹן וּגְבֹל - הַיַּרְדֵּן וּמֵעֵבֶר לוֹ:
of it and from the side the Jordan and the territory and the Jordan that which is said and this is Chinnereth

פסוק ד

Pasuk 4

וְאָצוּ אֶתְכֶם בַּעַת הַהוּא לֵאמֹר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם נָתַן לָכֶם אֶת הָאָרֶץ
the land — to you has given your God Hashem saying that at the time you And I commanded
הַזֹּאת לְרִשְׁתָּהּ חִלּוּצִים תַּעֲבֹרוּ לִפְנֵי אֲחֵיכֶם בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כָּל בְּנֵי
men of all Yisrael the children of your brothers before you shall cross armed to possess it this
חֵיל:
valor

רש"י

וּאָצוּ אֶתְכֶם. לִבְנֵי רְאוּבֵן וּבְנֵי גָד הָיָה מְדַבֵּר:
speaking he was Gad and the sons of Reuven to the sons of you And I commanded

רש"י

לִפְנֵי אֲחֵיכֶם. הֵם הָיוּ הוֹלְכִים לִפְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְמִלְחָמָה לְפִי שֶׁהָיוּ גִבּוֹרִים, וְאוֹיְבִים
and enemies mighty men that they were because to the battle Yisrael before going were they your brethren Before
נוֹפְלִים לִפְנֵיהֶם, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר דְּבָרִים ל"ג "וְטָרַף זְרוּעַ אָף קִדְקֹד":
the crown also the arm and he tears 33 Devarim as it is said before them fell

פסוק ה

Pasuk 5

רַק נְשִׁיכֶם וְטַפְכֶם וּמִקְנֵכֶם יֵדַעְתִּי כִּי מְקַנָּה רַב לָכֶם יֵשְׁבוּ
shall dwell you have much livestock that I know and your livestock and your children your wives Only
בְּעָרֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לָכֶם:
to you I have given which in your cities

פסוק ו

Pasuk 6

עַד אֲשֶׁר יָנִיחַ יְהוָה לְאֲחֵיכֶם כָּכֶם וַיִּרְשׁוּ גַם הֵם אֶת הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר
which the land — they also and they will possess like you to your brothers Hashem will grant rest that until
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם נָתַן לָהֶם בְּעֵבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן וְשָׁבְתָם אִישׁ לִירוּשָׁתוֹ
to his inheritance each man and you shall return the Jordan on the side of to them is giving your God Hashem
אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לָכֶם:
to you I have given which

פסוק ז

וְאֵת יְהוֹשֻׁעַ צִוִּיתִי בְּעֵת הַהוּא לֵאמֹר עֵינֶיךָ הָרְאִיתָ אֶת כָּל אֲשֶׁר
 that all — are those seeing your eyes saying that at the time I commanded Yehoshua and —
 עָשָׂה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם לְשֵׁנֵי הַמְּלָכִים הָאֵלֶּה כֵּן יַעֲשֶׂה יְהוָה לְכָל הַמַּמְלָכוֹת
 the kingdoms to all Hashem will do so these the kings to the two of your God Hashem did
 אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה עֹבֵר שָׁמָּה:
 to there are crossing over you which

פסוק ח

לֹא תִירָאוּם כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הוּא הַנִּלְחָם לָכֶם:
 for you is the One Who fights He your God Hashem for fear them Do not

CHAPTER SUMMARY

Moshe Rabbeinu then recounts the strict charge he gave to the Reubenites and Gadites, reminding them of their obligation to cross over as armed shock-troops at the head of Bnei Yisrael to help their brothers conquer the land, leaving only their families and abundant livestock behind in their assigned cities. Finally, Moshe encourages Yehoshua, urging him not to fear the Canaanite kings, as he has already witnessed how Hashem destroyed Sichon and Og, and reminding him that Hashem Himself will fight the battles for Bnei Yisrael.

לְמַעַן לָקַח WHAT TO TAKE HOME

My dear talmid, look closely at the condition Moshe Rabbeinu sets for the tribes of Reuven and Gad. They had already received their portion of land, their families were safe, and their livestock was secure. Yet, Moshe tells them they cannot simply settle down and enjoy their blessing while their brothers are still fighting. They must cross the Jordan as chalutzim, armed and ready at the head of the camp, to help the rest of Klal Yisrael conquer their inheritance.

This is a profound foundation in our avodah. Hashem does not give a Yid wealth, talent, or peace of mind just for his own comfort. If Hashem has blessed you with stability in any area of life, it is not a signal to retire into your own private tent. It is a call to arms. Your personal blessing is meant to be the fuel that allows you to stand at the front lines for another Yid who is still struggling to find his own footing.

We see this same chizuk passed on to Yehoshua at the end of the aliyah. Moshe tells him not to fear the upcoming battles because "Hashem your G-d is the One who fights for you." When you step out of your comfort zone to help your brother, you do not have to worry about what you might lose or the energy you will expend. Hashem Himself goes before you and protects your own portion while you are busy caring for His children.

Today, identify one area where Hashem has given you "rest" or abundance, whether it is financial stability, Torah knowledge, or emotional strength, and use that specific strength to actively help a fellow Yid who is still fighting his own battles.

