

Use these words to fill in the blanks: * משה * 7 * 10 * east * livestock *

IN THE PARSHA:

and שבט ראובן and שבט גד had a lot of livestock. They asked משה רבינו if they could settle and live east of the ירדן, where the land was good for _____.

At first, משה רבינו was upset at them, concerned that their request would discourage the other שבטים from entering ארץ ישראל. Eventually, משה agreed on condition that they would first help the other שבטים conquer ארץ ישראל.

משה then assigned land east of the ירדן to שבט ראובן and to שבט גד and also to half of מנשה.

QUESTION:

שבט מנשה did not ask to settle east of the ירדן, and משה had been upset at those who had wanted to. So, why did משה רבינו, on his own, assign half of שבט מנשה to live _____ of the ירדן?

ANSWER:

Just as מתן תורה and the Yidden happen through משה רבינו, the same must be true of the inheritance of ארץ ישראל.

At that time, the Yidden were about to conquer the land of the ___ nations living in ארץ כנען.

But Hashem had promised אברהם אבינו that his descendants would inherit the land of _____ nations, which included three nations who lived east of the ירדן. These will only fully be conquered when משיח comes, speedily in our days.

This is why _____ gave half of שבט מנשה a portion of the land east of the ירדן.

שבט ראובן and שבט גד received their land because *they* wanted it for their personal convenience, *instead* of receiving their part in ארץ ישראל. So that could not be connected to expanding ארץ ישראל.

When משה רבינו, on *his* initiative, gave some of that land to half of שבט מנשה, *he* was initiating the expansion of ארץ ישראל, to include the lands that we will receive when משיח comes.

Further discussion:

Why did משה specifically give land to **half** of מנשה? (See the end of אות ד, and then אות ה in the שיחה).

