

## Parashah 42 Mattot - מטות “Tribes”



### Torah: B'midbar (Numbers) 30:(1)-32:42

Aliyah 1 - 30:2 - 17	Making vows; details for men, women, wives, daughters
Aliyah 2 - 31:1 - 12	Vengeance on Midyanim; kings and Bil'am killed; women, children, booty taken
Aliyah 3 - 31:13 - 24	Moshe orders male children, non-virgin women killed; purification from death
Aliyah 4 - 31:25 - 41	Booty split between soldiers and community; 1/50 to L'vi'im
Aliyah 5 - 31:42 - 54	Not one soldier missing -thanks offering brought
Aliyah 6 - 32:1 - 19	Reuven / Gad request inheritance east of Yarden; condition of support required
Aliyah 7 - 32:20 - 42	Request granted / agreed; half-tribe of M'nashah joins Reuven and Gad

### Haftarah: Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 1:1-2:3

### B'rit Hadashah: Philippians 3:12-16

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1. What are characteristics of a vow or oath? Can you think of examples of vows or oaths from past portions? Do we use them today? What does Yeshua say about taking vows?
2. Why does God allow a husband to annul the vows of his wife, or a father his daughter? Who is protected in this? Why are sons not included? Is this fair? Is this concept expressed in the Apostolic writings?
3. How does this describe the relationship between Messiah and his bride?
4. Who led the battle against the Midyanites? Who went with him? Why did they not fight against the Moabites?
5. Who returned from the battle? What angered Moshe upon their return? What was their response? What do you think about the killing of women and children?
6. What request was made by the Gad and Re'uven? What do you think was their motivation? What was Moshe's initial response? Was their request granted?

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**Questions for reflection and application:**

1. (30:2) From whom have you learned, both good and bad? Who, and what, do you teach? (Exo 34:31-32, 2Ti 2:2, Rom 12:17-20, Jer 51:11-12, Eze 25:12-17, Mat 5:38-48)
2. (31:50) Do our physical actions affect our spiritual lives? How can sexual immorality affect our lives? (Mar 9:42, 10:7-9, Deu 12:30, 1Co 6:15-20, Jer 1:4-5, Rom 12:2, 1Co 8:12)
3. (32:1) Do you make important decisions based on what you see around you, or what God has promised you? (Luk 12:18-19, 30-31, 2Co 5:7, Heb 11:1, Rom 8:22-25, 2Co 4:16-18, 1Pe 1:8-9)
4. (32:30) Does the life of promise have to involve warfare? Who does the equipping? Who does the fighting? (Num 32:20, 21, 22, 27,29, 32; Neh 13-14, Mat 5:21, 10:28, 16:25, Rom 12:9, Jam 4:7, Luk 22:36-38, 49, Eph 6:11-13, 1Pe 5:8-11)