

# THE ARK MONTEBELLO

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## NUMBERS CHAPTER 32

### What You See Is Not Always What You Get

"Therefore, they said, "If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants as a possession. Do not take us over the Jordan (River)." Numbers 32:5

### Chapter 32 "Moses, don't bring us over the Jordan River"

**Numbers Chapters 13-14—Moses and the nation of Israel were standing on the verge of Canaan...the Promised Land.**

God ordered Moses to send out twelve spies to reconnaissance and explore the Promised Land and witness its geography, people, cities, forts, etc., to see what they were about to receive: 10 of the 12 spies were petrified and gave an evil report on their perceived fears and talked the Children of Israel from entering the Promised Land.

**Forty years later...Numbers Chapter 32—The nation of Israel is, again, poised at the entrance of the Promised Land, the Jordan River being the demarcation-line:** God had promised that all Twelve Tribes were to enter the Promised Land and engage in many battles while taking over the land that God had chosen for them.

But only 9 ½ tribes set up their homes in Canaan. The remaining 2 ½ tribes had other plans...to remain on the eastern side of the Jordan River.

**Reuben and Gad—both tribes were cattlemen.** And because *they had a very great multitude of livestock*, the leaders desired to stay on the east of the Jordan River because it suited them.

The families spokespersons approach Moses, Eleazar and the leaders of the congregation, and request not to be taken across the Jordan River, the threshold of the Promise Land!

**Though at first Moses misunderstands the Gadites and Reubenites intentions, Moses nevertheless speaks truth:** "Should your brothers go to war while you remain here? Why are you discouraging the others from crossing over into the land that the Lord has promised to give them?"

As bible-believers, Christ-followers, whenever we start thinking that our personal agendas are superior to God's plans, or to go against His will directives...ramifications and adverse repercussions are sure to happen due to our shortsightedness and transitory desire(s).

# BLESS

South Montebello

We will be blessing our Montebello neighbors again, this thanksgiving.

If you are able to give, please drop off a \$25 supermarket gift card to the front office no later than Wednesday Nov. 15th.

If you'd like to join us in handing out the cards, going door-to-door, please see Pastor John Paul.



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## Softball Tourney

Reggie Rodriguez Park

**Friday, November 24th**  
9am – 12pm

Includes custom commemorative **Arkie jersey**

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**MARIACHI LOS CAMPEROS**

**Friday, December 22 at 7pm**  
\$40 per ticket