

Deuteronomy 2:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now rise up, said I, and get you over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered.

Analysis

The command 'Now rise up... and get you over the brook Zered' marks a turning point—from circling to advancing. The brook Zered served as the boundary between Edomite territory and Moabite lands, representing both geographical progress and the resumption of Israel's forward mission. God's timing for movement is precise—not before readiness, not after opportunity passes. Divine direction includes both waiting seasons and action moments.

Historical Context

The brook Zered (modern Wadi al-Hasa) flows into the Dead Sea from the east, marking the historical boundary between Edom and Moab. Crossing it meant Israel had successfully navigated the delicate passage past Edom and was approaching Moab's territory, drawing ever closer to the final goal of entering Canaan from the east.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What 'brook Zered' moment are you facing—a definitive crossing from waiting into action?
2. How do you discern when God's timing shifts from preparation to forward movement?

Interlinear Text

וְעַתָּה שָׁעַת הַזָּרֶד: וְעַל אֶת לֶבֶב רַב מִזְרָחָה
H6258 Now rise up H6965 And we went over H5674 H0 H853 the brook H5158 H2218 Zered

וְעַתָּה שָׁעַת הַזָּרֶד:
And we went over H5674 H853 the brook H5158 Zered H2218

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 21:12 (Parallel theme): From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared.

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