

# Deuteronomy 2:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day:

## Analysis

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The geographical marker 'Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day' provides specific direction for Israel's movement. The precision of 'this day' emphasizes the immediacy of obedience—when God says 'now,' delayed response equals disobedience. The route through Ar (Moabite territory) required continued restraint despite approaching the promised land. God's paths sometimes lead through territories we must respect but not claim.

## Historical Context

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Ar was a major Moabite city in the region. Passing through required diplomatic navigation—Israel couldn't conquer Moab but needed passage rights. This tested Israel's obedience to distinguish between what God gave them (Transjordan Amorite lands) and what He reserved for others (Moab, Edom, Ammon). Selective conquest demonstrated divine direction, not merely opportunistic expansion.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. What territories in your life require passage through but not possession?

2. How do you maintain restraint when opportunity presents itself but God hasn't granted permission?

## Interlinear Text

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H859 Thou art to pass over this day H853 the coast H853  
H5674 H3117 H1366 H4124

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through Ar  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 21:23** (Parallel theme): And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

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