

Deuteronomy 3:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So we abode in the valley over against Beth-peor.

Analysis

The geographical note 'So we abode in the valley over against Bethpeor' marks Israel's location during Moses' farewell address. Bethpeor's mention (site of Baal-peor incident, Numbers 25) serves as a sobering reminder of past failure, making Moses' warnings more poignant. Staying 'in the valley' suggests a period of waiting and preparation before the next phase. God often uses waiting periods to teach lessons before advancing His purposes.

Historical Context

Bethpeor was in Moabite territory where Israel had fallen into sexual immorality and idolatry, resulting in 24,000 deaths by plague (Numbers 25). This location would continually remind Israel of sin's consequences, making it an appropriate setting for Moses' final warnings about covenant faithfulness.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What past failures serve as important reminders for present faithfulness?

2. How does God use waiting periods to prepare you for the next phase of His plan?

Interlinear Text

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So we abode	in the valley	over against	H0	Bethpeor
H3427	H1516	H4136		H1047

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 34:6 (Parallel theme): And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

Deuteronomy 4:46 (Parallel theme): On this side Jordan, in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel smote, after they were come forth out of Egypt:

Numbers 25:3 (Parallel theme): And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

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