

Numbers 20:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh, and came unto mount Hor.

Analysis

After Edom's refusal, Israel 'came unto mount Hor'—the place where Aaron would die (verses 23-29). Geographic movement marked spiritual transitions. Arriving at this significant location reminded Israel that leadership transitions were near and that obedience to God's directions mattered more than any single leader's presence.

Historical Context

Mount Hor marked the border of Edomite territory. Its selection as Aaron's burial place may have symbolized the end of one era and the beginning of another. Aaron's death removed the high priest who had served since Sinai, marking profound transition in Israel's leadership structure.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How do you recognize that geographic or circumstantial changes signal spiritual transitions?

2. What preparations is God making you through current circumstances for future transitions?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּסַּע ו	מִקְדֵּשׁ שׁ	וַיָּבֹאוּ	בְּנֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	כָּל
journeyed	from Kadesh	and came	And the children	of Israel	H3605
H5265	H6946	H935	H1121	H3478	
הָעֵדָה ה	הֹר	הַהָר:			
even the whole congregation	Hor	unto mount			
H5712	H2023	H2022			

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 21:4 (Parallel theme): And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

Numbers 20:14 (References Israel): And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us:

Numbers 20:1 (References Israel): Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.