

# Numbers 21:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared.

## Analysis

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**From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared** (נַחַל זָרַד, nachal Zared)—This wadi marked the boundary between Edomite territory and Moabite lands. Deuteronomy 2:13-14 identifies this crossing as the moment when the condemned generation finally died off—38 years after Kadesh-barnea. The nachal (torrent valley) becomes a theological marker: death's boundary crossed, judgment complete.

The terseness of this itinerary conceals profound significance. Crossing Zared meant the old generation was buried, the oath fulfilled, and God's purpose advancing despite human failure. Geography carries theology.

## Historical Context

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The valley of Zared (modern Wadi el-Hasa) flows westward into the Dead Sea, forming Moab's southern border. Israel's crossing marked both geographical progress and generational transition—the wilderness judgment was complete.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What 'valleys' in your life mark the completion of one chapter and the beginning of another?
2. How does God's faithfulness to complete His purposes encourage you when human failure seems to derail His plans?
3. Where do you see God turning boundary markers into symbols of His redemptive timing?

## Interlinear Text

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מִשָּׁם	וְנִסְּרוּ	וַיִּפְּחוּ	בְּבֵּי חַלְמַי	זָרַד:
H8033	From thence they removed	and pitched	in the valley	of Zared
	H5265	H2583	H5158	H2218

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