

Numbers 21:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And from Bamoth in the valley, that is in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looketh toward Jeshimon.

Analysis

From Bamoth in the valley...to the top of Pisgah (פִּסְגָּה, Pisgah)—This mountain ridge overlooking the Dead Sea and Jordan Valley would become Moses' viewpoint for surveying the Promised Land before his death (Deuteronomy 34:1). **Which looketh toward Jeshimon** (הַיְשִׁמְон, ha-yeshimon, "the wasteland") identifies the barren desert stretching toward Jericho.

Pisgah represents threshold vision—seeing the promise without yet possessing it. Israel camped where Moses would later stand and die. The geography prefigures coming transition: one generation's end, another's beginning. From Pisgah, faith sees what obedience will inherit.

Historical Context

Pisgah is part of the Abarim mountain range, with peaks rising over 2,600 feet above the Dead Sea. From this vantage, the Jordan Valley, Jericho, and Canaan's hill country were visible. Moses died on nearby Mount Nebo, making this region sacred to Israel's memory.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What 'Pisgah moments' has God given you—glimpses of promises not yet fully realized?
2. How does seeing God's purposes from a distance prepare you for the obedience required to possess them?
3. What transition is God preparing you for that requires faith to see before sight possesses?

Interlinear Text

רַאֲשָׁה	מִזְאָבֵב	בְּשָׂדֶה	הַמִּדְבָּר	אֲשֶׁר	הַגִּיאָה	וּמִבְּמֹתָה	וּמִבְּמֹתָה
And from Bamoth	in the valley			H834	that is in the country		
H1120	H1516				H7704		
of Pisgah	which looketh	H5921	toward		Jeshimon	of Moab	to the top
H6449	H8259		H6440		H3452	H4124	H7218
הַיְשִׁימֹן:	פָּנָה	עַל	וְנַשְׁקֵךְ	פָּה	הַפְּסָגֶת	הַ	

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 23:28 (Parallel theme): And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon.

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