

# 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

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**From Bamoth in the valley...to the top of Pisgah** (הַצִּדְדִּים, 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** (הַיִּשְׁמִיּוֹן, 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

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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

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

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

## Study Questions

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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

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וּמִבָּמוֹת	הַגִּיָּא	אֲשֶׁר	בְּשֵׂדֵה הַ	מוֹאָב	רֹאשׁ
And from Bamoth	in the valley	H834	that is in the country	of Moab	to the top
H1120	H1516		H7704	H4124	H7218
הַפִּסְגָּה	וְנִשְׁקָה כָּה	עַל	כְּנִי	הַיְּשִׁימוֹן:	
of Pisgah	which looketh	H5921	toward	Jeshimon	
H6449	H8259		H6440	H3452	

## Additional Cross-References

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