

# Numbers 33:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah.

## Analysis

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**They went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah**—The Hebrew מִתְקַנָּה (Mithqah, 'sweetness') to הַשְׁמֹנָה (Hashmōnāh, possibly 'fruitful'). These wilderness stations between Sinai and Kadesh represent the interim period of Israel's wandering, when they were neither at the mountain of God nor yet approaching Canaan.

The bare recitation of movement verbs—**went** (עָזַב, nasa') and **pitched** (נָסַב, chanah)—emphasizes the transient nature of pilgrimage. God's people lived in tents, not cities, learning dependence on divine provision. Hebrews 11:13-16 celebrates this nomadic faith: 'strangers and pilgrims on the earth.'

## Historical Context

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This itinerary section (vv. 16-36) covers the 38 years of wandering between departing Sinai and returning to Kadesh. Many of these place names appear nowhere else in Scripture, suggesting the original audience knew the geography intimately even though later generations lost the specific locations.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does the repetitive nature of these journey notices mirror seasons of 'waiting' in your spiritual life?
2. What does Israel's nomadic existence teach about holding earthly possessions lightly?

## Interlinear Text

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