

# Numbers 33:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they departed from Hashmonah, and encamped at Moseroth.

## Analysis

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**Departed from Hashmonah, and encamped at Moseroth** (מֹסֶרֶת, Mōsērōth, 'bonds' or 'discipline'). Deuteronomy 10:6 identifies Mosera (singular form) as Aaron's burial site in some textual traditions, though verse 38 here places his death at Mount Hor.

The name 'bonds' may reflect the binding discipline of wilderness life—Israel was constrained to follow the cloud by day and pillar of fire by night (9:15-23). This enforced obedience trained a rebellious people in covenant loyalty. The New Testament echoes this pedagogy: 'Whom the Lord loves he chastens' (Hebrews 12:6).

## Historical Context

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The wilderness period functioned as Israel's theological seminary, where they learned to live by faith (Deuteronomy 8:2-3). The multiple movements tested their trust in God's provision and timing, preparing them for conquest.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How has God used 'wilderness' seasons of constraint to discipline and refine your faith?
2. What does Moseroth ('bonds') suggest about the paradox that divine discipline is actually love?

## Interlinear Text

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| וַיֵּצְאוּ               | מִחֲשֹׁמֶן הַ         | וַיִּחַן ו          | בְּמִסְרוֹת:       |
| <b>And they departed</b> | <b>from Hashmonah</b> | <b>and encamped</b> | <b>at Moseroth</b> |
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