

Numbers 33:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they removed from Bene-jaakan, and encamped at Hor-hagidgad.

Analysis

Removed from Bene-jaakan, and encamped at Hor-hagidgad—חֹר הַגִּדְגָּד (Hōr haggidgād, 'cavern of Gidgad' or 'hole of clefts'). Deuteronomy 10:7 calls this Gudgodah, possibly referring to rocky gorges or wadis in the desert terrain.

The geographic precision—**cavern** (חֹר, hōr) suggests a particular gorge—demonstrates that God cares about the specific details of His people's journey. No encampment was accidental; each was divinely ordained. Romans 8:28 applies this principle: 'All things work together for good' because God superintends every step.

Historical Context

The wilderness of Paran and the Arabah region contained numerous rocky wadis that provided some shelter from desert winds. Israel's survival in such inhospitable terrain was a standing miracle of divine preservation.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does God's attention to the specific geographic details of Israel's journey encourage you about His providence in your life?
2. What does it mean that even desolate places like 'cavern of clefts' were part of God's perfect plan?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּסְעוּ	מִבְּנֵי	יַעֲקֹב	וַיִּחַנוּ	בְּחֶרֶד
And they removed	H0	from Benejaakan	and encamped	H0
H5265		H1142	H2583	

הִגְדָּד:
at Horhagidgad
H2735

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 10:7 (Parallel theme): From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.