

# Numbers 33:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they departed from mount Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

## Analysis

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**Departed from mount Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah**—הַלְמֹנָה (Šalmōnāh, 'shade' or 'shady place'). After Aaron's death and the victory over Arad, Israel resumed the march. The move from Mount Hor (death site) to Zalmonah ('shade') may suggest divine comfort after bereavement—God provides shelter and relief.

The wilderness journey continued despite leadership loss. Aaron died, but Israel moved forward under Eleazar's priesthood. This illustrates God's greater faithfulness: His purposes transcend any individual leader. Paul would later write, 'I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase' (1 Corinthians 3:6). Ministers come and go; God's work endures.

## Historical Context

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The thirty-day mourning period for Aaron (20:29) had concluded, and Israel was now approaching Moab's borders. The transition from Mount Hor toward the plains of Moab (where the book of Numbers will conclude) shows geographical progression toward 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 does the place name 'Zalmonah' (shade) function as divine comfort after the grief of Aaron's death?
2. What does Israel's continued march despite losing Aaron teach about the relationship between human leadership and God's unchanging purposes?

## Interlinear Text

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