

Numbers 34:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye shall point out your east border from Hazar-enan to Shepham:

Analysis

And ye shall point out your east border from Hazar-enan to Shepham—The command to 'point out' uses the Hebrew ta'u (תָּעַ, 'mark out/designate'), requiring active participation in God's gift. Israel must physically survey and claim what God promised. Shepham's location (possibly near the Sea of Galilee's eastern shore) marks where the northern boundary turns southward.

Divine promise requires human response. God grants inheritance, but His people must 'arise and walk through the land' (Genesis 13:17). Faith without works is dead—promises require obedient appropriation (James 2:17).

Historical Context

Ancient boundary marking involved physical monuments (stone cairns or pillars) at key points. Surveying the land required tribes to send representatives who would establish clear territorial limits. This prevented future disputes and confirmed each tribe's inheritance. The process combined divine gift with human responsibility.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What spiritual 'land' has God promised you that remains unsurveyed and unclaimed through prayerless passivity?
2. How does the requirement to 'point out' boundaries challenge the idea that blessing comes without active faith?
3. In what ways must believers today both receive Christ's finished work and actively appropriate His promises?

Interlinear Text

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