

# Numbers 34:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall point out for you mount Hor:

## Analysis

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**And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall point out for you mount Hor**—The northern boundary begins at Mediterranean, extending inland to Mount Hor (not the mountain where Aaron died, 20:22-29, but another peak in Lebanon range, possibly modern Jebel Akkar). The Hebrew *ta'u lakem* (point out/mark) implies active surveying, not passive observation.

God commands precision: Israel must 'point out' exact boundaries, taking ownership through knowledge and physical marking. Inheritance requires engagement—God gives the land, but Israel must survey, divide, and occupy. This foreshadows NT calling: God has blessed us 'with every spiritual blessing' (Ephesians 1:3), yet we must actively appropriate these through faith, knowledge of Scripture, and obedient living. Passive Christians forfeit inheritance not claimed.

## Historical Context

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Mount Hor (northern) marked the traditional boundary between Canaan and Syria/Phoenicia. The Lebanon and Anti-Lebanon mountain ranges formed natural northern limits. Solomon's kingdom extended to Hamath (34:8), but typical Israelite control was south of these ranges. David conquered Damascus temporarily (2 Samuel 8:5-6), showing fluid northern boundaries.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What spiritual inheritances has God promised that require active 'pointing out' and claiming through faith?
2. How does the command to survey boundaries teach personal responsibility in appropriating God's provision?

## Interlinear Text

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H2088	H1961	H0	<b>border</b>	<b>And this shall be your north</b>	H1366	H6828	H4480	<b>sea</b>	H3220
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from the great	from the great	ye shall point out	ye shall point out	Hor	for you mount	for you mount	H2023	H2022	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 33:37** (Parallel theme): And they removed from Kadesh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.