

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

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

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

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

וְזֶה	יְהִי הָ	לְךָ מִ	גֹּב וּלְ	צֵפּ וְ	מִן	הַיָּם
H2088	H1961	H0	border	And this shall be your north	H4480	sea
			H1366	H6828		H3220
הַגָּדֹל	תִּתְּנָהּ	לְךָ מִ	ה' רַ	הָהָר:		
from the great	ye shall point out	H0	Hor	for you mount		
H1419	H8376		H2023	H2022		

Additional Cross-References

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