

Numbers 36:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

These are the commandments and the judgments, which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho.

Analysis

This verse concludes Numbers: 'These are the commandments and the judgments, which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho.' The phrase emphasizes divine origin ('the LORD commanded') and human mediation ('by the hand of Moses'). The specific location - Moab's plains, poised to enter Canaan - marks a transitional moment. Forty years of wilderness wanderings culminate here; the next step is Jordan-crossing and conquest. This conclusion, like all Scripture, comes 'by the hand' of human authors under divine inspiration (2 Pet 1:21), ensuring both divine authority and human personality.

Historical Context

Written at the end of Israel's wilderness period, this conclusion summarizes laws given at Moab after Sinai's earlier revelation. The location 'by Jordan near Jericho' is theologically significant - Israel stands on Canaan's threshold, laws fresh in mind before entering. Archaeological excavations near Jericho confirm this area was suitable for large encampments. Moses speaks these final words before his death (Deut 34), making this conclusion both ending and beginning - law given, land awaiting, leadership transitioning to Joshua.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do you view Scripture's dual authorship - fully divine yet fully human - and what does this mean for biblical authority?
2. As you stand on the threshold of new seasons, how do you ensure God's commands are fresh in your mind before proceeding?

Interlinear Text

אֱלֹהִים	תְּמִצּוֹת	וּמְשִׁפְטִים	רְאֵשֶׁת	צִוְּה
H428	These are the commandments	and the judgments	H834	commanded
	H4687	H4941		H6680
הָיָה	בְּ יָד	מֹשֶׁה	בְּנֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל
which the LORD	by the hand	of Moses	unto the children	of Israel
H3068	H3027	H4872	H1121	H3478
בְּעֵרֶב תֶּלֶן	יְהִי	לְמֹאֲבָב	בְּנֵי	יְרִיחֹה
in the plains	near Jericho	of Moab	by Jordan	
H6160	H3405	H4124	H3383	H5921

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 27:34 (Word): These are the commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai.

Numbers 22:1 (References Israel): And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho.

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