Mount Nebo

- Mount Nebo is located in the country of Jordan.
- The name “Nebo” is usually connected with the concept of height, suggesting high mountain.
- It appears that Mount Nebo is the highest of the three peaks in the range called Mount Pisgah.
- It is almost opposite the northern end of the Dead Sea.
  - Rises some 4,000 feet above the water’s surface.
  - It’s summit is actually some 2,700 feet above sea level since the Dead Sea is 1,296 feet below sea level.
  - The peak is about twelve miles east of where the Jordan River flows into the Dead Sea.
- On a clear day the view from Mount Nebo is magnificent. Among what can be seen are these:
  - To the north: Mount Hermon (with its snow cap), Mount Tabor, Mount Ebal, Mount Gerizim, and other heights of Samaria and Judea.
  - To the southwest: The ridge on which Bethlehem and Hebron are located. When the weather is very clear, the modern-day towers on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the city of Jericho can be seen.
  - The Dead Sea can be seen.
  - Since it is hidden in a deep gorge, most of the Jordan River cannot be seen.
- Balak, king of Moab, summoned the prophet Balaam to curse the Israelites.  

**Numbers 23:14**
From the top of Mount Nebo, Moses was permitted to view the promised land, but was forbidden to enter it. Deuteronomy 34:1-4 (His view was probably miraculously enhanced)

At the age of 120 years, Moses died on Mount Nebo. Deuteronomy 34:5-6 - “So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day.

Poem by Mrs. C. F. Alexander

By Nebo’s lonely mountain,
On this side Jordan’s wave,
In a vale in the land of Moab
There lies a lonely grave.

And no one knows that sepulcher
And no man saw it e’er,
For the angels of God upturned the sod,
And laid the dead man there.

O lonely grave in Moab’s land;
O dark Beth-peor hill;
Speak to these curious hearts of ours,
And teach them to be still.

God hath His mysteries of grace,
Ways that we cannot tell;
He hides them deep, like hidden sleep
Of him He loved so well.

- Mrs. C. F. Alexander