

# Deuteronomy 2:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were consumed.

## Analysis

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The statement 'the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host' attributes the deaths explicitly to divine judgment, not merely natural causes. God's 'hand' signifies His active involvement—these weren't random deaths but purposeful removal of the rebellious generation. This severe language emphasizes sin's seriousness and God's holiness. Yet even judgment served redemptive purposes—clearing way for a faithful generation.

## Historical Context

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While some deaths occurred through natural wilderness hardships, specific judgments included Korah's rebellion (Numbers 16), plagues after various rebellions, and fiery serpents (Numbers 21). God's 'hand against them' encompassed both direct supernatural intervention and the natural consequences of living under His displeasure in a harsh environment.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does recognizing God's active involvement in judgment shape your understanding of sin's gravity?
2. In what ways might current difficulties be divine discipline meant for redemptive purposes?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֵלֶּה יָדָה יְהוָה יְמִתָּה

H1571

For indeed the hand

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of the LORD

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was against them to destroy

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מִקְרָב

them from among

H7130

עַד תִּמְמֹנָה

the host

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until they were consumed

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 106:26** (Parallel theme): Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

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