

Deuteronomy 2:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

Analysis

The phrase 'So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people' marks a critical transition—the judgment generation had fully passed, opening the way for renewed blessing. The completion of judgment ('consumed and dead') created space for new beginnings. God's discipline has termination points—consequences run their course, then grace resumes forward movement. Past failure needn't define future possibilities.

Historical Context

This marked approximately 1406 BC, 40 years after the Exodus. The new generation, born in the wilderness and trained in dependence on God's daily provision, would prove more faithful than their fathers. This generational transition illustrates God's patience and redemptive purposes—one generation's failure doesn't thwart His ultimate plans.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What needs to be 'consumed and dead' in your life before God's next phase can begin?
2. How can you ensure you're part of the faithful generation rather than the rebellious one?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵשׁ כִּי-כַאֲשֶׁר-יָיָה
H1961 H834 were consumed H3605 So it came to pass when all the men
H8552 H582

בְּשָׁמָן מִקְּרָב לְמִזְבֵּחַ וְמִן-הַמְּלֶחֶם הָיָה
of war and dead from among the people
H4421 H4191 H7130 H5971

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