

# Deuteronomy 2:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession.

## Analysis

God's instruction regarding Ammon—"distress them not, nor meddle with them"—extends the same restriction placed on Edom and Moab. The reason 'for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession' clarifies divine land distribution. The additional explanation 'because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession' shows God's promises extend beyond Abraham's line. His sovereignty includes gracious provision for other descendants.

## Historical Context

Ammon, like Moab, descended from Lot through incestuous union with his daughters (Genesis 19:38). Despite this shameful origin, God protected Ammon's territorial rights, showing that His mercy transcends human failure. Later, Ammon would oppose Israel (Judges 11; 1 Samuel 11), yet at this point God commanded restraint, teaching that current obedience matters more than future hostility.

## Related Passages

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

### Study Questions

1. How does God's protection of peoples outside His covenant people challenge nationalistic or exclusive thinking?
2. What restraint is God calling you to exercise despite apparent opportunity or justification for action?

### Interlinear Text

וְכֹבֵד	מִלְּאָמֵן	לְבָנִי	עַמּוֹן	אֶל
And when thou comest nigh	over against	it unto the children	of Ammon	H408
H7126	H4136	H1121	H5983	
דִּסְתְּרֵס	אֶל תְּצַאֵר	תְּחַנֵּן ר	לֹא כִּי	נָתַתִּיךְ
H6696	H408	H1624	H0	H5414
distress	them not nor meddle		H3588	because I have given
		H3808		H5388
מִן־אֶרְצָךְ	לְבָנִי	עַמּוֹן	לְבָנָה:	כִּי
thee of the land	it unto the children	of Ammon	any possession	H3588
H776	H1121	H5983	H3425	
לְבָנִי	לֹא וְ	נָתַתִּיךְ	וְרָשָׁה:	
it unto the children	of Lot	because I have given	any possession	
H1121	H3876	H5414	H3425	

### Additional Cross-References

**Deuteronomy 2:9** (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession.

**2 Chronicles 20:10** (Parallel theme): And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;

