

Deuteronomy 2:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day:

Analysis

The comparison 'As he did to the children of Esau... when he destroyed the Horims from before them' provides another precedent for God empowering nations to displace previous inhabitants. The result 'they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead' describes complete territorial transfer. This historical pattern—repeated with Edom, Moab, Ammon, and now Israel—establishes God's sovereign control over all national destinies, not just Israel's.

Historical Context

Genesis 36 records Esau's settlement in Seir and the Horite inhabitants. The Horites' complete displacement by Edomites parallels Israel's coming conquest of Canaan. These historical parallels weren't coincidental but demonstrated God's consistent pattern of establishing peoples in their appointed lands through victory over previous occupants.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing God's sovereignty over all nations' histories affect your theology?
2. What principles from others' experiences with God can inform your trust in His purposes for you?

Interlinear Text

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	H8165	H3427	H6215	H1121	H6213	
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H3423	H6440	H2752	H853	H8045		
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in their stead even unto this day	them and dwelt					
H2088	H3427					
	H3117					

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 36:8 (Parallel theme): Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom.

Genesis 14:6 (Parallel theme): And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is by the wilderness.

Deuteronomy 2:12 (Parallel theme): The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.