

Deuteronomy 2:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.

Analysis

God's command to Israel to 'Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon' marks the transition from peaceful passage through Edom and Moab to military conquest of the Amorite kingdom of Sihon. The phrase 'behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon' uses the prophetic perfect—God speaks of future events as already accomplished, demonstrating His sovereignty. The command to 'contend with him in battle' combines divine promise with human responsibility—Israel must fight, but victory is assured because God has already given it.

Historical Context

The Arnon River (modern Wadi Mujib) formed the border between Moab to the south and the Amorite kingdom to the north. Sihon had previously conquered Moabite territory north of the Arnon (Numbers 21:26). Israel's defeat of Sihon gave them their first territorial possession and demonstrated God's power to the surrounding nations. This victory is repeatedly cited in Scripture as evidence of God's faithfulness (Psalms 135:10-12; 136:17-22).

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's declaration of victory before the battle encourage you to face challenges in faith?
2. What 'Arnon River' is God calling you to cross, moving from preparation to action?

Interlinear Text

רִא	ה	אַרְנוֹן	גַּת	כָּל	אֶת	וְעַבְרוֹ	סְעִוָּה	וְמוֹעֵד
Rise ye up	take your journey	and pass over		H853	the river	Arnon	behold	
H6965	H5265	H5674		H5158	H769	H7200		
בְּאָמַרְתִּי	חִשְׁבֵּן	וְעַמְּרִי	אֶת	בְּדַבֵּר	סִיחָן	מֶלֶךְ	נַתְּתִּי	
I have given	into thine hand		H853	Sihon	king	of Heshbon	the Amorite	H853
H5414	H3027		H5511	H4428	H2809	H567		
מְלֹתְמָה:	בְּוֹ	וְהַתְּגִּר	בְּנָשָׁה	בְּקָנָל	אָרָצָה			
and his land	begin	to possess	it and contend	H0	with him in battle			
H776	H2490	H3423	H1624		H4421			

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