

Deuteronomy 2:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

(As the children of Esau which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites which dwell in Ar, did unto me;) until I shall pass over Jordan into the land which the LORD our God giveth us.

Analysis

God's declaration 'Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee' announces imminent victory before battle commenced. The command 'begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land' shows that divine gift requires human appropriation—God gives, we must take. The word 'begin' indicates this is first in a series of conquests. Each victory builds momentum and faith for the next challenge.

Historical Context

This conquest of Sihon's Amorite kingdom marked Israel's first major military victory since leaving Egypt (the Amalekite battle was defensive). Success here dramatically boosted confidence for subsequent conquests. The territory gained became the inheritance of Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh, fulfilling God's promises regarding the land's extent.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What has God begun to give you that requires your active faith to fully possess?
2. How do you build on initial victories to gain momentum for larger challenges?

Interlinear Text

בְּשֵׁעַ יִרְבֵּי הַיִּשְׁבִּימִים עֵשָׂו בְּנֵי יִלְיָעָשׂוּ בְּאֶשׁ רֶ
H834 did H0 As the children of Esau which dwell in Seir H6213 H1121 H6215 H3427 H8165

אֲשֶׁר אֶעְבֹּר אֲשֶׁר עַד בְּעַר הַיִּשְׁבִּימִים וְהַמּוֹאָבִימִים
and the Moabites which dwell in Ar H5704 H834 unto me until I shall pass over H4125 H3427 H6144 H5674

נָתַן אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר הָאֵרָץ אֶל הַיַּרְדֵּי אֶת
H853 Jordan H413 into the land H834 which the LORD our God giveth H3383 H776 H3068 H430 H5414

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Additional Cross-References

Numbers 20:18 (Parallel theme): And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.