

Deuteronomy 2:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

Analysis

Sihon's mobilization of 'all his people to battle' demonstrates total commitment to resist Israel. The specific location 'at Jahaz' allows historical verification. The phrase 'came out against us' emphasizes that Sihon initiated hostilities—Israel's warfare was defensive and divinely authorized. This distinction matters theologically and ethically—God's people don't seek conquest for conquest's sake but defend themselves and claim what God has given.

Historical Context

Jahaz's location in southern Transjordan placed it strategically between Moab and Sihon's kingdom. The battle's decisiveness meant total Israelite victory despite Sihon fielding his entire military force. Numbers 21:24 adds that Israel 'smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land,' fulfilling God's promise exactly.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do you distinguish between godly defense and ungodly aggression in your conflicts?
2. What assurance do you have that your battles align with God's purposes rather than personal ambition?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּצֵא	וְ	וְאֶל-	לְקַבָּאת	נִזְבֵּחַ	וְ	עַמְּךָ
came out	Then	Sihon	against		H1931	H3605
H3318		H5511	H7125			us he and all his people
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to fight	at Jahaz					
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