

Deuteronomy 2:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD our God delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.

Analysis

The declaration 'the LORD our God delivered him before us' credits God as the source of victory. The comprehensive result 'we smote him, and his sons, and all his people' indicates total defeat—no successor remained to continue resistance. This completeness prevented future rebellion and secured permanent possession. When God gives victory, it's thorough, leaving no partial threats to future security.

Historical Context

The phrase 'his sons' indicates Sihon's heirs were also killed, eliminating dynastic succession. This prevented later claims to the territory by Sihon's descendants. The complete nature of herem warfare (devoted destruction) served God's purposes to give Israel secure, uncontested possession free from ongoing territorial disputes or resistance movements.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What spiritual enemies require complete defeat rather than partial victory?

2. How thoroughly are you dealing with sin patterns that threaten your spiritual security?

Interlinear Text

וַתֵּן הוּ	יְהוָה ה	אֱלֹהֵינוּ	לִפְנֵינוּ	וַנִּךְ	אֶת־ו	וַאֲת־
delivered	And the LORD	our God	him before	us and we smote	H853	H853
H5414	H3068	H430	H6440	H5221		
בְּנֵי־ו	וַאֲת־	כָּל־	עַמּוֹ:			
him and his sons	H853	H3605	and all his people			
H1121			H5971			

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 7:2 (References God): And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

Joshua 21:44 (References Lord): And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.