

Deuteronomy 2:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

From Aroer, which is by the brink of the river of Arnon, and from the city that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God delivered all unto us:

Analysis

The geographical summary 'From Aroer... even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us' emphasizes the comprehensive nature of victory. The phrase 'not one city too strong' testifies to God's overwhelming power—no human defense could withstand divine purposes. The attribution 'the LORD our God delivered all unto us' ensures proper credit. Human strength is irrelevant when God determines to give victory.

Historical Context

Aroer marked the southern boundary of Sihon's kingdom on the Arnon River, while Gilead represented the northern region. This complete territorial conquest from south to north demonstrated that God systematically fulfilled His promises. Every city's fall built cumulative evidence of divine faithfulness, erasing doubt about God's ability to conquer Canaan proper.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What strongholds in your life have you written off as 'too strong' that God wants to conquer?
2. How does remembering past comprehensive victories build faith for current challenges?

Interlinear Text

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| From Aroer | H6177 | רָאשֵׁר אֶשְׁר עַל שְׂפַת | which is by the brink | H8193 | אַרְנוֹן בְּבִרְכָּה | of the river | H5158 | אַרְנוֹן בְּבִרְכָּה | of Arnon | H769 |
| and from the city | H5892 | רִבְבָּה וְאֶשְׁר עַל שְׂפַת | of the river even unto Gilead | H5704 | לְאַתְּ | כְּגָלָעֵד | H3808 | פִּימָה | H1961 | |
| there was not one city | H7151 | הַיְתָה לֹא כִּי רָאשֵׁר אֶשְׁר שָׁגַב הָאֵשׁ | too strong | H7682 | נָתַן הַכְּלָל | מִמֶּנּוּ אֶת | H853 | delivered | H3605 | |
| for us the LORD | H3068 | לְפָנֵינוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהֹוָה | all unto us | H6440 | | | H4480 | | | H5414 |
| | H430 | | | | | | | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 13:9 (Parallel theme): From Aroer, that is upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon;

Deuteronomy 4:48 (Parallel theme): From Aroer, which is by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount Sion, which is Hermon,

Deuteronomy 3:12 (Parallel theme): And this land, which we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

Psalms 44:3 (Parallel theme): For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

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