

Deuteronomy 3:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I gave Gilead unto Machir.

Analysis

The simple statement 'I gave Gilead unto Machir' allocates prime territory to Machir, Manasseh's son (Numbers 32:39-40). Gilead was known for balm (Jeremiah 8:22) and became synonymous with healing and prosperity. This gift represents God's generous provision—the best lands to faithful families. God delights in blessing His people abundantly, not grudgingly.

Historical Context

Machir's descendants, the Machirites, became a powerful clan within Manasseh. The Gileadites (Jephthah's people, Judges 11) descended from them. This region's fertility and strategic location made it valuable, and God graciously gave it to Machir's lineage as an eternal inheritance.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How have you seen God's generous provision exceed your expectations?
2. What inheritance are you stewarding for future generations?

Interlinear Text

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