

Deuteronomy 3:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast thereof, from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, under Ashdoth-pisgah eastward.

Analysis

The description 'The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast thereof' details the western boundary along the Jordan River valley. Mentioning specific locations 'from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain... Ashdothpisgah' provides precise geographical markers. The 'salt sea' (Dead Sea) marks the southern extreme. These details ensure accurate inheritance understanding and demonstrate God's attention to particulars in fulfilling promises.

Historical Context

Chinnereth (later called Gennesaret or Galilee) to the Dead Sea spans the entire Jordan valley, approximately 65 miles. This fertile valley provided agricultural wealth. Ashdoth-pisgah refers to the slopes of Mount Pisgah in the Abarim range, from where Moses would later view the Promised Land.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's attention to detail in Scripture strengthen your confidence in His care for you?
2. What specific details of God's promises bring you greatest confidence?

Interlinear Text

וְעַרְבָּה | וְיַם לְמִכְּתָּה רְתָּה יְשָׁעָה דָּעָה
The plain also and Jordan and the coast thereof from Chinnereth H5704
H6160 H3883 H1366 H3672

אַשְׁדָּה תְּפִתְחָה כְּסֵף לְחַם לְמִתְחָדָה
even unto the sea The plain even unto the sea even the salt H8478 H794
H3220 H6160 H3220 H4417

מִזְבְּחָה: הַפְּסִיגָּה הַמִּזְבְּחָה: הַפְּסִיגָּה
eastward H4217

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 12:3 (Parallel theme): And from the plain to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, even the salt sea on the east, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and from the south, under Ashdoth-pisgah:

Genesis 14:3 (Parallel theme): All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.

Joshua 3:16 (Parallel theme): That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

Deuteronomy 4:49 (Parallel theme): And all the plain on this side Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the plain, under the springs of Pisgah.

