

Deuteronomy 3:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

Analysis

The taking of 'all his cities at that time' (threescore cities - 60 total) demonstrates the comprehensive scope of victory. The description 'fenced with high walls, gates, and bars' emphasizes the humanly impenetrable nature of these fortifications, yet they fell before God's power. This proves that no human stronghold can withstand divine purposes. Material defenses are meaningless when God determines to give victory.

Historical Context

These 60 fortified cities in Bashan (plus unwallled towns) represented significant military and economic power. The systematic conquest of such a well-defended kingdom would have been impossible through human strength alone, making God's role undeniable. This territory became part of the inheritance of Manasseh (Deuteronomy 3:13).

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What seemingly impenetrable strongholds in your life need God's intervention?
2. How does recognizing God's power in past victories embolden faith for current challenges?

Interlinear Text

וְנָלַכְדָּ	אֶת	כָּל	עִיר	בַּעֲת	הָהָא	לֹא	הָיְתָה
And we took	H853	H3605	all his cities	at that time	H1931	H3808	H1961
H3920			H5892	H6256			
קִרְיָהּ	אֲשֶׁר	לֹא	לָקַחְנוּ	מֵאֵתָם			
there was not a city	H834	H3808	which we took	H853			
H7151			H3947				
שָׁשָׁיִם	עִיר	כָּל	הָאֶרֶץ	אֶרֶגֶב	מִמְּלָכָה		
not from them threescore	all his cities	H3605	all the region	of Argob	the kingdom		
H8346	H5892		H2256	H709	H4467		
בְּבָשָׁן:	עֹג						
in Bashan	of Og						
H1316	H5747						

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 4:13 (Parallel theme): The son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him pertained the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him also pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brasen bars: