

Deuteronomy 3:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars;
beside unwall'd towns a great many.

Analysis

The distinction between 'fenced cities' and 'unwall'd towns' shows the totality of conquest—both fortified urban centers and rural villages came under Israel's control. The phrase 'beside unwall'd towns a great many' indicates extensive territorial possession. This comprehensive victory provided economic resources and strategic security for the tribes settling east of Jordan. God's gifts are often more abundant than minimally necessary.

Historical Context

Conquering both fortified cities and numerous villages gave Israel complete control of the region, preventing any resistance strongholds. This total conquest pattern was commanded by God to ensure Israel's security and prevent Canaanite religious influence from corrupting Israel's worship.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's provision in your life exceed basic necessity?

2. In what areas do you need to pursue complete victory rather than partial success?

Interlinear Text

כָּל	אֵלֶּה	מְעָרֵי	בְּצָרֵת	חוֹמֵה	גְּבוּהָה	דִּלְתֵּי
H3605	H428	All these cities	were fenced	walls	with high	gates
		H5892	H1219	H2346	H1364	H1817

וּבָרִים	לְבַד	מְעָרֵי	הַפְּרָזִי	הַרְבֵּי	מְאֹד:
and bars	H905	All these cities	beside unvalled	many	a great
H1280		H5892	H6521	H7235	H3966

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