

Deuteronomy 7:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.

Analysis

The promise to deliver Canaanite kings and destroy their names signifies complete conquest and erasure of dynasties. In ancient culture, a king's name represented his dynasty and legacy—destroying the name meant ending the line. The phrase 'no man be able to stand before thee' echoes God's promise to Joshua (Joshua 1:5) and was fulfilled literally (Joshua 10:8; 11:6). This demonstrates God's power to overthrow all human authority opposed to His purposes. Spiritually, Christ has triumphed over all principalities and powers (Colossians 2:15). No spiritual enemy can ultimately stand against God's people in Christ. The victory is already won; believers walk in its reality.

Historical Context

Joshua's campaigns defeated 31 Canaanite kings (Joshua 12:9-24), fulfilling this promise. These weren't all defeated simultaneously but over the course of conquest. Some famous examples: the king of Jericho, Ai, Jerusalem, Hebron, Eglon, Debir, and Hazor. These city-state kings wielded significant local power, but none could withstand Israel's God-empowered advance. Later, David and Solomon extended this victory, subjugating surrounding nations and establishing Israel's greatest territorial extent.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What 'kings' (ruling powers, dominant sins, controlling fears) in your life need God's power to overthrow?
2. How does Christ's authority over all powers and authorities affect your approach to spiritual battles?
3. In what ways can you actively 'stand' in the victory Christ has already won rather than fighting for victory?

Interlinear Text

וְנִתְּנָהָה	מֶלֶכִים	בְּיַד	בְּיַד	וְתַּעֲבֹדָה	אֶת
And he shall deliver	their kings	into thine hand	and thou shalt destroy		H853
H5414	H4428	H3027	H6		
שְׁם	מִתְּחִת	מִתְּחִת	לֹא	כַּי	
their name	H8478	from under heaven	H3808	be able to stand	
H8034		H8064		H3320	
אִישׁ	בְּפָנָי	עַד	הַשְׁמִידָה	אַתָּם:	
there shall no man	before	H5704	thee until thou have destroyed		H853
H376	H6440		H8045		

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 11:25 (Parallel theme): There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

Joshua 10:8 (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

Joshua 23:9 (Parallel theme): For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.

Deuteronomy 9:14 (Parallel theme): Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

Joshua 10:42 (Kingdom): And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

Joshua 1:5 (Parallel theme): There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Romans 8:37 (Parallel theme): Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.