

Ezekiel 25:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim,

Analysis

God promises to 'open the side' (expose the flank/border) of Moab by removing their fortified cities. The three cities mentioned—Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, Kiriathaim—were Moab's northern defensive line. Removing these strongholds would leave Moab vulnerable to invasion, demonstrating that human defenses fail when God determines judgment.

Historical Context

These cities guarded Moab's border against northern invasion. Beth-jeshimoth overlooked the Jordan Valley, Baal-meon and Kiriathaim controlled plateau approaches. Their fall would expose Moab's heartland.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What false securities or defenses do you trust in apart from God's protection?
2. How does this passage reveal the futility of human strength when opposed to divine purposes?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 48:23 (Parallel theme): And upon Kiriathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon,

Joshua 13:17 (Parallel theme): Heshbon, and all her cities that are in the plain; Dibon, and Bamothe-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,