

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

Psalms 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

לִכְּן H3651	הִנֵּנִי י H2005	פֶּתִי ה H6605	אֶת H853	כְּתָף H3802	מוֹאָב H4124
		Therefore behold I will open		the side	of Moab
מֵעִיר יו H5892	מֵעִיר יו H5892	מִקְצֵה הו H7097	צָב י H6643	אֶרֶץ H776	
from his cities	from his cities	which are on his frontiers	the glory	of the country	
יֵת H0	בֵּיתֵשִׁימֹת H1020	בְּעַל H0	מֵעֵין H1186	קִרְיַתְמָה: H7156	
	Bethjeshimoth		Baalmeon	and Kiriathaim	

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 Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,