

# Isaiah 11:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.

## Analysis

United, Israel and Judah will 'fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines' (conquer westward) and 'spoil them of the east together.' They'll subdue Edom, Moab, and Ammon—traditional enemies. This military victory imagery may be literal (messianic kingdom conquests) or spiritual (gospel advancing against opposition). The united people overcome enemies that previously threatened them divided. Unity produces strength; division produces vulnerability. In Christ, spiritual victories are won collectively.

## Historical Context

Never fully achieved politically in Old Testament period. Some see future millennial fulfillment; others see spiritual fulfillment in gospel overcoming opposition. The territories named (Philistia, Edom, Moab, Ammon) represent persistent enemies of God's people. In church age, these become spiritual enemies (Ephesians 6:12) conquered through gospel proclamation. United believers overcome what divided believers couldn't.

## Related Passages

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## James 2:17 — Faith and works

## **Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory**

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

1. How does unity among believers enable spiritual victories over opposition?
2. What spiritual enemies do we overcome collectively that we couldn't overcome divided?
3. How do historical enemies being conquered picture the gospel's advance over opposition?

## Interlinear Text

וְיַחַד	וְיַחַד	בְּכָתָה	פָּלֶשְׁתִּים	מִזְרָח	וְיַחַד
But they shall fly	upon the shoulders	of the Philistines	toward the west	together	

מִשְׁמְעָתָם: עִמּוֹ יְבִנֵּי יִצְחָק מִשְׁלָל וְהַיִלְלָה  
shall obey of Ammon and the children their hand they shall lay

## Additional Cross-References

**Joel 3:19** (Parallel theme): Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

**Isaiah 25:10** (Parallel theme): For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

**Jeremiah 49:28** (Parallel theme): Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD; Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east.

**Daniel 11:41** (Parallel theme): He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

**Amos 9:12** (Parallel theme): That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

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