

Isaiah 15:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood: for I will bring more upon Dimon, lions upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

Analysis

Divine judgment intensifies—"I will bring more upon Dimon" indicates escalating rather than diminishing consequences. The wordplay between "Dimon" and "dam" (blood) creates ominous atmosphere. Lions attacking both survivors ("him that escapeth") and remnant ("remaineth in the land") depicts comprehensive destruction—neither flight nor staying provides safety. This vivid image illustrates that attempted human solutions fail under divine judgment. The lions may represent literal predatory animals multiplying in depopulated regions (as occurred historically when regions were devastated), or metaphorically represent successive waves of invaders. Theologically, this reveals that sin's consequences compound; judgment unrepented leads to greater judgment. Only divine mercy interrupts this downward spiral—which Moab could have found by humbling themselves before Israel's God, but pride prevented.

Historical Context

Dimon (likely Dibon) was a major Moabite city where the Mesha Stele was discovered, recording Moab's victories and pride. The historical irony is profound—where Moab boasted of triumph, Isaiah prophesies comprehensive defeat. Historical records and archaeological evidence confirm that depopulated regions in ancient warfare often experienced wildlife expansion, including dangerous predators. The progression from human military devastation to wild animal threats reflects the breakdown of civilization's protective structures when divine judgment

falls. Multiple invasions (Assyrian, then Babylonian, then others) fulfilled this "more upon Dimon" prediction.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does the escalation of judgment ("bring more upon Dimon") teach about the compounding nature of unrepented sin?
2. How does the imagery of lions attacking both escapees and remnant illustrate that human solutions fail under divine judgment?
3. In what ways does God's judgment expose the futility of trusting anything but Him?

Interlinear Text

כִּי	מִי	דִּימֹן	וְלֹא	דָּם	כִּי	אֲשֶׁר יִתֵּן	עַל
H3588	For the waters	of Dimon	shall be full	of blood	H3588	for I will bring	H5921
	H4325	H1775	H4390	H1818		H7896	
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of Dimon	more	upon him that escapeth	of Moab	lions			
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and upon the remnant	of the land						
H7611	H127						

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 17:25 (Parallel theme): And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them.

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