

Isaiah 2:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots:

Analysis

The accumulation of silver, gold, horses, and chariots represents trust in wealth and military might rather than God (cf. Deuteronomy 17:16-17). The phrase 'neither is there any end' suggests insatiable acquisition, violating contentment and dependence on divine providence. This materialism and militarism reveal functional atheism—living as though security and significance derive from material resources. Jesus later warns that no one can serve both God and mammon (Matthew 6:24), and James indicts hoarding as evidence of misplaced trust (James 5:1-3).

Historical Context

Prosperity under Uzziah and Jotham fostered economic expansion and military buildup. While not inherently sinful, these became idolatrous when they displaced reliance on God, violating Deuteronomic warnings against royal excess.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. In what ways do we accumulate wealth or resources 'without end,' revealing misplaced security?
2. How does military or financial strength subtly displace trust in God's providence?

Interlinear Text

וְתָמַל אֲ	אֶרְצוֹ	כֶּסֶף	וְזָהָב	וְאֵין	קֵץ
also is full	Their land	of silver	and gold	H369	neither is there any end
H4390	H776	H3701	H2091		H7097
לְאִצְרֹתָיו	וְתָמַל אֲ	אֶרְצוֹ	סוֹסֵי יָם	וְאֵין	קֵץ
of their treasures	also is full	Their land	of horses	H369	neither is there any end
H214	H4390	H776	H5483		H7097
לְמַרְכָּבֹתָיו:					
of their chariots					
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 30:16 (Parallel theme): But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

Isaiah 31:1 (Parallel theme): Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!

Psalms 20:7 (Parallel theme): Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Micah 5:10 (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots:

