

# Isaiah 34:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

## Analysis

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The sacrificial imagery inverts worship—instead of Edom offering sacrifices to God, they become the sacrifice. "Bozrah" (sheepfold) was Edom's capital, symbolizing their wealth and strength. The blood and fat language echoes Levitical sacrifices, suggesting that God's judgment is itself a holy act. This concept reaches fulfillment in Christ, the true sacrifice, and warns that those who reject His atonement face God's consuming holiness directly.

## Historical Context

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Bozrah was a fortified city in northern Edom, representing military power. Archaeological evidence shows its destruction, confirming prophetic fulfillment.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does sacrifice imagery help us understand the substitutionary nature of Christ's death?
2. What does it mean that judgment itself is a sacred act of God?
3. How should the reality of divine vengeance shape our evangelistic urgency?

## Interlinear Text

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חַרְבַּ	לַיהוָה	מְלֵאָה	מִדָּם	הִי שְׂנֵה	מִחֵלֶבֶת
<b>The sword</b>	<b>for the LORD</b>	<b>is filled</b>	<b>and with the blood</b>	<b>it is made fat</b>	<b>with fatness</b>
H2719	H3068	H4390	H1818	H1878	H2459
וּמִדָּם	כְּרִים	וְעִתּוֹד יִם	מִחֵלֶבֶת	כְּלֵי זֶתֶן	אֵילֵי יָם
<b>and with the blood</b>	<b>of lambs</b>	<b>and goats</b>	<b>with fatness</b>	<b>of the kidneys</b>	<b>of rams</b>
H1818	H3733	H6260	H2459	H3629	H352
כִּי	זֶבַח	לַיהוָה	בְּבֹצְרָה	וְטֹבַח	גָּד וָלֶבֶן
<b>hath a sacrifice</b>	<b>for the LORD</b>	<b>in Bozrah</b>	<b>slaughter</b>	<b>and a great</b>	<b>in the land</b>
H3588	H2077	H3068	H1224	H2874	H1419
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אֶדְוֶם:					
<b>of Idumea</b>					
H123					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 63:1** (Parallel theme): Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

**Jeremiah 49:13** (References Lord): For I have sworn by myself, saith the LORD, that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.