

# 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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The sword for the LORD is filled and with the blood it is made fat with fatness  
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and with the blood of lambs and goats with fatness of the kidneys of rams  
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H3588 hath a sacrifice for the LORD in Bozrah slaughter and a great in the land  
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## 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.