

Isaiah 34:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

Analysis

The "unicorns" (Hebrew "re'em", wild oxen) and bulls represent powerful leaders brought low. The land "soaked with blood" (Hebrew "rivvah") indicates saturation, complete judgment. This prophetic perfect tense depicts future events as accomplished facts, demonstrating God's sovereignty over history. The agricultural land becoming blood-soaked reverses God's blessing, recalling Eden's curse where the ground drank Abel's blood (Genesis 4:10-11).

Historical Context

Wild oxen were symbols of strength and fertility in the ancient world. Their slaughter represented the complete overthrow of Edom's power structures.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the judgment of the strong and mighty reveal God's opposition to prideful power?
2. What does the reversal of blessing to curse teach about covenant faithfulness?
3. How should this shape our view of worldly strength and success?

Interlinear Text

וַיָּבֹא	רְאִמִּים	עַמְּךָ	וְפָרִים	עַמְּךָ
shall come down	And the unicorns	H5973	with them and the bullocks	H5973
H3381	H7214		H6499	
וְיִשְׁבְּבָה	אֶבְיִרְתָּם	מִקְּרָבָם	וְיִשְׁפַּךְ	עַמְּךָ
with the bulls	shall be soaked	and their land	with blood	and their dust
H47	H7301	H776	H1818	H6083
מִלְּשָׁן:	מִלְּשָׁן:			
with fatness	made fat			
H2459	H1878			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 68:30 (Parallel theme): Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in war.

Numbers 23:22 (Parallel theme): God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.

Jeremiah 50:27 (Parallel theme): Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.