

Jeremiah 48:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.

Analysis

Moab's pride is described with escalating terms: 'We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.' This repetitive emphasis underscores pride as Moab's defining sin. The multiplication of synonyms hammers home the point - pride in all its forms provokes God's judgment.

Historical Context

Moab's pride was legendary among ancient Near Eastern nations. Their self-sufficiency and arrogance toward Judah brought consistent prophetic denunciation.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. Why does Scripture use so many words to describe Moab's pride?
2. What forms does pride take in your own heart and culture?

Interlinear Text

שָׁמָעְנוּ	וְגִאוֹן	מוֹאָב	גָּאָה	מֵאֵד	גְּבוּהָ
We have heard	and his pride	of Moab	proud	he is exceeding	his loftiness
H8085	H1347	H4124	H1343	H3966	H1363
וְגִאוֹן	וְגִאֲוֹתָיו	וְהִגָּדָה	לִבּוֹ:		
and his pride	and his arrogancy	and the haughtiness	of his heart		
H1347	H1346	H7312	H3820		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 16:6 (Parallel theme): We have heard of the pride of Moab; he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: but his lies shall not be so.

Psalms 138:6 (Parallel theme): Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.