

Jeremiah 48:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity with his priests and his princes together.

Analysis

Moab's trust in works and treasures led to downfall. The Hebrew 'ma'asim' (works) and 'otzerot' (treasures) represent human achievement and accumulated wealth - the twin pillars of self-reliance. God declares these insufficient - Chemosh (Moab's god) will go into captivity with his people. This echoes biblical warnings against trusting riches (Ps 49:6-7, 1 Tim 6:17) and works-righteousness (Eph 2:8-9).

Historical Context

Moab, descended from Lot (Gen 19:37), had opposed Israel repeatedly. Their pride and self-sufficiency made them prime examples of human arrogance facing divine judgment.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What 'works and treasures' do you unconsciously trust in for security?

2. How does Moab's downfall warn against self-reliance rather than God-reliance?

Interlinear Text

וְבָא	וְצִרְׁתָּת	אֶל	בְּמַעַשְׁ	אֶל	גַּם
H3588	H3282	For because thou hast trusted	H982	in thy works	and in thy treasures
				H4639	H214
אַתָּה	תָּלַכְתָּ	אֵלֶיךָ	כְּמַיִשְׁ	בְּגֹלְלָה	
H859	H3920	thou shalt also be taken	H3318	shall go forth	and Chemosh into captivity
				H3645	H1473
בְּנֵי	וְאֶלְעָזָר	וְאֶל־יְהוָה			
with his priests	and his princes	together	H3162		
H3548	H8269				

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 21:29 (Parallel theme): Woe to thee, Moab! thou art undone, O people of Chemosh: he hath given his sons that escaped, and his daughters, into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites.

Psalms 52:7 (Faith): Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

Jeremiah 49:3 (Parallel theme): Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for their king shall go into captivity, and his priests and his princes together.

Jeremiah 9:23 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

Jeremiah 48:46 (Parallel theme): Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives.

Jeremiah 48:13 (Parallel theme): And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Beth-el their confidence.

1 Timothy 6:17 (Faith): Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

1 Kings 11:33 (Parallel theme): Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.

Hosea 10:13 (Faith): Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.