

Numbers 24:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

Analysis

Balaam declares 'Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.' This 'he that shall have dominion' points to a singular ruler from Jacob's line who will exercise comprehensive authority. While partially fulfilled in David's conquests, ultimate fulfillment comes in Christ whose 'dominion is an everlasting dominion' (Daniel 7:14) and who destroys all opposition (Revelation 19:15).

Historical Context

The promise of a ruler with universal dominion echoes God's covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12:3), Jacob's blessing of Judah (Genesis 49:10), and Moses' prophecy of a future prophet-king (Deuteronomy 18:15-18). All converge in Jesus Christ.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's dominion over all things provide security when earthly powers seem threatening?
2. What areas of your life need to be brought under Christ's dominion more fully?

Interlinear Text

וְיָרֵד	מִיַּעַקֹב	וְהָאָבִיב יִד
shall come he that shall have dominion	Out of Jacob	and shall destroy
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שֹׁרֵי יִד	מְעִיר:	
him that remaineth	of the city	
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 11:10 (Parallel theme): And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Matthew 28:18 (Parallel theme): And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Genesis 49:10 (Parallel theme): The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

Micah 5:2 (Parallel theme): But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.