

~BOZRAH 1 (101)

(Boz'rah) [Unapproachable Place]

- A prominent city of Edom, the home of the father of Jobab, an Edomite king in the **Second Millennium B.C.E.**
- Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the sons of Israel. (**Genesis 36:31**)
- When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah from **Bozrah** began to reign instead of him. (**Genesis 36:33**)
- Eventually Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah from **Bozrah** began to reign in place of him. (**1 Chronicles 1:44**)
- Its prominence is evident from the fact that the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Amos under inspiration referred to it as **representative of all Edom**, due for desolation.
- For in the heavens my sword will certainly be drenched. Look! Upon Edom it will descend, and upon the people devoted by me to destruction in justice. (**Isaiah 34:5**)
- Yehowah has a sword. It must be filled with blood. It must be made greasy with the fat, with the blood of young rams and he-goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For Yehowah has a sacrifice in **Bozrah**, and a great slaughtering in the land of Edom. (**Isaiah 34:6**)
- Who is this one coming from Edom, the one with garments of glowing colors from **Bozrah**, this one who is honorable in his clothing, marching in the abundance of his power? I, the One speaking in righteousness, the One abounding in power to save. (**Isaiah 63:1**)
- Why is it that your clothing is red, and your garments are like those of one treading in the winepress? (**Isaiah 63:2**)
- The wine trough I have trodden by myself, while there was no man with me from the peoples. And I kept treading them in my anger, and I kept trampling them down in my rage. And their spurting blood kept spattering upon my garments, and all my

clothing I have polluted. (**Isaiah 63:3**)

- For the day of vengeance is in my heart, and the very year of my repurchased one's has come. (**Isaiah 63:4**)
- For this is what Yehowah has said, Look! Although it is not their custom to drink the cup, they will drink without fail. And you yourself, will you be absolutely left unpunished? You will not be left unpunished, for you will drink without fail. (**Jeremiah 49:12**)
- For by my own self I have sworn, is the utterance of Yehowah, that nothing but an object of astonishment, a reproach, a devastation and a malediction will **Bozrah** become, and all her own cities will become devastated places to time indefinite. (**Jeremiah 49:13**)
- And Edom must become an object of astonishment. Everyone passing along by her will stare in astonishment and whistle on account of all her plagues. (**Jeremiah 49:17**)
- Look! Just like an eagle someone will ascend and pounce down, and he will spread out his wings over **Bozrah**, and the heart of the mighty men of Edom will actually become in that day like the heart of the wife having distress in childbirth. (**Jeremiah 49:22**)
- This is what Yehowah has said; On account of three revolts of Edom, and on account of four, I shall not turn it back, on account of his pursuing his own brother with the sword, and because he ruined his own merciful qualities, and his anger keeps tearing away forever, and his fury, he has kept it perpetually. (**Amos 1:11**)
- And I will send a fire into Teman, and it must devour the dwelling towers of **Bozrah**. (**Amos 1:12**)
- **Bozrah** is identified with modern **Buzera**, located about 50 kilometers (30 miles) North-Northeast of Petra and situated near the ancient road called the Kings Highway.
- It thus occupied a fairly central position in the Edomite kingdom and guarded the approaches to the copper mines in the Arabah. The ancient ruins at **Buzera** show **Bozrah** to have been a fortified city built on a narrow spur jutting out from the **Jebel esh-Shera'** with deep wadis on either side.

- **I shall positively gather Jacob, all of you. I shall without fail collect the remaining one's of Israel together. In unity I shall set them, like a flock in the pen, like a drove in the midst of its pasture, they will be noisy with men. (Micah 2:12)**
- **In the King James Version contains the name Bozrah, but most modern translations view this as referring, not to a town, but to an enclosure or pen for sheep.**