

Event 15: Mesha's Rebellion

During the days of Ahab, Jericho was rebuilt. Jericho provides a connection between the Coastal Highway and the Transjordanian Highway. For Moab, its natural northern border was the deep Nahal Arnon. North of it is the small Dibon plateau. It served as Moab's forward position, a natural spring-board for an advance onto the Medeba Plateau. The Medeba Plateau is a strategic location because it is the intersection of trade routes coming from the Coastal Highway via Jericho and the Transjordanian Highway, and both Israel and Moab wanted to control this area, as illustrated by this event.