

Deuteronomy 1:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

(The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!)

Analysis

Moses' prayer for continued multiplication 'a thousand times' and blessing reveals the heart of intercessory leadership. Despite knowing he wouldn't enter Canaan himself, Moses earnestly desired God's continued favor on the next generation. The phrase 'as he hath promised you' anchors the request in God's character—not presumption but faith in God's revealed will. This models selfless prayer that seeks God's glory beyond personal benefit.

Historical Context

This prayer came near the end of Moses' 120-year life, showing that faithfulness to the end includes blessing the next generation. Moses' intercession echoes his role as mediator throughout the wilderness journey, consistently standing between God and the people.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How are you investing in and praying for the next generation?
2. What prayers are you praying based on God's promises rather than your preferences?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֵי י	אֲבוֹתֶיךָ	יִסְרָאֵל	עַלֶיךָ	כַּכּ
The LORD	God	of your fathers	so many more as	H5921	H0
H3068	H430	H1	H3254		
אֶלְפֵי	פְּעָמֵי יִסְרָאֵל	וְיִבְרַךְ	אֶתְּךָ	כְּאֶשֶׁר	
make you a thousand	times	ye are and bless	H853	H834	
H505	H6471	H1288			
דָּבָר	לְכֶם:				
you as he hath promised	H0				
H1696					

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 115:14 (References Lord): The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Genesis 22:17 (Blessing): That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Genesis 26:4 (Blessing): And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

Numbers 6:27 (Blessing): And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

Genesis 49:25 (Blessing): Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:

2 Samuel 24:3 (References God): And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?

Exodus 32:13 (Parallel theme): Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

Genesis 15:5 (Parallel theme): And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Numbers 22:12 (Blessing): And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.

1 Chronicles 21:3 (References Lord): And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?