

# Deuteronomy 1:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers,

## Analysis

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The emphatic oath formula 'Surely there shall not one of these men' underscores divine determination. The contrast between 'this evil generation' and 'that good land' highlights the incompatibility between persistent unbelief and covenant blessing. God's promise to give the land 'which I sware unto their fathers' reveals covenantal faithfulness—though this generation forfeits inheritance, God's promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob stand inviolate. This demonstrates the Reformed doctrine that God's elective purposes cannot be thwarted by human unfaithfulness (Romans 11:29).

## Historical Context

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References God's covenant promises to the patriarchs (Genesis 12:7, 13:15, 15:18-21, 26:3, 28:13). Though made 600+ years earlier, these promises remained binding. The 'evil generation' refers specifically to those who witnessed the plagues, Red Sea crossing, and Sinai revelation yet still refused to trust God's ability to overcome Canaanite opposition.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's faithfulness to His promises despite human unfaithfulness reveal the foundation of Reformed assurance?
2. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of covenant privileges and the danger of spurning divine grace?

## Interlinear Text

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H7451 H776 H2896

לֹא בְּתִיכְמֹן נְשַׁבֵּעַ עַתִּי  
which I swear to give unto your fathers  
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