

Deuteronomy 1:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying,
Thou also shalt not go in thither.

Analysis

Even Moses, despite his faithfulness, bears consequences for the people's sin—'the LORD was angry with me for your sakes.' The Hebrew 'hit'anaph' indicates God's wrath extending even to His chosen mediator. Moses' exclusion from Canaan (Numbers 20:12) demonstrates that covenant privileges don't exempt leaders from accountability. Yet this suffering also prefigures Christ, who bore the ultimate consequence for His people's sins. Moses' vicarious punishment typifies the Mediator who would suffer for the covenant community he represented.

Historical Context

Refers to the incident at Meribah (Numbers 20:1-13) where Moses struck the rock instead of speaking to it, failing to sanctify God before Israel. Though Moses had faithfully led Israel for 40 years—delivering them from Egypt, mediating the law, interceding repeatedly—this single act of unbelief resulted in forfeiting Canaan entry. He would only view the land from Mount Nebo before death (Deuteronomy 34:1-5).

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does Moses' exclusion from Canaan demonstrate that even faithful leaders must submit to God's justice?
2. In what ways does Moses' vicarious suffering for the people point forward to Christ's substitutionary atonement?

Interlinear Text

גַּם	בַּיִּם	הַתִּאָגֵר	וְהִתְהַנֵּה	בְּגַלְלָכֶם	לְאָמֵר	גַּם
H1571	H0	was angry	Also the LORD	with me for your sakes	saying	H1571
		H599	H3068	H1558	H559	
לֹא	אַתָּה	תְּבַא		שָׁם:		
H859	H3808	Thou also shalt not go	in thither	H8033		
		H935				

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 4:21 (References Lord): Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance:

Numbers 20:12 (References Lord): And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

Deuteronomy 34:4 (References Lord): And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.