

# Deuteronomy 1:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

## Analysis

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The phrase 'Behold, I have set the land before you' emphasizes God's sovereign initiative in giving the land. The Hebrew 'nathan' (set/given) indicates an irrevocable gift already determined by God. Moses reminds Israel that their inheritance flows from God's covenant faithfulness to the patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—not from their own merit. This underscores the principle that salvation and blessing come through God's promise, not human achievement.

## Historical Context

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This reiterates the Abrahamic covenant established 600+ years earlier (Genesis 12:7; 13:15; 17:8). The land promise was unconditional, based solely on God's oath to the patriarchs, demonstrating the unchangeable nature of God's covenantal commitments.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding grace as God's initiative change your relationship with Him?
2. In what areas are you trying to earn what God has already freely given?

## Interlinear Text

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אֶת	וְרָשׁוּ	בְּאוֹ	הָאֶרֶץ	אֶת	לִפְנֵי	לְתֵת	רָא	ה
	<b>in and possess</b>	<b>you go</b>	<b>the land</b>		<b>before</b>	<b>I have set</b>	<b>Behold</b>	
H853	H3423	H935	H776	H853	H6440	H5414	H7200	
לְאַבְרָהָם	לְאָבִי תִיךָ	!	הָאֶרֶץ	נִשְׁבַּע	אֶשָּׂא	ר	הָאֶרֶץ	
<b>Abraham</b>	<b>unto your fathers</b>		<b>which the LORD</b>	<b>sware</b>			<b>the land</b>	
H85	H1		H3068	H7650	H834		H776	
אַחֲרֵיהֶם:	וְלִזְרָעָם	לָהֶם	לְתֵת	וְלִיַּעֲקֹב	לְיִצְחָק	ק		
<b>after</b>	<b>unto them and to their seed</b>		<b>I have set</b>	<b>and Jacob</b>	<b>Isaac</b>			
H310	H2233		H5414	H3290	H3327			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 12:7** (References Lord): And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

**Genesis 15:18** (References Lord): In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: