

Deuteronomy 6:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in,
to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.

Analysis

The testimony concludes with purpose: 'he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.' The double movement (out/in) reveals redemption's full scope—deliverance from bondage and entrance into blessing. God didn't merely liberate from Egypt but purposed to give Canaan inheritance. The grounding 'which he sware unto our fathers' connects exodus to patriarchal promises (Genesis 12:7, 13:15, 15:18), demonstrating covenant faithfulness across generations. This verse illustrates the Reformed doctrine that redemption serves God's sovereign purposes: bringing His elect into promised rest.

Historical Context

God's oath to Abraham (Genesis 15:18-21), Isaac (Genesis 26:3), and Jacob (Genesis 28:13) promised Canaan to their descendants. The exodus fulfilled this 600-year-old promise, demonstrating God's covenant faithfulness. Israel's conquest under Joshua completed the 'bringing in' process (Joshua 21:43-45). This typifies Christian redemption: saved from sin's penalty to enter God's rest (Hebrews 4:1-11), brought from death to life, darkness to light, slavery to sonship. Salvation has both negative (deliverance) and positive (inheritance) dimensions.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does the dual movement (brought out/brought in) reveal that salvation includes both deliverance from bondage and entrance into blessing?
2. In what ways does Israel's inheritance of Canaan prefigure Christians' inheritance of eternal life and new creation rest?

Interlinear Text

וְאֹתָנוּ	הוֹצֵא יְהוָה	מִן־הַמִּצְרַיִם	לְמַעַן				
H853	And he brought us out	H8033	H4616				
		H3318					
וְהָיָה		לְךָ יְהוָה	לְךָ יְהוָה	הָאֶרֶץ הַזֹּאת			
from thence that he might bring us in		H935	H853	H0	H853	us the land	
			H5414			H776	
אֲשֶׁר	נִשְׁבַּע	לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ:					
H834	which he swore	unto our fathers					
		H7650	H1				

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 6:18 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers,

Deuteronomy 6:10 (Parallel theme): And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not,

Exodus 13:5 (Parallel theme): And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and

the Jebusites, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month.

Deuteronomy 1:8 (Parallel theme): Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

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