

Deuteronomy 8:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

Analysis

The description of Canaan as 'a good land' (eretz tova) contrasts with Egypt's Nile-dependent agriculture and the wilderness' barrenness. The abundance of water sources—'brooks... fountains and depths... valleys and hills'—indicates reliable irrigation independent of single water sources. This demonstrates God's providential preparation: He brings His people into blessing, not hardship. The phrase 'the LORD thy God bringeth thee' emphasizes divine initiative and guidance. God doesn't merely permit but actively leads His people into blessing. The land's goodness reflects God's good character and generous provision. In spiritual application, God leads believers into Christ's abundant life (John 10:10) and spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3).

Historical Context

Canaan's water system contrasted sharply with Egypt (Nile-dependent) and Mesopotamia (Tigris/Euphrates irrigation). Israel's land required seasonal rains (former and latter rains), creating dependence on God's provision (Deuteronomy 11:10-12). However, the land's topography—hills, valleys, springs—provided diverse water sources. Archaeological evidence confirms extensive ancient spring systems, cisterns, and natural wells throughout Canaan. The 'brooks' likely include the Jordan River and its tributaries, seasonal wadis, and perennial streams. This water abundance made the land genuinely fertile and capable of supporting large populations.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing that God 'brings you into' blessing affect your pursuit of provision and success?
2. What 'good land' has God prepared for you that requires faith to enter and possess?
3. In what ways should the goodness of God's gifts point you to worship the Giver rather than the gifts?

Interlinear Text

כִּי	יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֶיךָ	מְבִיאֲךָ	אֶל	אֶרֶץ	טוֹבָה	אֶרֶץ
H3588	For the LORD	thy God	bringeth	H413	a land	thee into a good	a land
	H3068	H430	H935		H776	H2896	H776
נְחָלִים	מֵי	עֵינֹת	וְתַהֲמוֹת	יֹצְאֵי	בְּבִקְעֹת		
of brooks	of water	of fountains	and depths	that spring out	of valleys		
H5158	H4325	H5869	H8415	H3318	H1237		
וּבְהָרִים							
and hills							
H2022							

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 3:8 (Good): And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Ezekiel 20:6 (Parallel theme): In the day that I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands:

From KJV Study • kjevstudy.org