

# 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 tovah) 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

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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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

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אֶלְךָ תָּבוֹא הָרָקֶד בְּרִיאָתֶךָ אֶלְךָ תָּבוֹא הָרָקֶד בְּרִיאָתֶךָ  
H3588 For the LORD H3068 thy God H430 bringeth H935 H413 a land H776 a land H2896 H776

בְּבֹקֶעֶת הַמִּקְדָּשׁ מִן הַמִּקְדָּשׁ מִן הַמִּקְדָּשׁ  
H5158 of brooks H4325 of water H5869 of fountains H8415 and depths H3318 that spring out H1237 of valleys

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and hills

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## Additional Cross-References

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**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:

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