

Exodus 13:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The forward-looking promise 'when the LORD shall bring thee into the land' expresses confidence despite wilderness obstacles ahead. Naming the nations—Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites, Jebusites—specifies the concrete goal. The description 'land flowing with milk and honey' pictures abundant provision. The command to observe this service 'in this month' ensures perpetual memorial connects future generations to the exodus.

Historical Context

This promise sustained Israel during forty wilderness years. The 'land flowing with milk and honey' became Israel's proverbial description of Canaan, emphasizing God's generous provision.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does confidence in God's future promises sustain obedience during present wilderness experiences?
2. What 'promised land' are you moving toward that requires faith to persevere through current difficulties?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיָה הַ	כִּי	יָבִיאָךְ	וְהָיָה הַ	אֶל	אֶתְּךָ
H1961	H3588	shall bring	And it shall be when the LORD	H413	thee a land
		H935	H3068		H776
הַכְּנַעֲנִי	וְהַחִתִּי	וְהָאֱמֹרִי	וְהַחִוִּי		
of the Canaanites	and the Hittites	and the Amorites	and the Hivites		
H3669	H2850	H567	H2340		
וְהַיְבוּסִי	אֲשֶׁר	נִשְׁבַּע	לְאֲבֹתֶיךָ	לָתֶת	לְךָ
and the Jebusites	H834	which he swore	unto thy fathers	to give	H0
H2983		H7650	H1	H5414	
אֶתְּךָ	זֹבֶת	חֵלֶב	וְדָבַשׁ	וְעִבְדָּתָה	אֶתְּךָ
thee a land	flowing	with milk	and honey	that thou shalt keep	H853
H776	H2100	H2461	H1706	H5647	H5656
הַזֶּה	בַּחֹדֶשׁ	הַזֶּה			
H2063	in this month	H2088			
	H2320				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 3:8 (Parallel theme): 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.

Joshua 24:11 (Parallel theme): And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand.

Exodus 6:8 (References Lord): And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD.

Exodus 3:17 (Parallel theme): And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

Exodus 34:11 (Parallel theme): Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

Deuteronomy 26:1 (References Lord): And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein;