

Exodus 15:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

Analysis

The ultimate destination: 'Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance.' The verb 'plant' (nata, נָטַע) suggests permanent, rooted settlement—not temporary sojourn. The phrase 'the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in' identifies the location as God's chosen dwelling. The parallel 'the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established' specifies both temple mount and temple structure. Redemption's goal is dwelling with God.

Historical Context

This prophecy looked ahead to both the tabernacle (immediate) and the Jerusalem temple (ultimate). It established that God's presence dwelling with His people was the exodus's ultimate purpose, fulfilled finally in Revelation 21:3.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does understanding that God's presence is redemption's goal rather than merely blessing affect your priorities?
2. What does God 'planting' rather than temporarily placing you teach about His intention for permanent relationship?

Interlinear Text

תָּבֵא מוֹ	וַתִּטֵּעַ מוֹ	בְּהָר	נַחֲלָתְךָ	
Thou shalt bring	them in and plant	them in the mountain	of thine inheritance	
H935	H5193	H2022	H5159	
מָכּוֹן	לְשִׁבְתְּךָ	פָּעַלְתָּ	יְהוָה הַ	מִקְדָּשׁ שׁ
in the place	for thee to dwell in	which thou hast made	O LORD	in the Sanctuary
H4349	H3427	H6466	H3068	H4720
אֲדָנִי יְ	קִוִּינִי וְ	יָדֶיךָ:		
O Lord	have established	which thy hands		
H136	H3559	H3027		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 44:2 (Parallel theme): How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

Psalms 80:8 (Parallel theme): Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

Jeremiah 32:41 (Parallel theme): Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

Jeremiah 31:23 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness.

Jeremiah 2:21 (Parallel theme): Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

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