

# Exodus 3:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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## Historical Context

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The seven nations listed occupied various regions of Canaan. Their presence represented formidable opposition—fortified cities, iron chariots, giant warriors (Numbers 13:28-33). Yet God promises to bring Israel into this land, fulfilling the Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 15:18-21). The journey from promise (Exodus 3) to

fulfillment (Joshua 1-12) spans 40 years, teaching that divine promises are certain but often require patient faith.

## Related Passages

## **Hebrews 11:1 – Definition of faith**

## James 2:17 — Faith and works

## Study Questions

1. How does the two-fold promise—deliverance from Egypt AND inheritance in Canaan—illustrate the comprehensive nature of salvation?
2. What 'milk and honey' promised lands is God calling you toward after delivering you from bondage, and how do you trust Him through the journey?

## Interlinear Text

רָאָמֵן	אֶלְעָל	אֶתְכֶם	מְלֹא	מִצְרָיִם
And I have said	I will bring	H853	you up out of the affliction	of Egypt
H559	H5927		H6040	H413
אֶלְעָל	מִצְרָיִם	וְאֶתְכֶם	וְאֶלְעָל	וְאֶלְעָל
unto a land	of the Canaanites	and the Hittites	and the Amorites	and the Perizzites
H776	H3669	H2850	H567	H6522
וְאֶלְעָל	וְאֶלְעָל	וְאֶלְעָל	וְאֶלְעָל	וְאֶלְעָל
and the Hivites	and the Jebusites	unto a land	flowing	with milk
H2340	H2983	H776	H2100	H2461
וְאֶלְעָל	וְאֶלְעָל	וְאֶלְעָל	וְאֶלְעָל	וְאֶלְעָל
and honey				H1706

## Additional Cross-References

**Genesis 50:24** (Parallel theme): And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**Genesis 46:4** (References Egypt): I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

**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 Gergashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand.

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