

# Exodus 33:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it:

## Analysis

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**And the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence**—After the golden calf apostasy (ch. 32), God commands departure but threatens withdrawal of His immediate presence. The phrase 'the people which thou hast brought up' (not 'My people whom I brought up') signals divine distancing. Yet the covenant promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob remains unbreakable—God's faithfulness transcends Israel's unfaithfulness. This tension between judgment and mercy sets the stage for Moses' intercession.

## Historical Context

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Spoken at Sinai immediately after the golden calf incident. The Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 12:7, 15:18) guaranteed the land regardless of Israel's obedience, demonstrating the unconditional nature of God's promises to the patriarchs.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's faithfulness to His promises encourage you when you've failed Him?
2. What does this verse teach about the distinction between positional covenant promises and relational intimacy with God?

## Interlinear Text

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אָמַת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְיִדְבֵּר רַבָּנִי  
said And the LORD H413 unto Moses H1980 and go up H2088 H859

H1696 H3068 H4872 H5927

אַל מֵצֶר יְמִינְךָ וְבָעֵד  
hence thou and the people H5971 and go up H834 out of the land H776 of Egypt H413

H4714

לִלְעָקֵב לִיאָצֵק לְאַבְרָהָם מִן שְׁבָעָתִי אֲשֶׁר רַבָּנִי  
out of the land H776 which I swear H834 unto Abraham H7650 to Isaac H3327 and to Jacob H3290

לְאָמֵן רַבָּנִי לִזְרַעְךָ אֶתְתְּנֹהֶה:  
saying Unto thy seed will I give H559 H2233 H5414

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 12:7** (References Lord): And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

**Exodus 32:13** (References Abraham): Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

**Exodus 32:7** (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves:

**Genesis 26:3** (References Abraham): Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;

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