

Exodus 33:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

Analysis

And I will send an angel before thee—God promises angelic guidance and military victory, but this is a diminished blessing compared to His own presence (v.3). The comprehensive list of Canaanite nations emphasizes complete conquest, yet the absence of direct divine presence makes this a mixed promise. Angels are servants, not substitutes for the Master. Moses will later reject even this generous provision (v.15) because nothing can replace God Himself.

Historical Context

The six nations listed (Canaanite, Amorite, Hittite, Perizzite, Hivite, Jebusite) represent the complete array of inhabitants Israel would face. Archaeological evidence confirms these peoples occupied Canaan during the late Bronze Age (1550-1200 BC).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. In what areas of your life have you settled for God's blessings rather than seeking His presence?
2. How does Moses' later response challenge our tendency to be content with secondary spiritual benefits?

Interlinear Text

וְשַׁלַּחְתִּי י	לִפְנֵי יְר	מַלְאָךְ י	וְגִרְשִׁיתִי י	אֶת	הַכְּנַעֲנִי
And I will send	before	an angel	thee and I will drive out	H853	the Canaanite
H7971	H6440	H4397	H1644		H3669
הָאֲמֹרִי	וְהַחִתִּי	וְהַפְּרִזִּי י	הַחִוִּי י	וְהַיְבוּסִי:	
the Amorite	and the Hittite	and the Perizzite	the Hivite	and the Jebusite	
H567	H2850	H6522	H2340	H2983	

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 32:34 (Parallel theme): Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

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 23:20 (Parallel theme): Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.