

Exodus 34:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The covenant begins with 'Observe thou' (שְׁמַר־לֶכְחָ, shomar-lekha)—a command to careful, vigilant obedience. God promises to drive out six nations before Israel (Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites). This divine warfare is not ethnic cleansing but judgment on nations whose iniquity has 'come to the full' (Gen 15:16). God fights for His people, but they must not compromise with idolatry.

Historical Context

These six nations inhabited Canaan and practiced religious rituals including child sacrifice, temple prostitution, and divination—practices God had forbidden Israel (Lev 18:21-30, Deut 18:9-14).

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do you balance trusting God to fight your battles while maintaining personal vigilance?
2. What 'covenants' or compromises does God warn you to avoid in your context?

Interlinear Text

שְׁמָר	לְךָ	אֶת	אֲשֶׁר	אֶנִּי	מֵצִוְךָ	הֵיאֵל	וְעַתָּה
Observe	H0	H853	H834	H595	thou that which I command	thee this day	
H8104					H6680	H3117	
הִנֵּנִי	גֵרִי	שׁוֹרֵץ	אֶת	מִפְּנֵי	יָדְךָ	הָאֱמֹרִי	וְהַכְנַעֲנִי
H2005	behold I drive out	before	H853	thee the Amorite	and the Canaanite		
	H1644	H6440		H567	H3669		
וְהַחִתִּי	וְהַפְּרִזִּי	וְהַחִוִּי	וְהַיְבוּסִי				
and the Hittite	and the Perizzite	and the Hivite	and the Jebusite				
H2850	H6522	H2340	H2983				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 33:2 (Parallel theme): 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:

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 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.

Deuteronomy 6:3 (Parallel theme): Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

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