

Exodus 34:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.

Analysis

God promises to eliminate miscarriage (לַשָּׂקַל, shakal—to lose offspring/be bereaved) and barrenness (אֶקְרָה, aqarah). Full longevity is guaranteed: 'the number of thy days I will fulfil.' In the ancient world with high infant and maternal mortality, this promise was revolutionary. It demonstrates God's sovereignty over life itself and His desire to bless covenant faithfulness with abundant life—a principle finding ultimate fulfillment in eternal life through Christ.

Historical Context

Barrenness was considered a curse or divine displeasure in ancient cultures (Gen 30:1-2, 1 Sam 1:5-8). God's promise here reverses the curse and grants covenant communities fruitfulness as a sign of blessing.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does God's sovereignty over life and death comfort you in uncertain circumstances?
2. What does this promise of fullness of days teach about God's desire for abundant life for His people?

Interlinear Text

וְקָרָא	אֱלֹהִים	מֹשֶׁה	וַיָּשׁוּבוּ	אֵלָיו	אֲהֵרֹן	וְכָל
called	H413	And Moses	returned	H413	unto them and Aaron	H3605
H7121		H4872	H7725		H175	
הַנָּשִׂאִים	בְּעֵד הַ	וַיְדַבֵּר	מֹשֶׁה	אֱלֹהִים:		
and all the rulers	of the congregation	talked	And Moses	H413		
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