

# Ezekiel 20:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands;

## Analysis

'Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands.' God's oath in the wilderness: the rebellious generation wouldn't enter the promised land. The oath formula ('lifted up my hand') solemnizes the decree. The irony: the land 'flowing with milk and honey' which God 'had given them' was forfeited through unbelief. Unbelief disqualifies from receiving God's promised blessings.

## Historical Context

Numbers 14:20-35 records this oath after Israel rejected the promised land based on the spies' report. Despite Caleb and Joshua's faithful testimony, the people believed the fearful majority. God decreed 40 years of wandering until that generation died. This became a warning about unbelief's consequences (Hebrews 3:7-19, 4:1-11).

## Related Passages

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

1. How does unbelief prevent us from experiencing God's promised blessings?
2. What does the wilderness generation teach about the relationship between faith and inheriting promises?

## Interlinear Text

וְעַל־	לְפָנֶיךָ	נִשְׁאָתָה	אָתָּה־	יְדֵיכָה	וְעַל־	בְּמִדְבָּר
H1571	H589	Yet also I lifted up	my hand	H0	unto them in the wilderness	H4057

לְבַתִּי	חַבְּרָה	מִזְבֵּחַ	אֶל	בָּאָרֶצֶת	אֲשֶׁר
H1115	<b>that I would not bring</b>	H853	H413	<b>of all lands</b>	H834

ה יא צב י נט תי צב ש צב ת צלב ולב ש which I had given them flowing with milk and honey which is the glory H1931 H5414 H2100 H2461 H1706 H6643

לְכָל הָאָרֶצֶות: H3605 of all lands H776

## Additional Cross-References

**Psalms 95:11** (Parallel theme): Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

**Psalms 106:26** (Parallel theme): Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness: