

Ezekiel 20:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

Analysis

'And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.' The recognition formula 'ye shall know that I am the LORD' concludes this section. Restoration will demonstrate Yahweh's identity and covenant faithfulness. Bringing them to the promised land fulfills the oath to their fathers (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob). God's faithfulness to ancient promises validates His character.

Historical Context

The return from exile under Cyrus (538 BC) partially fulfilled this, as did the land promises to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3, 15:18-21). However, the ultimate fulfillment is through Christ, who brings God's people (from all nations) into the true promised land—eternal life in God's presence (Hebrews 11:13-16, Revelation 21-22).

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do we 'know that He is the LORD' through His faithfulness to promises?
2. What is the relationship between historical land promises to Israel and spiritual inheritance for the church?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּדְעוּם	כִּי	אֲנִי	יְהוָה	בְּהֵבִיאִי	אֶתְכֶם
And ye shall know	H3588	H589	that I am the LORD	when I shall bring	H853
H3045			H3068	H935	
אֶל	אֶדְמָתָא	יִשְׂרָאֵל	אֶל	הָאֶרֶץ	אֲשֶׁר
H413	you into the land	of Israel	H413	into the country	H834
	H127	H3478		H776	
נָשָׂא אֹתִי	אֶת	יָדִי	לָתֶת	אוֹתָהּ	לְאֲבוֹתֵיכֶם
for the which I lifted up	H853	mine hand	to give	H853	it to your fathers
H5375		H3027	H5414		H1

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 34:13 (References Israel): And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

Ezekiel 38:23 (References Lord): Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.