

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

אַתָּךְ מִ בְּפָנָי אֵת יְיָעַתְּךָם
And ye shall know H3588 H589 that I am the LORD when I shall bring H853
H3045 H3068 H935

אַל אָדָם תֵּאֶל אֶל יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאֶרְץ אֲשֶׁר
H413 you into the land of Israel H413 into the country H834
H127 H3478 H776

לְאַבּוֹתֵיכֶם אֹתֶת הַלְתָת יְדֵי נָשֶׁת אֲתִי
for the which I lifted up H853 mine hand H3027 to give H853 it to your fathers H1
H5375 H5414

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.