

Ezekiel 20:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'In the day that I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands.' God's promise: deliverance from Egypt to the promised land. 'Land that I had espied' (tur) means 'scouted' or 'selected'—God's sovereign choice. 'Flowing with milk and honey' describes agricultural abundance. 'Glory of all lands' indicates supreme blessing. God's initiative, God's provision, God's gift.

Historical Context

The promise to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3, 15:18-21) was renewed to Moses (Exodus 3:8, 17). Canaan's fertility is confirmed by archaeological and historical records. The phrase 'milk and honey' became proverbial for God's abundant provision.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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Exodus 3:8 (References Egypt): 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.

Exodus 33:3 (Parallel theme): Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way.

Zechariah 7:14 (Parallel theme): But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

Daniel 8:9 (Parallel theme): And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.