

Ezekiel 20:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

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

Study Questions

1. How does God's promise of abundant provision affect our view of His goodness?
2. What is the relationship between promised blessings and covenant obedience?

Interlinear Text

לְבָקָר מִלְּבָנָה וּמִבְּשָׂרָה אֲתִי נִשְׁאַבְנָה בְּהַיְלָה וְבַיּוֹם
In the day H1931 that I lifted up H5375 mine hand H3027 H0

הַיּוֹם וְלֹא כִּי מִצְרָיִם בְּאֶרְצֹתִים אֲלָמָּה אֲשֶׁר
unto them to bring them forth H3318 into a land H776 of Egypt H4714 into a land H776 H834

אֲבָנָה שְׁלָמָה וְלֹא כִּי מִלְּבָנָה וְלֹא כִּי מִבְּשָׂרָה
that I had espied H8446 for them flowing H2100 with milk H2461 and honey H1706 which is the glory H6643

בְּאֶרְצֹתִים לְכָל הַיּוֹם
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Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 20:15 (Glory): 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;

Psalms 48:2 (Parallel theme): Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Jeremiah 32:22 (Parallel theme): And hast given them this land, which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey;

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.