

Ezekiel 34:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing." God promises to transform His people into blessing for surrounding nations. The "showers of blessing" imagery depicts abundant provision and favor. This partially fulfills the Abrahamic promise: Israel blessed to bless nations (Genesis 12:3). Complete fulfillment comes through Christ and the church: Gospel spreading globally, bringing spiritual blessing to all nations. Believers exist not merely to receive blessings but to channel them to others.

Historical Context

The promise (586 BC) anticipated restoration making Israel a testimony to surrounding nations. The post-exilic return demonstrated God's faithfulness, impressing Persian authorities and neighboring peoples. However, complete fulfillment came through the gospel: the church becoming light to nations (Matthew 5:14-16). The "showers of blessing" found expression in Pentecost and global gospel advance. What God promised ethnic Israel He fulfills more extensively through spiritual Israel (the church) reaching every nation with salvation.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does God intend believers to be channels of blessing to surrounding communities?
2. What is the relationship between receiving God's blessings and sharing them with others?

Interlinear Text

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| בָּרוּךְ הָ | גְּבֻעָתִ | בָּרוּךְ הָ | גְּבֻעָתִ |
| אֹתֶם | וּסְבִיב | וּת | וּת |
| And I will make | them and the places round about | my hill | a blessing |
| H5414 | H853 | H1389 | H1293 |
| בָּעֵת | גְּשֻׁמִּ | בָּעֵת | גְּשֻׁמִּ |
| וְהַזְרָצָתִ | וְהַזְרָצָתִ | וְהַזְרָצָתִ | וְהַזְרָצָתִ |
| to come down | and I will cause the shower | in his season | and I will cause the shower |
| H3381 | H1653 | H6256 | H1653 |
| בָּרוּךְ הָ | יְהִי | בָּרוּךְ הָ | יְהִי |
| a blessing | H1961 | | |
| H1293 | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 28:12 (Blessing): The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

Isaiah 44:3 (Sin): For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

Leviticus 26:4 (Parallel theme): Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

Psalms 68:9 (Parallel theme): Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

Genesis 12:2 (Sin): And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Zechariah 8:13 (Sin): And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.

Malachi 3:10 (Sin): Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Isaiah 19:24 (Sin): In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land:

Psalms 133:3 (Sin): As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Zechariah 8:23 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.