

Ezekiel 34:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

Analysis

"And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them." God promises agricultural abundance, security, and deliverance from oppression. The purpose clause "shall know that I am the LORD" reveals that blessing's goal is knowing God truly. Material prosperity serves spiritual purposes: demonstrating God's character and evoking grateful worship. The Reformed emphasis on God's glory as ultimate end appears: blessings point beyond themselves to the Blessor.

Historical Context

The exile (586 BC) brought agricultural devastation, insecurity, and subjugation. God promises comprehensive reversal: restored fruitfulness, safety, and freedom. The return from Babylon began fulfillment, though incompletely. True security and abundance came through Christ establishing spiritual kingdom where believers experience freedom from sin's bondage and abundant life. The physical blessings foreshadowed spiritual realities: freedom from sin, fruitfulness in righteousness, security in Christ. Temporal promises pointed to eternal fulfillment.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do material blessings serve the purpose of revealing God's character?
2. What is the relationship between physical deliverance and spiritual salvation?

Interlinear Text

תִּתֵּן	עֵץ	הַשָּׂדֶה	אֶת	פְּרִי וְ	וְהָאֶרֶץ	תִּתֵּן
shall yield	And the tree	of the field	H853	her fruit	and the earth	shall yield
H5414	H6086	H7704		H6529	H776	H5414
יִבֹּלָהּ	וְהִי וְ	עַל	אֲדָמָתָם	לֵב טָהוֹר	וְיָדְעוּ	
her increase	H1961	H5921	in their land	and they shall be safe	and shall know	
H2981		H127		H983	H3045	
כִּי	אֲנִי יְ	יְהוָה	בְּשִׁבְרִי	אֶת	מִטּוֹת	עַל מְ
H3588	H589		when I have broken	H853	the bands	of their yoke
		H3068	H7665		H4133	H5923
וְהִצִּילָם	מִיָּד	הָעֹבְדִים	בָּהֶם:			
and delivered	them out of the hand	of those that served	H0			
H5337	H3027	H5647				

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 30:8 (References Lord): For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

Leviticus 26:13 (References Lord): I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

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 85:12 (References Lord): Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

Isaiah 4:2 (References Lord): In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

Jeremiah 2:20 (Parallel theme): For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.