

Ezekiel 47:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: concerning the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.

Analysis

And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: concerning the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance—אִישׁ כְּאָחִיו (ʾîsh kěʾāhîw, 'each like his brother')—equal inheritance. God נָשָׂאתִי אֶת־יָדִי (nāsâ'tî 'et-yādî, 'lifted my hand'—swore an oath) to אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם ('ăbôtêkhem, 'your fathers')—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob.

And this land shall fall unto you for inheritance—וְנָפְלָה הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת לָכֶם נַחֲלָה (wěnnāphēlāh hā'āreṣ hazzō't lākhem naḥlālāh, 'and this land shall fall to you for inheritance'). The verb נָפַל (nāphal, 'to fall') suggests distribution by lot (Joshua 18:6, 10), but also divine gift—it 'falls' to them by God's sovereign grace. Land inheritance rests on divine oath, not human merit. This demonstrates covenant faithfulness: God keeps promises to subsequent generations. New Testament parallel: spiritual inheritance comes through promise, not works (Galatians 3:18, Ephesians 1:11).

Historical Context

Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 12:1-3, 7; 15:7-21; 17:1-8) promised land to Abraham's descendants. Despite exile and dispersion, God's oath remained valid. Ezekiel's vision (573 BC, during exile) assured exiles that land promise endures. Partial fulfillment came in 538 BC return; complete fulfillment awaits millennial

kingdom. God's covenant faithfulness across millennia demonstrates His unchanging character (Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8).

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does 'I lifted up my hand' (oath) teach about covenant promises' certainty?
2. How does land falling by divine gift (not conquest) demonstrate grace?
3. How is physical land inheritance a type of spiritual inheritance in Christ?

Interlinear Text

וְנִחַלְתֶּם ׀	אֹתָהּ	אֶיֶשׁ	כְּאַחַד יוֹ	אֲשֶׁר
And ye shall inherit	H853	it one	as well as another	H834
H5157		H376	H251	
בְּשֵׁי אֲתִי	אֶת	יָדִי	לְתַתָּהּ	לְאַבְתִּיכֶם ׀
concerning the which I lifted up	H853	mine hand	to give	it unto your fathers
H5375		H3027	H5414	H1
וְכָל הָ	הָאֶרֶץ	הַזֹּאת	לְכֶם ׀	בְּנִחְלָה:
shall fall	and this land	H2063	H0	unto you for inheritance
H5307	H776			H5159

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 12:7 (Parallel theme): And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

Ezekiel 48:29 (Parallel theme): This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, saith the Lord GOD.

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