

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 כָּחֵי (’îsh kē’âhîw, 'each like his brother')—equal inheritance. God תָּשִׁאַתִּי אֶת-יְדִי (nâsâ’tî ’et-yâdî, 'lifted my hand')—swore an oath to אֲבֹתֶךָם (’âbôtêkhem, 'your fathers')—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob.

And this land shall fall unto you for inheritance—וְנִפְלַה בָּאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת לְכֶם נִפְלָה (wénâphélâh hā’ârēš hazzô’t lâkhem naḥălâh, 'and this land shall fall to you for inheritance'). The verb נִפְלָה (nâphal, '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

Psalm 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

וְנַקְלַתְ מִ	וְנַקְלַתְ מִ	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר
And ye shall inherit		H853	it one	as well as another		H834	
	H5157		H376	H251			
נִשְׁתַ אַתִ	נִשְׁתַ אַתִ	אֶת	אֶת	לְתַתְ הֵ	לְתַתְ הֵ	לְאַבְתִיכְ מִ	לְאַבְתִיכְ מִ
concerning the which I lifted up		H853	mine hand	to give	it unto your fathers		
	H5375		H3027	H5414	H1		
בְּנִנְחַלָה:	בְּנִנְחַלָה:	בְּאַת	בְּאַת	לְכָמַ	לְכָמַ	בְּנִנְחַלָה:	בְּנִנְחַלָה:
shall fall	and this land	H2063	H0	H0	H0	unto you for inheritance	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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