

# Hebrews 3:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

## Analysis

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God's oath ('ōmosa' - I swore) carries absolute certainty. 'They shall not enter my rest' pronounces irrevocable judgment on the unbelieving generation. The 'rest' typologically points beyond Canaan to the eternal rest of salvation. Reformed theology sees this as illustrating God's justice in judging persistent unbelief and the reality of reprobation - not all will be saved, despite outward religious affiliation.

## Historical Context

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Numbers 14:21-23 records this oath after Israel's refusal to enter Canaan. Except Joshua and Caleb, that entire generation died in the wilderness, never experiencing the promised land rest.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What does God's oath teach about the certainty of His judgments and promises?

