

Hebrews 6:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

Analysis

Quoting Genesis 22:17, the double emphasis 'blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you' uses Hebrew infinitive absolute for emphasis (doubling the verb). This promise includes both spiritual blessing (justification, adoption) and numerical multiplication (countless spiritual descendants through Christ). Reformed covenant theology sees all believers as Abraham's true children (Galatians 3:29), inheritors of these promises.

Historical Context

Abraham's physical descendants (Israel) partially fulfilled this numerically, but the ultimate fulfillment is the multinational church, Abraham's spiritual seed through faith in Christ (Galatians 3:7-9).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do you share in the blessings promised to Abraham?
2. What does it mean to be 'multiplied' as Abraham's spiritual offspring?

Interlinear Text

λέγων, [׃] H μὴν εὐλογήσω εὐλογήσω σε· καὶ πληθυνῶ	Saying	Surely	G3375	I will bless	I will bless	thee	and	I will multiply
G3004	G2229		G2127	G2127		G4571	G2532	G4129
πληθυνῶ σε·								
I will multiply thee								
G4129		G4571						

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 22:17 (Sin): That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Deuteronomy 1:10 (Parallel theme): The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

Nehemiah 9:23 (Parallel theme): Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it.

Genesis 17:2 (Parallel theme): And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Exodus 32:13 (Parallel theme): Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

Genesis 48:4 (Parallel theme): And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.