

Hosea 12:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I that am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.

Analysis

God from Egypt: 'And I that am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.' YHWH who brought them from Egypt (מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, me'erets Mitsrayim) will make them dwell בָּאָהָלִים (ba'ohalim, in tents/tabernacles) as in feast of מֵעֵד (mo'ed, appointed time) —Feast of Tabernacles. This threatens exile: return to tent-dwelling, nomadic existence like wilderness period or Tabernacles feast commemorating it. This demonstrates reversal: from permanent settled land to temporary tents, from secure houses to wilderness wandering. Yet hint of hope: feast connection suggests eventual restoration.

Historical Context

Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot, Leviticus 23:33-43) commemorated wilderness dwelling, requiring Israelites to live in temporary booths. The threat: you'll return to tent-dwelling permanently through exile, not merely ceremonially. Exile to Assyria fulfilled this: deportation meant losing houses and land, living as strangers in foreign land. Yet the feast connection hints at redemptive purpose: wilderness preceded Promised Land entry; similarly, exile would precede restoration. Church fathers saw typology: present earthly tent (2 Corinthians 5:1) anticipates eternal dwelling. This demonstrates that God uses reversal (blessing to curse) redemptively—discipline leading to restoration.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does threat of 'dwelling in tents' represent comprehensive reversal of covenant blessings?
2. What does connection to Feast of Tabernacles suggest about God's redemptive purposes even in judgment?

Interlinear Text

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| וְאַנְכִּי | וְאַנְכִּי הָיָה | אֱלֹהֵיךְ יְהוָה | מִן־אֶרְצָת | מִצְרָיִם | עַד |
| H595 | And I that am the LORD | H3068 | thy God | H430 | from the land |
| | | | | H776 | of Egypt |
| | | | | H4714 | H5750 |
| וְאַשְׁיַבָּךְ | בְּאֹהֶל מוֹעֵד | כִּי־ | כִּי־ | מִזְבֵּחַ | |
| will yet make thee to dwell | in tabernacles | as in the days | of the solemn feast | | |
| H3427 | H168 | H3117 | H4150 | | |

Additional Cross-References

Hosea 13:4 (References God): Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me.

2 Samuel 7:2 (References God): That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.