

Numbers 15:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you,

Analysis

The phrase 'when ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you' uses present tense for a future gift—'I give' not 'I will give.' This grammatical certainty reflects divine perspective: what God promises is as good as accomplished. Forty years of wandering lay ahead, yet God speaks of Canaan's possession as settled fact.

Historical Context

The 'land of your habitations' emphasizes permanence—not a temporary camp but settled dwelling. This contrasted sharply with their present wilderness existence and their recent desire to return to Egypt. God's promise envisioned stability, agricultural life, and generational continuity in the land.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does God's perspective on future promises differ from human uncertainty?
2. What 'not yet' promises of God can you treat as certain today?

Interlinear Text

כִּי אָלָה מִצְמְרָתָךְ וְשָׁבָא לְבָנֶיךָ
Speak unto the children of Israel and say
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אָתָּה אָשָׁר מַוְשֵׁב תֵּיכְסֵם אֶל־רֶצֶן
unto them When ye be come into the land of your habitations
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נָתַתִּי לְכָמֶן
which I give H0
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Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 23:10 (References Israel): Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

Numbers 15:18 (References Israel): Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you,

Leviticus 25:2 (References Israel): Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.