

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

דַּבֵּר	אֶל	בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְאָמַרְתָּ	אֵלֶיָּהּ	כִּי
Speak	H413	unto the children	of Israel	and say	H413 H3588
H1696		H1121	H3478	H559	
	תְּבֹאוּ	אֶל	אֶרֶץ	מוֹשָׁב תִּיכֶם	אֲשֶׁר רָאִיתִי
	unto them	H413	into the land	of your habitations	H834 H589
	H935		H776	H4186	
	נָתַתִּי	לָכֶם:			
	which I give	H0			
	H5414				

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.