

Psalms 60:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

Analysis

The shift from lament to oracular confidence ('God hath spoken in his holiness') demonstrates answered prayer. God's speaking 'in his holiness' indicates revelation's certainty and purity. The promised division of Shechem and Succoth represents covenant inheritance being distributed, showing that God's promises transcend present defeat, grounding hope in divine decree.

Historical Context

Shechem and Succoth represent territories on both sides of the Jordan, symbolizing Israel's complete inheritance. God's promise to 'divide' and 'mete out' these territories affirmed David's kingship over all Israel despite current military setbacks.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do God's promises function as certainty in present uncertainty?

2. What does God speaking 'in his holiness' reveal about the reliability of His word?

Interlinear Text

שָׁכַן אֶחָלָק הַנָּא עַל יְהוָה בְּקָדְשׁוּ רְבָר אֱלֹהִים
Shechem I will divide I will rejoice in his holiness hath spoken God

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אֶמְלָדָה סְכָה וְתַּחַת מִקְרָב
and mete out Succoth of the valley

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Additional Cross-References

Genesis 12:6 (Parallel theme): And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

Psalms 89:35 (Holy): Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

Joshua 13:27 (Parallel theme): And in the valley, Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and his border, even unto the edge of the sea of Chinnereth on the other side Jordan eastward.

Psalms 56:4 (References God): In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Psalms 119:162 (Parallel theme): I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

Amos 4:2 (Holy): The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.

Joshua 1:6 (Parallel theme): Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

