

1 Samuel 12:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.

Analysis

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Samuel summons Israel to witness a 'great thing' (gadol) that will authenticate his prophetic authority and confirm the seriousness of his warning. The call to 'stand and see' echoes Moses at the Red Sea (Exodus 14:13), connecting this moment to Israel's foundational deliverance. By announcing in advance what God will do, Samuel demonstrates prophetic foreknowledge that validates everything he has spoken. The coming sign will be undeniably supernatural.

Historical Context

Prophetic signs authenticated divine messengers and their messages. The connection between prophet's word and subsequent fulfillment established credibility (Deuteronomy 18:21-22). Samuel's sign would be particularly dramatic because it violated normal seasonal patterns.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What 'great things' has God done to confirm His word in your experience?
2. How should supernatural confirmation of prophetic warning affect our response?

Interlinear Text

גַּם	עַתָּה	וְהִתְיַצֵּב	וּרְא	אֵת	הַדָּבָר	הַגָּדוֹל	הַזֶּה
Now therefore		stand	and see		thing	this great	
H1571	H6258	H3320	H7200	H853	H1697	H1419	H2088
אֲשֶׁר	יְהוָה	עֹשֶׂה	לְעֵינֵיכֶם:				
H834	which the LORD	will do	before your eyes				
	H3068	H6213	H5869				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 14:13 (References Lord): And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

Exodus 14:31 (References Lord): And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

1 Samuel 12:7 (References Lord): Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers.

1 Samuel 15:16 (References Lord): Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.