

Acts 12:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

Analysis

Peter's declaration 'Now I know of a surety that the Lord hath sent his angel' shows his initial confusion transformed to certain recognition. The phrase 'delivered me out of the hand of Herod' attributes salvation to divine intervention, not chance. Peter's understanding of God's rescue from 'all the expectation of the people' acknowledges popular desire for his execution.

Historical Context

Coming to himself after passing guards and gate (Acts 12:10), Peter realized his deliverance wasn't a dream but divine rescue. He immediately went to the prayer meeting at Mary's house (Acts 12:12), fulfilling God's purpose in delivering him—to strengthen the church.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do we discern between divine intervention and natural circumstances in our experiences?
2. What should our response be when we recognize God's clear deliverance?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ὁ Πέτρος γενόμενος ἐν ἑαυτῷ εἶπεν Νῦν οἶδα
And G3588 when Peter was come to himself he said Now I know
G2532 G4074 G1096 G1722 G1438 G2036 G3568 G1492

ἀληθῶς ὅτι ἔξαπέστειλεν κύριος τὸν ἄγγελον αὐτοῦ καὶ
of a surety that hath sent the Lord G3588 angel G846 And G2532
G230 G3754 G1821 G2962 G32

ἔξείλετο με ἐκ χειρὸς Ἡρώδου καὶ πάσης τῆς
hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod And from all G3588
G1807 G3165 G1537 G5495 G2264 G2532 G3956

προσδοκίας τοῦ λαοῦ τῶν Ἰουδαίων
the expectation G3588 of the people G3588 of the Jews G2453
G4329 G2992

Additional Cross-References

Daniel 6:22 (Parallel theme): My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

Daniel 3:28 (Parallel theme): Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

2 Peter 2:9 (References Lord): The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

Psalms 34:7 (References Lord): The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Acts 5:19 (References Lord): But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

Psalms 33:18 (References Lord): Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

Luke 15:17 (Parallel theme): And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

Acts 12:7 (References Lord): And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

Psalms 97:10 (References Lord): Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psalms 109:31 (Parallel theme): For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.