

Acts 12:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.

Analysis

And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness. The forty years' wilderness wandering, described as God suffering Israel's manners, emphasizes divine patience with rebellious people.

Historical Context

Forty years (Numbers 14:33-34) represents judgment generation dying off. Suffered their manners translates Greek: etropophore sen—meaning endured/tolerated their character or behavior. Alternate reading (tropophoreō) means carried/sustained like nurse. Both capture truth—God sustained while enduring rebellion. Paul's historical survey around 48 CE reminded hearers of their ancestors' persistent unfaithfulness, preparing contrast with God's faithfulness despite human rebellion.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's patience with rebellion demonstrate His character?

2. What does wilderness period teach about grace amid judgment?
3. In what ways does Israel's history warn against presuming on covenant privileges?
4. Why emphasize ancestor's failures when preaching gospel?
5. What does divine forbearance reveal about God's redemptive purposes?

Interlinear Text

ἐγένετο	δὲ	ἡμέρας	ἦν	τάραχος	οὐκ	ὀλίγος
as soon as it was	Now	day	there was	stir	no	small
G1096	G1161	G2250	G2258	G5017	G3756	G3641

ἐν	τοῖς	στρατιώταις	τί	ἄρα	ὁ	Πέτρος	ἐγένετο
among		the soldiers	what			of Peter	as soon as it was
G1722	G3588	G4757	G5101	G686	G3588	G4074	G1096

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