

Acts 7:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

Analysis

God identifies Himself through covenant relationship with the patriarchs, emphasizing continuity of His promises. The use of 'I am' (Greek *ego eimi*) points to God's eternal, unchanging nature - the same phrase Jesus used in John 8:58. Moses' trembling response demonstrates appropriate fear before the holy God. Reformed theology sees the covenant faithfulness of God displayed: though Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, God remained their God, implying their continued existence and God's commitment to fulfill promises made to them.

Historical Context

This declaration occurred circa 430 years after God's covenant with Abraham (Galatians 3:17), demonstrating God's faithfulness across generations. The patriarchs had died centuries before, yet God's covenant remained in force.

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