

Acts 7:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

Analysis

God declares He has 'seen' and 'heard' Israel's affliction, demonstrating His omniscience and compassion. The phrase 'I have seen' uses the Hebrew intensive form, emphasizing careful observation. God's commission to Moses ('come now, I will send you') shows divine sovereignty in election - God chooses the deliverer and empowers the mission. The deliverance would not be Moses' work but God's work through Moses. Reformed theology emphasizes that God's sovereign choice and effectual calling enable the work of redemption.

Historical Context

Israel had been in Egyptian bondage approximately 400 years as God foretold to Abraham (Genesis 15:13). The oppression intensified under new pharaohs who 'knew not Joseph' (Exodus 1:8), likely during Egypt's Nineteenth Dynasty.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God's 'seeing' and 'hearing' comfort those suffering injustice today?
2. What does God's commissioning of Moses teach about divine sovereignty in calling?
3. In what ways does this deliverance from Egypt foreshadow Christ's greater deliverance from sin?

Interlinear Text

εἶδον	εἶδον	τοῦ	κάκωσιν	τοῦ	λαοῦ	μου	τοῦ	ἐν
I have seen	I have seen	which	the affliction	which	people	of my	which	is in
G1492	G1492	G3588	G2561	G3588	G2992	G3450	G3588	G1722
Αἴγυπτον	καὶ	τοῦ	στεναγμοῦ	αὐτούς·	ἤκουσα	καὶ		
Egypt	And	which	groaning	their	I have heard	And		
G125	G2532	G3588	G4726	G846	G191	G2532		
κατέβην	ἐξελέσθαι	αὐτούς·	καὶ	νῦν	δεῦρο	ἀποστέλω		
am come down	to deliver	their	And	now	come	I will send		
G2597	G1807	G846	G2532	G3568	G1204	G649		
σε	εἰς	Αἴγυπτον						
thee	into	Egypt						
G4571	G1519	G125						

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 106:44 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry:

Exodus 3:14 (Parallel theme): And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

John 6:38 (Parallel theme): For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Nehemiah 9:9 (References Egypt): And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea;

Exodus 4:31 (Parallel theme): And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

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