

Deuteronomy 1:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

Analysis

Israel's murmuring 'in their tents' reveals private complaint that fostered public rebellion. Their accusation—'because the LORD hated us'—completely misread God's character and intent, interpreting discipline as hatred and promise as punishment. This twisted theology projected their own fears onto God, imagining malicious intent rather than loving purpose. Unbelief doesn't just doubt God's power but distorts His character.

Historical Context

This false accusation came despite God's miraculous deliverance from Egypt, provision in the wilderness, and covenant promises. Their reasoning—that God brought them out to destroy them—reversed reality and revealed how fear corrupts theological understanding.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do your fears distort your perception of God's character and intentions?
2. What evidence of God's love are you dismissing due to present difficulties?

Interlinear Text

וַתִּרְגְּזוּ And ye murmured H7279	בְּאֶהֱלֵיכֶם in your tents H168	וַתֹּאמַר and said H559	בְּשָׁנָא ת H8130	יְהוָה Because the LORD H3068	
אֶתְנוּ H853	הוֹצִיאָנוּ us he hath brought us forth H3318	מֵאֶרֶץ out of the land H776	מִצֵּרְיִם of Egypt H4714	לְתֵת to deliver H5414	אֶתְנוּ H853
בְּיַד us into the hand H3027	הָאֲמֹרִי of the Amorites H567	לְהַשְׁמִידָנוּ to destroy H8045			

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 9:28 (References Lord): Lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.

Psalms 106:25 (References Lord): But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

Numbers 14:3 (References Lord): And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

Exodus 16:8 (References Lord): And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.

Exodus 16:3 (References Lord): And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

Matthew 25:24 (References Lord): Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

Luke 19:21 (Parallel theme): For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

Numbers 21:5 (References Egypt): And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.