

Deuteronomy 29:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land;

Analysis

And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land. Moses appeals to eyewitness testimony - ye have seen - reminding Israel of God's mighty acts in Egypt. This generation personally witnessed the plagues, the passover, and the exodus, making them direct witnesses to God's power and faithfulness.

The emphasis before your eyes stresses personal observation. These are not distant legends or second-hand reports but events they personally experienced. This creates accountability - they cannot claim ignorance or doubt about God's reality and power.

The comprehensive scope unto Pharaoh...his servants...his land indicates the totality of God's judgment on Egypt. All levels of Egyptian society from pharaoh to peasants experienced God's power, demonstrating His sovereignty over the nations.

This pattern of remembering God's past acts grounds faith - what God has done demonstrates what He can do. Historical memory of divine faithfulness strengthens present trust and future hope.

Historical Context

The ten plagues, exodus, and Red Sea crossing were the defining events of Israel's national existence. This generation was young during the exodus but old enough to remember Egypt's devastation and Israel's deliverance.

Moses regularly appeals to this shared memory throughout Deuteronomy, using past acts as foundation for present obedience.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What role does eyewitness testimony play in establishing faith?
2. How does personal experience of God's acts create accountability?
3. Why does Moses emphasize the comprehensive scope of God's judgments?
4. How does remembering God's past faithfulness strengthen present trust?
5. What role should rehearsing God's mighty acts have in Christian teaching?

Interlinear Text

את מ אלה מ ו אמר ישרא ל כל אל מש ה יקם א
called And Moses H413 H3605 unto all Israel and said H413 H859
H7121 H4872 H3478 H559

יהו ה ראיית מ כל את כל אשר עש ה all that the LORD
unto them Ye have seen H853 H3605 did H6213 H3068
H7200 H834 H6213 H3068

ולכל לעינייכם ארצון מצב ים unto Pharaoh H3605
before your eyes and unto all his land of Egypt H4714 H6547
H5869 H776 H4714 H6547

ארצון ולכל עבד יי and unto all his land
and unto all his servants H3605 and unto all his land H776
H5650 H776

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 19:4 (References Egypt): Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

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