

Deuteronomy 6:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes:

Analysis

The testimony continues: 'the LORD shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household.' The Hebrew 'otot umophtim' (signs and wonders) indicates miraculous divine intervention demonstrating God's power and authority. The plagues were 'great and sore'—comprehensive and severe, breaking Egypt's pride and power. The specific targeting 'upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household' demonstrates divine judgment against those oppressing God's people. This verse emphasizes that redemption requires divine power overcoming enemies—believers cannot save themselves but require sovereign deliverance.

Historical Context

The ten plagues (Exodus 7-12) systematically demonstrated Yahweh's superiority over Egyptian gods: Nile (Hapi), frogs (Heqet), sun (Ra), etc. Each plague increased in severity, culminating in firstborn death. Pharaoh's household suffered especially—his magicians failed, his officials begged surrender, his firstborn died. These 'signs and wonders' authenticated Moses' message and revealed God's sovereign power. Israel's children would hear this testimony, strengthening faith across generations. Christian testimony similarly proclaims God's mighty acts in Christ.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do the 'signs and wonders' in Egypt demonstrate that salvation requires divine intervention, not human effort?
2. What parallels exist between God's deliverance from Egypt and Christ's victory over sin, death, and Satan?

Interlinear Text

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upon Pharaoh and upon all his household before our eyes
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Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 4:34 (References Lord): Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

Psalms 91:8 (Parallel theme): Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Deuteronomy 7:19 (References Lord): The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

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