

Deuteronomy 7:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

This verse expands on 'remembering' by listing specific evidences of God's power: 'temptations' (tests/trials), 'signs' (otot, miraculous signs), 'wonders' (mophetim, extraordinary displays), 'mighty hand,' and 'stretched out arm.' The cumulative effect is overwhelming proof of God's power. The phrase 'which thine eyes saw' emphasizes eyewitness testimony—this isn't hearsay but personal experience. The conclusion 'so shall the LORD thy God do' applies past deliverance to future conquest. God's character and power are unchanging—what He did in Egypt, He will do in Canaan. This is the logic of faith: if God has demonstrated His power in the past, He will demonstrate it in the future. Christ's resurrection is the supreme 'sign and wonder' proving God's power and guaranteeing believers' future victory (Romans 8:11).

Historical Context

The ten plagues, Red Sea crossing, pillar of cloud/fire, manna, water from rock, and victory over Amalek constituted irrefutable evidence of God's power. These weren't ambiguous events but public, undeniable displays witnessed by the entire nation. The Exodus became Israel's foundational salvation narrative, referenced throughout Scripture as paradigmatic proof of God's saving power. The prophets

invoke Exodus imagery when promising future deliverance (Isaiah 11:15-16; 43:16-19; Jeremiah 23:7-8). God's mighty acts in history provide the evidentiary basis for faith in His future promises.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What 'signs and wonders' has God performed in your life or Christian history that strengthen your faith?
2. How can you cultivate awareness of God's ongoing powerful work in ordinary and extraordinary ways?
3. What future challenges require you to apply past evidence of God's power to present faith?

Interlinear Text

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 4:34 (References God): 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?

Joshua 3:10 (References God): And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

Deuteronomy 29:3 (Parallel theme): The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles:

