

Exodus 13:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

Analysis

The statement 'He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night' emphasizes constancy. God's guidance never ceased—through plains and mountains, encouragement and judgment, obedience and rebellion. The phrase 'from before the people' indicates the pillar led from the front, going ahead to prepare the way. Continuous divine presence meant they were never abandoned, even during judgment.

Historical Context

This pillar remained for forty years until Israel entered Canaan. Its continuous presence demonstrated God's unchanging faithfulness despite Israel's frequent unfaithfulness.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's constant presence through changing circumstances strengthen confidence in His faithfulness?

2. What does the pillar 'going before' the people teach about God preparing the way ahead of your journey?

Interlinear Text

לֹא	יָנָם יֵשׁ	וְעַמּוֹד	הָעָנָן	יוֹמָם	וְעַמּוֹד	הָאֵשׁ
H3808	He took not away	nor the pillar	of the cloud	by day	nor the pillar	of fire
	H4185	H5982	H6051	H3119	H5982	H784

לַיְלָה	לִפְנֵי	הָעָם:
by night	from before	the people
H3915	H6440	H5971

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