

Exodus 14:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

Analysis

The statement 'the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground' describes the impossible made real. Walking 'into the midst of the sea' required faith—entering where water should be. The waters 'were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left' pictures walls of water held supernaturally. This creates a corridor of salvation through judgment. Paul later types this as baptism (1 Corinthians 10:1-2)—passing through waters of death into new life.

Historical Context

The crossing likely occurred at the northern end of the Red Sea or one of the lake regions. Regardless of location, the miracle was the wall-like waters held back while Israel walked through on dry ground.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What does walking 'into the midst of the sea' require in terms of faith when God commands but you see no path?
2. How does passing through water-walls picture baptism—passing through death (waters) to resurrection life?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּבְ אוֹ	בְּנֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	בֵּית וְךָ	הַיָּם	בַּיָּבֵשׁ הַ
went	And the children	of Israel	into the midst	of the sea	upon the dry
H935	H1121	H3478	H8432	H3220	H3004
וְהַיָּם יָם	לָהֶם	חוֹמָה הַ	מִיְמִינָם		
ground and the waters		were a wall	unto them on their right hand		
H4325	H0	H2346	H3225		
וּמִשְׁמָאלָם:					
and on their left					
H8040					

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 11:29 (Parallel theme): By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

Psalms 66:6 (Parallel theme): He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

Psalms 78:13 (Parallel theme): He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.

Exodus 15:19 (References Israel): For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

Exodus 14:29 (References Israel): But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

Isaiah 63:13 (Parallel theme): That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble?

Nehemiah 9:11 (Parallel theme): And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters.

Exodus 15:8 (Parallel theme): And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

1 Corinthians 10:1 (Parallel theme): Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

Numbers 33:8 (Parallel theme): And they departed from before Pi-hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.