

Exodus 14:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The explicit contrast—'But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea'—emphasizes the different outcomes for the two groups in the same location. Both were 'in the midst of the sea'; outcome depended on relationship with God. The repetition 'the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left' reinforces the miracle's magnitude. Same circumstances, opposite outcomes, based on covenant relationship.

Historical Context

This verse deliberately contrasts verses 22 and 28, showing that Israel's path of salvation was Egypt's path of judgment. The same miracle produced radically different results for the two groups.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the same circumstance (the divided sea) producing opposite outcomes picture salvation's dividing line?
2. What does walking on dry ground where enemies drowned teach about covenant protection in judgment?

Interlinear Text

וּבָנִים	וָיְלָכֵל	בְּבֵין	בְּבֵין	בְּבֵין	בְּבֵין
But the children	of Israel	walked	upon dry	land in the midst	of the sea
H1121	H3478	H1980	H3004	H8432	H3220

וְמִשְׁמָאָלָם:	מִימִין	מִימִין	לִפְנֵי	לִפְנֵי	וְמִשְׁמָאָלָם:
and the waters	H0	were a wall	unto them	on their right hand	and on their left
H4325	H2346	H3225			H8040

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 14:22 (References Israel): 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.

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