

Exodus 15:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.

Analysis

The prophetic vision: 'The people shall hear, and be afraid.' Surrounding nations would learn of the exodus and fear. The specification 'sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina' (Philistia) predicts regional terror. God's acts serve pedagogical purposes—teaching His supremacy to nations. The exodus becomes known throughout the ancient world, causing enemies to fear Israel's God. This fulfilled in Joshua 2:9-11 where Rahab testifies to Canaan's terror.

Historical Context

This prophecy was fulfilled as news spread throughout the region. Forty years later, Rahab in Jericho confirmed that Canaan still trembled at the memory (Joshua 2:10-11).

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does God's reputation through mighty acts serve evangelistic purposes in making nations aware of Him?

2. What mighty work in your life causes others to 'hear and be afraid' (in awe) at God's power?

Interlinear Text

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shall hear	The people	and be afraid		sorrow	shall take hold	on the inhabitants	
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פָּלֶשֶׁת:
of Palestina
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Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 2:25 (Parallel theme): This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.

Isaiah 14:31 (Parallel theme): Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall be alone in his appointed times.

Psalms 48:6 (Parallel theme): Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

Joshua 9:24 (Parallel theme): And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

Numbers 14:14 (Parallel theme): And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

