

Exodus 16:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

Analysis

As Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud—The glory (כָּבֵד, kavod) appearing in the cloud manifests God's presence in response to Israel's unbelief. Looking 'toward the wilderness' (מִדְבָּר, midbar) rather than toward Egypt signifies the proper orientation: forward in faith, not backward in unbelief. The cloud, which had guided them, now becomes the vehicle for glory's manifestation. This theophany precedes provision, showing God's character before His gifts. Paul sees this cloud-covered glory as baptism (1 Cor 10:2), prefiguring union with Christ.

Historical Context

This visible manifestation of God's glory in the cloud reassured Israel of divine presence despite the barren wilderness. The glory validated Moses and Aaron's leadership.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. Why does God reveal His glory before providing bread, rather than after?
2. How does looking 'toward the wilderness' in faith differ from looking back to Egypt in unbelief?

Interlinear Text

אָרֹן	אֶל	כָּל
And it came to pass as Aaron		
H1696	H413	H3605
spake		
H1961		
בְּנֵי	לִפְנֵי	אֶל
unto the whole congregation	of the children	of Israel
H5712	H1121	H3478
that they looked		
H6437		H413
בְּמִדְבָּר	וְיָהִי	נִרְאָה
toward the wilderness	and behold the glory	the glory of the LORD
H4057	H3519	H3068
וְהִנֵּה	כְּבָד	הִנֵּה
H2009		
appeared		
H7200		
בְּאֹתָה:		
in the cloud		
H6051		

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 16:7 (Glory): And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us?

Numbers 16:19 (Glory): And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

Numbers 16:42 (Glory): And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

Leviticus 9:6 (Glory): And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.

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