

Hosea 12:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.

Analysis

Prophet-led exodus: 'And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.' God used נָבִיא (navi, prophet—Moses) to bring Israel from Egypt and preserve שָׁמַר (shamar—keep/guard) them. This emphasizes prophetic mediation: God working through chosen messengers. Moses as archetypal prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15-18) foreshadows Christ the ultimate Prophet. This demonstrates God's pattern: speaking through prophets, delivering through chosen instruments. Only Christ perfectly fulfills prophetic office (Acts 3:22-23).

Historical Context

Moses, though not always called 'prophet' in Exodus narrative, is identified as such in Deuteronomy 18:15,18, 34:10. The 'bringing out' recalls exodus; 'preserved' the wilderness period. Hosea reminds Israel: you owe existence to prophetic ministry —God spoke through Moses, delivered through him. Yet contemporary prophets (Hosea included) you reject. This demonstrates ingratitude: honoring ancient prophets while despising current ones. Jesus confronted identical pattern: building tombs for dead prophets while persecuting living ones (Matthew 23:29-36). Church history shows similar tendency: revering historical reformers while resisting contemporary reformation.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does remembering Moses as prophet who delivered Israel challenge rejection of contemporary prophets?
2. What does prophetic mediation throughout redemptive history teach about God's chosen means of revelation and deliverance?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 77:20 (Parallel theme): Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Exodus 13:3 (References Lord): And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

Micah 6:4 (References Egypt): For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

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