

Isaiah 41:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He pursued them, and passed safely; even by the way that he had not gone with his feet.

Analysis

Cyrus's conquests are characterized by supernatural speed and safety—he pursues enemies and passes unharmed. The phrase 'path with his feet he had not gone' emphasizes the miraculous nature of his swift victories over unfamiliar terrain. God grants success in unprecedented ways.

Historical Context

Cyrus's rapid expansion of the Persian Empire (550-530 BC) was historically remarkable, conquering from the Aegean to the Indus River. This military success fulfilled God's purposes to free His people.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's ability to give success in unfamiliar paths encourage you in new ventures?
2. What does Cyrus's divinely-granted victories teach about God's ability to accomplish His purposes?

Interlinear Text

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He pursued them and passed safely even by the way with his feet H3808
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