

Isaiah 42:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.

Analysis

God asks who gave Jacob to robbers and Israel to spoilers, then answers: 'the LORD, he against whom we have sinned.' The shift from third to first person ('we have sinned') acknowledges corporate guilt. The Hebrew 'chata' (sinned) admits covenant violations brought judgment. God Himself delivered them to enemies as discipline.

Historical Context

This confesses that exile wasn't due to God's weakness or Babylon's superior power, but to Israel's sin provoking divine judgment. Recognizing God's hand in discipline is first step toward repentance.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does acknowledging God's hand in your difficulties change your response to hardship?

2. What sins have brought divine discipline into your life requiring honest confession?

Interlinear Text

קָלׁ וְאַלְכְּבָדְלָנִים וְיִשְׂרָאֵל לְמַשּׁׁוֹב הַנְּתָן |
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