

Isaiah 42:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Analysis

God points to fulfilled prophecy ('former things are come to pass') as validation, then announces 'new things' before they emerge. The Hebrew 'chadash' (new) emphasizes unprecedented redemption. Predictive prophecy distinguishes the true God from false gods—only He knows and declares the future because He controls it.

Historical Context

The 'former things' include predictions fulfilled in the exile; 'new things' refer to return from Babylon and ultimately the New Covenant in Christ. God's track record validates future promises.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's pattern of announcing and fulfilling strengthen your trust in unfulfilled promises?
2. What 'new things' is God doing in your life that you need eyes to see?

Interlinear Text

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| הִרְאֵשׁנוּ אוֹת | הִנֵּה | בָּאוּ | וְחִדָּשׁוּת | אֲנִי |
| Behold the former things | H2009 | are come to pass | and new things | H589 |
| H7223 | | H935 | H2319 | |
| מִגִּיד | בְּטָרֶם | תִּצְמַח הַנָּחַל | אֲשֶׁר יֵעַ | אֶתְּכֶם: |
| do I declare | H2962 | before they spring forth | I tell | H853 |
| H5046 | | H6779 | H8085 | |

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 43:19 (Parallel theme): Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

John 13:19 (Parallel theme): Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.

Joshua 21:45 (Parallel theme): There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.