

Isaiah 43:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.

Analysis

God's threefold testimony: 'I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed'—comprehensive revelation and action. The conclusion: 'ye are my witnesses...that I am God.' The Hebrew 'nagad' (declared), 'yasha' (saved), and 'shama' (shewed/announced) cover word and deed, promise and fulfillment.

Historical Context

This appeals to Israel's experience: God predicted deliverances, accomplished them, then revealed their meaning. This pattern of declaration-fulfillment-explanation distinguishes Him from false gods.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does God's pattern of declaring before acting strengthen faith in unfulfilled promises?

2. What salvation experiences in your life serve as testimony to God's unique power?

Interlinear Text

בְּכָל מִן אֲנָכִי
 H595 I have declared H5046 and have saved H3467 and I have shewed
 H369 H0

לֹא יְהִי רָע
 H2114 when there was no strange H859 god among you therefore ye are my witnesses
 H5707

אֵלֶּה תְּהִלָּה
 H589 saith the LORD H3068 that I am God
 H410

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 32:12 (References God): So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

Isaiah 43:10 (Witness): Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

Isaiah 44:8 (Witness): Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.