

Isaiah 43:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;

Analysis

God made 'a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters'—recalling the Red Sea deliverance. The Hebrew 'derek' (way) and 'netivah' (path) emphasize God's ability to create passage through impossibility. This past deliverance grounds confidence for future redemption.

Historical Context

This directly references the Exodus when God split the Red Sea, demonstrating His power to deliver Israel from seemingly impossible situations. Past redemption predicts future deliverance from Babylon.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What 'Red Sea' impossibilities has God brought you through in the past?

2. How does remembering God's past deliverances strengthen faith for present challenges?

Interlinear Text

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H3541	Thus saith	the LORD	which maketh	in the sea	a way	waters
	H559	H3068	H5414	H3220	H1870	H4325
עַל יָם	וַתִּיבַח:					
in the mighty	and a path					
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 51:10 (Parallel theme): Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

Psalms 77:19 (Parallel theme): Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

Isaiah 43:2 (Parallel theme): When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Jeremiah 31:35 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

Isaiah 51:15 (References Lord): But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name.

Revelation 16:12 (Parallel theme): And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

Psalms 78:13 (Parallel theme): He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.

Psalms 106:9 (Parallel theme): He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

Nehemiah 9:11 (Parallel theme): And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters.

Exodus 14:16 (Parallel theme): But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

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