

Isaiah 43:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

Analysis

All nations are gathered for trial. God challenges them: 'let them bring forth their witnesses' and 'let them hear, and say, It is truth.' The Hebrew 'ed' (witness) requires testimony validated by truth. Only God's witnesses can verify their testimony; false gods remain silent with no validation.

Historical Context

This courtroom scene pits God against all nations and their gods. The challenge is clear: produce evidence or admit defeat. Israel's historical experience provides undeniable proof of God's reality.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does the biblical pattern of witness and verification validate Christian truth claims?
2. What evidence from your life witnesses to God's reality that others must acknowledge?

Interlinear Text

כָּל H3605	הַגּוֹיִם H1471	וְנִקְבְּצוּ H6908	וְיִתְּדוּ H3162	וְיִאָּסְפוּ H622	וְיִלְאֲמוּ יָם H3816
	Let all the nations	be gathered	together	be assembled	and let the people
יִמְיָ H4310	בְּהֵם H0	וְיִגִּיד H5046	זֶה אֵת H2063	וְיִרְאֲשׁוּ H7223	וְיִלְאֲמוּ יָם H3816
	who among them can declare		us former things		
וְיִשְׁמָעוּ H8085	וְיִבְרִיחוּ H5414	וְיִגִּידוּ H5707	וְיִצְדָּקוּ H6663		
or let them hear	let them bring forth	their witnesses	that they may be justified		
וְיִשְׁמָעוּ H8085	וְיִאמְרוּ H559	אֵת H571			
or let them hear	and say	It is truth			

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 43:26 (Righteousness): Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

Isaiah 46:10 (Parallel theme): Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Isaiah 41:1 (Parallel theme): Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment.

Psalms 50:1 (Parallel theme): The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

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