

Isaiah 51:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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?

Analysis

The rhetorical question 'Art thou not it that hath dried the sea?' recalls the Red Sea crossing as proof of God's power over nature and nations. The purpose 'that the redeemed might pass over' shows that God's mighty acts serve soteriological purposes - power is always directed toward saving His people. This establishes that creation miracles aren't arbitrary displays but purposeful acts accomplishing redemption.

Historical Context

The Exodus functioned as Israel's foundational salvation narrative, proving God could save despite impossible odds. This became template for understanding all subsequent deliverances, including ultimate salvation through Christ.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does the Red Sea crossing demonstrate that no obstacle can prevent God accomplishing your salvation?
2. What 'seas' (impossible barriers) is God drying up to enable your spiritual progress?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 43:16 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;

Isaiah 50:2 (Redemption): Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.

Exodus 15:13 (Redemption): Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

