

Isaiah 52:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

Analysis

The historical review 'My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there' recalls oppression by Egypt and Assyria, establishing God's pattern of delivering from tyrants who have 'no right' to His people. The complaint 'my name continually every day is blasphemed' shows that God's reputation suffers when His people are enslaved - His honor motivates deliverance, not just pity for their suffering.

Historical Context

Egypt enslaved Israel without cause (Exodus 1), as did Assyria and Babylon. God's jealousy for His name's honor drove judgment on oppressors. This teaches that attacks on God's people are ultimately attacks on God Himself (Zechariah 2:8 - 'he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye').

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does understanding that your suffering affects God's reputation change how you view trials?
2. What does it mean that God delivers you not just out of pity but to vindicate His own holy name?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Genesis 46:6 (References Egypt): And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him:

Psalms 69:4 (Parallel theme): They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

Job 2:3 (References God): And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

