

Isaiah 63:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?' The questions continue: Where is the God who led by Moses, divided waters, made His name glorious? The Hebrew 'shem olam' (everlasting name) indicates permanent reputation established through mighty acts.

Historical Context

These rhetorical questions don't doubt God's past action but lament present apparent inactivity. The form invites God to act again as He did before.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do you balance remembering what God has done with longing for fresh action?
2. What does it mean that God's name is made glorious through deliverance?

Interlinear Text

מֹלִיךְ H1980	לִימָּיִן H3225	מֹשֶׁה H4872	זֶרְעוֹ H2220	תִּפְאָרְתּוֹ H8597	בְּוִקְעוֹ H1234
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the water	before	them to make		name	himself an everlasting

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 15:16 (Parallel theme): Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.

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.

Joshua 3:16 (Parallel theme): That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

Isaiah 55:13 (Eternal Life): Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalms 80:1 (Parallel theme): Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.

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.