

Numbers 14:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

Analysis

God declares that those who 'have seen my glory, and my miracles' in Egypt and wilderness yet 'have tempted me now these ten times' will not see the Promised Land. The number 'ten times' may be literal or idiomatic for completeness, indicating exhaustive testing of God's patience. Seeing miracles without believing brings greater judgment than never seeing them (Matthew 11:21-24).

Historical Context

The adult generation (except Caleb and Joshua) witnessed unprecedented miracles: plagues, Red Sea crossing, Sinai revelation, daily manna, water from rock, cloud guidance. Despite this overwhelming evidence, they refused persistent faith.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. Why does greater spiritual light bring greater accountability when rejected?
2. How can you ensure that exposure to God's truth produces faith rather than hardened unbelief?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת כְּבוֹדִי אֶת הָרֹאֶיִם הָאֵלֶּשׁ יִם כָּל כִּי
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Because all those men which have seen my glory

וּבְמִדְבָּר בְּמִצְרַיִם עָשֵׂה יָדֵי אֲשֶׁר אֵת תִּי
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and in the wilderness in Egypt which I did and my miracles

וְלֹא אֶפְעַם יִם עַשָּׂר יְהִי אֵת וַיִּנָּס ו
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times me now these ten and have tempted

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to my voice and have not hearkened

Additional Cross-References

Job 19:3 (Parallel theme): These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed that ye make yourselves strange to me.

Psalms 106:26 (Parallel theme): Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

Genesis 31:7 (Parallel theme): And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

Exodus 17:2 (Parallel theme): Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?

Exodus 32:1 (References Egypt): And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

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