

# 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

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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

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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

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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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

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וְאַתָּה כְּבָדִי אֶת כָּל הָאָנָשׁ יְמֵינֶךָ יְמֵינֶךָ כְּרָא יְמֵינֶךָ אֶת  
H3588 H3605 Because all those men which have seen H582 H7200 H853 H3519 H853  
my glory

וּבְמִזְבֵּחַ רְאֵתָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂתִי בְּמִצְבָּה יְמֵינֶךָ אֶת  
and my miracles H834 which I did H6213 in Egypt H4714 and in the wilderness H4057  
H226 H2088 H4714 H4057

וְלֹא פְּגַעַת יְמֵינֶךָ עַשְׂרֵה אֶת הָאָתָה וְלֹא  
and have tempted H853 H2088 me now these ten H6235 times H3808  
H5254 H6471 H3808

בְּקָוְלִי שְׁמַע וְ  
and have not hearkened to my voice  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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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