

Numbers 20:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border:

Analysis

Moses described God's deliverance: 'when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt.' This testimony to God's intervention explained Israel's journey and implied divine authority for their request. Acknowledging God's past faithfulness in our requests demonstrates that we seek His continued guidance.

Historical Context

The 'angel' references the Angel of the LORD who led Israel (Exodus 14:19, 23:20-23). This designation emphasized that their journey had divine approval and protection. Moses' appeal suggested that opposing Israel meant opposing the God who delivered and guided them.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does recounting God's past faithfulness strengthen present petitions?
2. What past deliverances should inform your current requests?

Interlinear Text

וַנִּצֵּעַ קִי	אֵל	יְהוָה	וַשְׁמַע ע	קוֹלֵנוּ	וַיִּשְׁלַח ח	מַלְאָךְ יְיָ
And when we cried	H413	unto the LORD	he heard	our voice	and sent	an angel
H6817		H3068	H8085	H6963	H7971	H4397
וַיֹּצֵאנוּ	מִמִּצְרַיִם	וְהִנֵּה	אֲנִי חִנוּ			
and hath brought us forth	out of Egypt	H2009	H587			
H3318	H4714					
בְּקֶדֶשׁ	עִיר	קֵצֵה	גְּבוּלְךָ:			
and behold we are in Kadesh	a city	in the uttermost	of thy border			
H6946	H5892	H7097	H1366			

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 14:19 (Parallel theme): And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

Exodus 23:20 (Parallel theme): Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

Exodus 33:2 (Parallel theme): And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: