

Psalm 105:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.

Analysis

This verse provides the theological foundation for all God's actions: covenant faithfulness. 'He remembered' (zakar, זָקַר) doesn't imply God forgot but means He acted according to His commitment. 'His holy promise' refers to the Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-21; 17:1-8). 'Abraham his servant' emphasizes the covenant relationship—God binds Himself by oath to fulfill promises to His servants. This demonstrates that God's redemptive acts flow from covenant loyalty, not human merit. Every plague, provision, and protection served to fulfill God's promise to Abraham's descendants. This teaches the immutability of God's covenant and the certainty of His promises.

Historical Context

God's covenant with Abraham (circa 2000 BC) promised land, descendants, and blessing to all nations. Israel's 400-year Egyptian sojourn was prophesied to Abraham (Genesis 15:13), as was their deliverance. The exodus proved God's covenant memory spans centuries. For Israel reciting this psalm, it assured them that God's promises outlast generations—He is faithful even when circumstances seem to contradict His word.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does God's covenant faithfulness to Abraham encourage believers regarding His promises?
2. What does 'God remembered' teach about His eternal purposes and perfect timing?
3. In what ways does the Abrahamic covenant find ultimate fulfillment in Christ?

Interlinear Text

אָתָּה יְהֹוָה קָדְשׁוּ כִּי כָרְבָּהּ מִנְחָה
H3588 **For he remembered** H853 **promise** H853 **his holy** H853 **and Abraham**
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his servant

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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 2:24 (Covenant): And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

Exodus 32:13 (References Abraham): Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

Genesis 12:7 (Parallel theme): And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

Micah 7:20 (References Abraham): Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

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