

Psalms 105:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness:

Analysis

This verse describes the emotional character of the exodus. 'With joy' and 'with gladness' emphasize the celebration of redemption. The Hebrew *sason* (שִׂשׂוֹן, 'joy') and *rinnah* (רָנָה, 'gladness/singing') suggest exuberant, vocal celebration. 'His people' and 'his chosen' are covenant terms emphasizing God's electing love (Deuteronomy 7:6-8). Though Israel left as former slaves, they departed as God's treasured possession. This joyful exodus prefigures the greater joy of redemption in Christ, when sinners are delivered from slavery to sin. The joy of salvation should characterize God's redeemed people (Philippians 4:4; 1 Peter 1:8).

Historical Context

Israel's journey began not in sorrow but in triumph. They left Egypt as a conquering army plundering the defeated foe. The Song of the Sea (Exodus 15) expresses this exultant joy after crossing the Red Sea. This joy contrasted sharply with their earlier groaning under bondage (Exodus 2:23-24), demonstrating God's power to transform mourning into dancing (Psalm 30:11).

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How should the joy of redemption characterize the Christian life and worship?
2. What does God's choice ('his chosen') teach about the nature of election and grace?
3. In what ways does the exodus joy prefigure resurrection joy and eternal celebration?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּצֵא אֱלֹהִים	עַמּוֹ	בְּשֵׁשׁ וָיָד	בְּרִנָּה	אֶת	בְּחִירָיו:
And he brought forth	his people	with joy	with gladness	H853	and his chosen
H3318	H5971	H8342	H7440		H972

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 35:10 (Parallel theme): And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Acts 7:36 (Parallel theme): He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

Acts 13:17 (Parallel theme): The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.

Isaiah 55:12 (Parallel theme): For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

