

Psalms 135:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt,
upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

Analysis

The exodus narrative expands with 'tokens and wonders' (otot u'mophetim), the standard Hebrew pairing for miraculous signs. 'Otot' emphasizes their significance as indicators pointing beyond themselves; 'mophetim' stresses their extraordinary, supernatural character. The direct address 'O Egypt' rhetorically brings the ancient nation into the worshiping assembly, making the historical account vivid and immediate. Pharaoh and 'all his servants' (court officials, magicians, military) were comprehensively humiliated. Each plague demonstrated Yahweh's power over specific Egyptian deities: the Nile god, the sun god Ra, and others. These signs served dual purpose - judgment upon Egypt and revelation to Israel (and the nations) of Yahweh's incomparable power. Moses called Israel to remember these wonders perpetually (Deuteronomy 4:34-35).

Historical Context

The ten plagues systematically dismantled Egyptian religious confidence. Each plague targeted a specific deity or aspect of Egyptian life: the Nile (Hapi), frogs (Heqet), cattle (Hathor), the sun (Ra). Pharaoh himself claimed divine status as Horus incarnate, making his humiliation theologically significant. The phrase 'signs and wonders' becomes technical vocabulary for divine intervention throughout Scripture.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do the signs and wonders of the Exodus point forward to Christ?
2. What "signs" has God used to reveal Himself in your life?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׁלַח	אֶת	וּמֹפְתִים	בְּתוֹךְ	מִצְרַיִם	בְּפָרֹעַ הַ
Who sent	tokens	and wonders	into the midst	of thee O Egypt	upon Pharaoh
H7971	H226	H4159	H8432	H4714	H6547

וְכָל	עַבְדָּיו:
H3605	and upon all his servants
	H5650

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 136:15 (Parallel theme): But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Deuteronomy 6:22 (References Egypt): And the LORD shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes: