

Psalms 136:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever:

Analysis

And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for eve... —Brought Israel out - deliverance from bondage. **For his mercy endureth for ever** (וְכִי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ, ki le-olam chasdo). This refrain, repeated 26 times, transforms history into worship. Each event becomes evidence of God's eternal chesed (steadfast covenant love). The psalm teaches that recounting salvation history should evoke gratitude, showing God's character remains unchanging.

Historical Context

Psalm 136, the Great Hallel, recounts salvation from creation through providence. Sung at Passover and festivals with antiphonal structure (cantor and congregation), it trained Israel to see history through the lens of God's enduring mercy. Every generation learned their identity through this recitation.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does repeatedly saying "his mercy endures forever" after each historical event transform your perspective?
2. What events in your life can you recount with the refrain "for his mercy endures forever"?
3. How does this psalm challenge viewing history as random versus providentially unfolding divine faithfulness?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּצֵא אֱלֹהִים	יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ	מִתּוֹכָם	לְעוֹלָם
And brought out	Israel	from among	endureth for ever
H3318	H3478	H8432	H5769

לְחַיֵּיהֶם
them for his mercy
H2617

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 12:51 (References Israel): And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

Exodus 13:3 (Parallel theme): And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

Psalms 105:37 (Parallel theme): He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

Psalms 78:52 (Parallel theme): But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

Exodus 13:17 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines,

although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

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