

Psalm 46:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

Analysis

The invitation: 'Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.' The 'desolations' are judgments against those opposing God. Beholding His works--historical acts of deliverance and judgment--strengthens faith. We are invited to see what God has done as evidence of what He will do.

Historical Context

This may reference specific deliverances like Sennacherib's defeat (2 Kings 19), where God made desolation among Israel's enemies. The invitation to 'come and behold' suggests pilgrims learning from sacred history.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What 'works of the LORD' should we behold to strengthen our faith?

2. How does seeing God's past actions build confidence for present challenges?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 66:5 (Parallel theme): Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

Isaiah 24:1 (References Lord): Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

Isaiah 61:4 (Parallel theme): And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

Exodus 12:30 (Parallel theme): And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

Joshua 11:20 (References Lord): For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Exodus 10:7 (References Lord): And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?

Numbers 23:23 (Parallel theme): Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!

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