

Psalms 66:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

Analysis

The turning of the sea into dry land recalls the Red Sea crossing (Exodus 14), while passing through the flood references the Jordan crossing (Joshua 3). These historical acts demonstrate God's sovereign control over nature and His faithfulness to His covenant promises. The call to 'rejoice in him' grounds joy not in circumstances but in God's unchanging character and mighty acts on behalf of His people.

Historical Context

This verse anchors praise in Israel's foundational redemptive events—the Exodus and conquest of Canaan. These miracles established Israel as God's covenant nation and demonstrated His power over creation and pagan deities.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do God's past faithfulness and mighty acts strengthen your confidence in His present and future provision?

2. What 'Red Sea moments' in your life serve as permanent reminders of God's delivering power?
3. How does rehearsing God's historical acts of salvation deepen your worship and trust?

Interlinear Text

הָפַךְ	יָם	לִיבֹשֶׁה	בַּיָּהֳרָה	יַעֲבֹרוּ	בְּרֶגֶל	שָׁם
He turned	the sea	into dry	through the flood	land they went	on foot	H8033
H2015	H3220	H3004	H5104	H5674	H7272	
נִשְׂמְחָה		בָּוִי:				
there did we rejoice		H0				
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Additional Cross-References

Joshua 3:16 (Parallel theme): That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

Joshua 3:14 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

Psalms 78:13 (Parallel theme): He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.