

Psalm 77:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

Analysis

The psalmist declares: "Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people" (Hebrew atah ha-El oseh fele hit-hoda va-amim uzzekha). "Doest wonders" (Hebrew oseh fele) emphasizes God's miraculous interventions—works that transcend natural causation. "Declared thy strength" indicates that God's mighty acts reveal His character and power to nations. Miracles serve theological purpose: manifesting God's reality and authority. The verse moves from personal faith (vv.1-12) to confessional proclamation (vv.13-20).

Historical Context

The primary "wonders" reference the Exodus miracles: plagues, Red Sea crossing, manna, water from rock. These weren't merely impressive displays but revelatory acts making God known to nations (Exodus 9:16, 15:14-16). Joshua 2:9-11 records Canaanites' terror at hearing of God's works. The New Testament applies this: Christ's miracles manifested His glory (John 2:11).

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do God's past "wonders" (both biblical and personal) strengthen present faith?
2. In what ways does God intend His mighty works to be "declared among the people"—what is your role in this?
3. How do Christ's miracles supremely reveal God's character, and how does the resurrection surpass all other wonders?

Interlinear Text

הִנֵּה אַתָּה אֱלֹהִים
H859 Thou art the God
בָּעֵד יְמִינְךָ כְּבָרְךָ
H410 H6213 H6382 H3045
among the people thy strength

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 136:4 (Parallel theme): To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Daniel 6:27 (Parallel theme): He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

Exodus 13:14 (Parallel theme): And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage:

Exodus 15:11 (References God): Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Isaiah 51:9 (Parallel theme): Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?

Psalms 72:18 (References God): Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

Revelation 15:3 (References God): And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Exodus 15:6 (Parallel theme): Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Isaiah 52:10 (References God): The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Psalms 106:8 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.