

Deuteronomy 1:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God:

Analysis

Israel's refusal to 'go up' directly contradicted God's clear command (verse 21). The verb 'ma'an' (rebel) indicates willful disobedience, not mere hesitation. Their rebellion was against 'the commandment of the LORD,' making it fundamentally a spiritual issue of faith, not a tactical decision about military readiness. Disobedience to clear commands, regardless of circumstances, constitutes rebellion against God's authority.

Historical Context

This rebellion at Kadesh-barnea (Numbers 13-14) became the pivotal moment determining Israel's fate—40 years of wilderness wandering until the faithless generation died. It illustrates the severe consequences of unbelief despite God's demonstrated faithfulness.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What clear commands are you rationalizing away due to circumstantial fears?

2. How does viewing disobedience as rebellion change your response to God's word?

Interlinear Text

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H3808 Notwithstanding ye would H14 H5927 H4784 H853

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