

Deuteronomy 1:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;

Analysis

The promise 'The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you' shifts the burden from Israel's strength to God's power. The phrase 'goeth before' emphasizes divine initiative and leadership—God doesn't send His people where He hasn't already gone. 'He shall fight' makes God the active warrior, with Israel's role being faith and obedience rather than military prowess. Victory belongs to the Lord.

Historical Context

This promise recalled the Red Sea deliverance (Exodus 14:14: 'The LORD shall fight for you') and anticipated future conquests under Joshua. God's presence, symbolized by the ark going before Israel (Numbers 10:33), guaranteed success when faith partnered with obedience.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does knowing God goes before you change your approach to challenges?
2. In what battles are you relying on your strength instead of trusting God to fight?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה ה	אֱלֹהֵיכֶם	הָהֵלֵךְ	לִפְנֵיכֶם	ה וְא	יִלְחֶם
The LORD	your God	which goeth	before	H1931	you he shall fight
H3068	H430	H1980	H6440		H3898
וְלָכֶם	כָּל	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה		אֶתְכֶם
H0	H3605	H834	for you according to all that he did		H854
			H6213		
בְּמִצְרַיִם	לְעֵינֵיכֶם:				
for you in Egypt	before your eyes				
H4714	H5869				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 14:14 (References Lord): The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

Nehemiah 4:20 (References God): In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.

Romans 8:31 (References God): What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:37 (Parallel theme): Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Deuteronomy 3:22 (References God): Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.

Psalms 46:11 (References God): The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Joshua 10:42 (References God): And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

2 Chronicles 32:8 (References God): With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

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