

Deuteronomy 29:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel,

Analysis

Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel. The gathering of all of you before the LORD creates corporate assembly for covenant renewal. Every segment of society from leaders to common people participates, emphasizing comprehensive national commitment.

The listing of social ranks - captains...elders...officers...all the men - demonstrates inclusiveness across leadership levels and ordinary citizens. Covenant relationship with God spans all social strata; no one is too high or too low for covenant obligation.

Standing this day marks decisive moment for covenant commitment. Like Joshua's later challenge - choose this day whom you will serve - specific moments require clear decisions about allegiance to God.

The corporate nature of this assembly foreshadows the church as new covenant community where all believers, regardless of earthly status, stand equally before God as His covenant people.

Historical Context

This assembly occurred on the plains of Moab shortly before Moses' death and Israel's Jordan crossing. The entire nation gathered for final covenant renewal ceremony before entering the Promised Land.

Similar assemblies occurred at Mount Sinai, at Shechem under Joshua, and during various reformation movements under faithful kings.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What does corporate assembly teach about communal nature of covenant relationship?
2. How does inclusiveness across social ranks demonstrate equal standing before God?
3. Why do specific moments require decisive commitments?
4. How does this assembly foreshadow the church as new covenant community?
5. What role do covenant renewal ceremonies have in maintaining communal faithfulness?

Interlinear Text

אֶתְּ יָם נִצַּב הַיּוֹם כָּלְכָם לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
H859 **Ye stand** **this day** H3605 **all of you before** **the LORD** **your God**
H5324 H3117 H6440 H3068 H430

רָאשֵׁיכֶם שְׂבָטֵיכֶם זִקְנֵיכֶם וְשׂוֹטְרֵיכֶם כָּל אִישׁ
your captains **of your tribes** **your elders** **and your officers** H3605 **with all the men**
H7218 H7626 H2205 H7860 H376

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