

Deuteronomy 3:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.

Analysis

The command 'Ye shall not fear them' directly addresses the natural human response to overwhelming opposition. The reason—'for the LORD your God he shall fight for you'—shifts focus from human weakness to divine strength. This isn't denial of difficulty but recognition that ultimate power doesn't rest with us. When God commits to fighting for His people, the outcome is certain regardless of apparent odds.

Historical Context

This principle proved true throughout the conquest: Jericho's walls fell miraculously (Joshua 6), hailstones killed more enemies than Israel's sword (Joshua 10:11), and God confused enemies into self-destruction (Judges 7). When God fights, human contribution is secondary to divine power.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What battles are you fighting in your strength instead of trusting God to fight for you?
2. How does knowing God fights for you change your emotional response to challenges?

Interlinear Text

לֹא תִּירְאֶם כִּי יְהִי הָאֱלֹהִיךְ מְלֹאת אֶת־
H3808 Ye shall not fear H3588 them for the LORD H1931
H3372 H3068 H430

לֹכֶם בָּנָלֶת מְלֹאת אֶת־
H3898 H0
he shall fight

Additional Cross-References

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

Deuteronomy 20:4 (References God): For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

Deuteronomy 1:30 (References God): 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;

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 20:17 (References Lord): Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

2 Chronicles 20:29 (References God): And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.

Psalms 44:3 (Parallel theme): For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

2 Chronicles 13:12 (References God): And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

Numbers 21:34 (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

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