

Exodus 34:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

Analysis

Obedience to God's voice brings total victory over enemies—God Himself becomes Israel's enemy's enemy (אֹיֶב אֹיֶב, oyev oyvekha). The angel-led conquest is comprehensive: Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites, Jebusites (six nations) will be 'cut off' (קָחַד, kachad—destroyed/made to perish). Covenant obedience activates covenant protection and blessing.

Historical Context

These six nations (sometimes seven with Girgashites) inhabited various parts of Canaan. Their destruction was not ethnic hatred but divine judgment on societies thoroughly corrupted by idolatry and moral depravity (Lev 18:24-30).

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God fight for those who obey His voice?

2. What 'enemies' in your spiritual life will God vanquish if you fully trust and obey Him?

Interlinear Text

יְהִי	שָׁם	עַם	הִיְהֵי	וְאֶרְבָּעָה יָמִים
H1961	H8033	H5973	And he was there with the LORD	and forty days
			H3068	H705 H3117
אֶת	וְמִים	לְאָכֵל	לְאָכֵל	אֶת
and forty	nights	bread	H3808	he did neither eat
H705	H3915	H3899		H398
פְּדָבָרִים:	אֶת	פְּלַחַת	פְּלַחַת	פְּדָבָרִים:
nor drink	And he wrote	H5921	upon the tables	commandments
H8354	H3789		H3871	H1697
בָּרָית	עֲשֵׂה	רְתָא	פְּדָבָרִים:	
of the covenant	the ten	commandments		
H1285	H6235		H1697	

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 34:1 (Word): And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.

Exodus 24:18 (Parallel theme): And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

Deuteronomy 4:13 (Covenant): And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

Deuteronomy 9:18 (References Lord): And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because

of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

Deuteronomy 9:25 (References Lord): Thus I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the first; because the LORD had said he would destroy you.

Exodus 32:16 (Parallel theme): And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

Exodus 31:18 (Parallel theme): And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

2 Corinthians 3:7 (Parallel theme): But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

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