

# 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

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

## Historical Context

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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

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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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

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וַיְהִי	עִם	שָׁם	יְהוָה	וְאַרְבָּעַ יָמִים	יָמִים
H1961	H8033	H5973	H3068	H705	H3117
And he was there with the LORD			and forty	days	
וְאַרְבָּעַ יָמִים	לַיְלָה	לֶחֶם	לֹא	אָכַל	וְיָמִים
H705	H3915	H3899	H3808	H398	H3808
and forty	nights	bread	he did neither eat	water	
וְשֵׁתָּהּ	וַיִּכְתֹּב בָּ	עַל	הַלְּחָתִים	אֵת	הַדְּבָרִים:
H8354	H3789	H5921	H3871	H853	H1697
nor drink	And he wrote	upon the tables	commandments		
הַבְּרִית	עֲשֵׂתָּהּ	הַדְּבָרִים:			
H1285	H6235	H1697			
of the covenant	the ten	commandments			

## Additional Cross-References

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**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: