

# Exodus 34:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai.

## Analysis

God will send His 'terror' (אֵימָה, eimah—dread/fear) before Israel, destroying (הַמְּפַתֵּח, hamam—throw into confusion) enemies and causing them to flee in panic. This is psychological/spiritual warfare—God fights not just through Israel's armies but by breaking the will of their enemies. The 'back of the neck' (עַרְףָה, oreph) depicts fleeing enemies. Victory comes from God, not military might.

## Historical Context

This promise was fulfilled repeatedly: fear of Israel paralyzed Jericho (Josh 2:9-11), terror struck the Midianites (Judg 7:21-22), and dread fell on nations during David's conquests (1 Chr 14:17). Psychological defeat preceded military defeat.

## Related Passages

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

1. How does God fight spiritual battles on your behalf before you even engage?

2. What does it mean that 'the fear of the LORD' works on your behalf against spiritual enemies?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשָׁרָא לְבָנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אַפְּרִי  
And afterward came nigh all the children of Israel  
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לֵאמֹר אָשֶׁר כֹּל אֶת מִלְּכֹתְךָ  
and he gave them in commandment  
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סִינָי בְּרֵא אֶת זֶה יְהִי הֵן  
all that the LORD with him in mount Sinai  
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