

# 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

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God will send His 'terror' (אִימָה, eimah—dread/fear) before Israel, destroying (חָמַם, 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' (אֶרֶץ, oreph) depicts fleeing enemies. Victory comes from God, not military might.

## Historical Context

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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

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

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

## Study Questions

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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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| וְאַחֲרָי                       | כִּי  | בָּגַשׁ וְ        | כָּל    | בְּנֵי י         | יִשְׂרָאֵל |
| And afterward                   | H3651 | came nigh         | H3605   | all the children | of Israel  |
| H310                            |       | H5066             |         | H1121            | H3478      |
| <br>                            |       |                   |         |                  |            |
| וַיְצַו ה'                      |       | אֶת               | כָּל    | אֲשֶׁר           | דִּבֶּר    |
| and he gave them in commandment |       | H853              | H3605   | H834             | had spoken |
| H6680                           |       |                   |         |                  | H1696      |
| <br>                            |       |                   |         |                  |            |
| יְהוָה ה'                       | אֶת   | בְּהָר            | סִינַי: |                  |            |
| all that the LORD               | H854  | with him in mount | Sinai   |                  |            |
| H3068                           |       | H2022             | H5514   |                  |            |

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