

Exodus 4:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him (וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־אַהֲרֹן לֵךְ וּפְגֹשׁהוּ בְּהַר הָאֱלֹהִים וַיִּשְׁק־לוֹ) —God orchestrates the brothers' reunion. **Go into the wilderness to meet Moses**—divine instruction coordinates their meeting. They meet at **the mount of God** (בְּהַר הָאֱלֹהִים, Horeb/Sinai), where Moses encountered the burning bush (3:1). **And kissed him** (וַיִּשְׁק־לוֹ)—ancient Near Eastern greeting showing affection and reconciliation. Forty years separated, the brothers reunite for shared mission. Aaron's willingness to follow divine instruction and his glad reception (4:14 promised he'd "be glad in his heart") show genuine humility—no jealousy that his younger brother leads. This reunion models ideal ministry partnership: divinely orchestrated, mutually supportive, mission-focused.

Historical Context

Moses and Aaron hadn't seen each other since Moses fled Egypt 40 years prior. That they reconnect at Horeb (where Moses received his call) sanctifies their partnership—beginning at the place of divine revelation. Their cooperation would prove essential through Exodus-Leviticus-Numbers, though not without tensions (Numbers 12, 20). The kiss of greeting reestablishes brotherhood before commencing the Exodus mission.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the brothers' reunion at 'the mount of God' teach about grounding ministry partnerships in divine calling rather than mere human affinity?
2. What does Aaron's glad-hearted submission to his younger brother's leadership teach about humility in ministry relationships?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל אַהֲרֹן לֵךְ לִקְבֹּץ אֶת מֹשֶׁה הַמִּדְבָּר כִּה וַיִּשָּׁק
said **And the LORD** **to Aaron** **to meet** **Moses**
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יְהוָה וַיִּלָּךְ וַיִּפְגֹּשׁ הוּא בְּהָר הָאֵלֹהִים וַיִּשָּׁק
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 3:1 (References God): Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

