

Exodus 4:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people (וַיִּדְבֹר אֶהֱרֹן אֶת כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר) —Aaron fulfills his role as spokesman: **spake all the words** (וַיִּדְבֹר אֶת כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים). **And did the signs in the sight of the people**—unclear whether Aaron or Moses performed signs; probably Moses performed while Aaron explained. The signs work as intended—rod to serpent, leprous hand, etc. **In the sight of the people** (לְעֵינֵי הָעָם) means public demonstration, witnessed by many. God's concern (4:1) that Israel wouldn't believe proves unfounded—when properly presented with divine credentials, faith follows. The partnership functions: Moses provides revelation and power; Aaron provides articulation.

Historical Context

Public demonstration of signs convinced Israel's elders and people (v. 31). This contrasts with later skepticism during wilderness trials (Exodus 16:2-3, 17:2-3, Numbers 14:2-4), showing that signs produce initial faith but ongoing trust requires character formation. The Moses-Aaron presentation combined word (Aaron's explanation) and power (signs), anticipating the gospel pattern of proclamation and demonstration (Romans 15:18-19).

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does the combination of words (Aaron) and signs (Moses) teach about the partnership of proclamation and demonstration in effective ministry?
2. What does Israel's positive response teach about God's faithfulness to provide sufficient evidence for genuine faith?

Interlinear Text

דָּבַר	וְאֶהְרֹן	אֵת	כָּל	הַדְּבָרִים	אֲשֶׁר	דָּבַר
had spoken	And Aaron			all the words		had spoken
H1696	H175	H853	H3605	H1697	H834	H1696
יְהוָה	אֵל	מֹשֶׁה	וַיַּעַשׂ	הָאֵתֹת	לְעֵינֵי	הָעָם:
which the LORD		unto Moses	and did	the signs	in the sight	of the people
H3068	H413	H4872	H6213	H226	H5869	H5971