

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 (וַיֹּאמֶר אַהֲרֹן אֶת כָּל-פְּדָבָרִים אֲשֶׁר-דִּבֶּר) —Aaron fulfills his role as spokesman: **spake all the words** (וַיֹּאמֶר אֶת כָּל-פְּדָבָרִים). **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

דָּבָר	אֶת	אָבָרְךָ	כָּל	יְמִינְךָ	פְּדָבָר	אֲשֶׁר	דָּבָר	אֲשֶׁר	דָּבָר	דָּבָר
had spoken	And Aaron	H853	H3605	all the words	H834	had spoken				
H1696	H175			H1697		H1696				

יְהִי הָאֵל	מֵשֶׁה	וַיַּעֲשֶׂה	תְּהִלָּת	בְּאָתֶת	לְעֵינֵי	בְּעַמּוֹן
which the LORD	unto Moses	and did	the signs	in the sight	of the people	
H3068	H413	H4872	H6213	H226	H5869	H5971

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