

Joshua 6:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was noised throughout all the country.

Analysis

So the LORD was with Joshua—This covenant formula (Genesis 26:28; 39:2) signals divine approval and empowerment. God's presence, not military genius, explained Israel's victory. The phrase brackets Joshua's career (Joshua 1:5, 9; 6:27), emphasizing that every conquest testified to Yahweh's faithfulness, not Israel's strength.

His fame was noised throughout all the country (יוֹנָם, shim'o, 'his report/reputation')—News of Jericho's miraculous fall spread like wildfire, fulfilling Moses' prophecy (Deuteronomy 2:25). Yet this fame was dangerous: it would invite both fearful submission (Gibeonites, Joshua 9) and desperate coalition warfare (Joshua 10-11). Joshua's reputation ultimately pointed beyond himself to God's greatness, just as Christian witness should magnify Christ rather than human instruments (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

Historical Context

This summary statement concludes the Jericho account (Joshua 6) and transitions to the Ai campaign. News traveled rapidly in ancient Canaan through trade routes and diplomatic networks. City-states monitored threats closely. Joshua's fame circa 1406 BC echoed Moses' earlier reputation (Exodus 15:14-16), proving God's promises transferred seamlessly to the new generation's leadership.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How can Christian leaders today ensure their 'fame' points people to God's power rather than personal achievement?
2. What difference does it make whether we attribute success to divine presence or human capability?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Joshua 1:5 (Parallel theme): There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Joshua 9:3 (Parallel theme): And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,

Joshua 9:1 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard thereof;

Matthew 18:20 (Parallel theme): For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 28:20 (Parallel theme): Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 4:24 (Parallel theme): And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

2 Corinthians 13:14 (References Lord): The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Genesis 39:21 (References Lord): But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Joshua 9:9 (References Lord): And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

2 Timothy 4:22 (References Lord): The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.