

Numbers 14:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

Analysis

God commands Moses and Aaron to separate from the congregation 'that I may consume them in a moment.' This echoes God's threat after the golden calf (Exodus 32:10), testing Moses' heart and providing opportunity for intercession. God's justice demands judgment, yet His mercy delights in finding reasons to spare.

Historical Context

This threat came as the people gathered to stone Moses and Aaron (v. 10), showing the congregation's violent rejection of God's appointed leaders. Divine protection required separation between faithful and faithless.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God's call to 'come out from among them' (2 Corinthians 6:17) protect believers from judgment on the wicked?
2. What role does intercessory prayer play in averting God's judgment?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּדֶבֶר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	וְאֶל	אַהֲרֹן	לֵאמֹר:
spake	And the LORD	<small>H413</small>	unto Moses	<small>H413</small>	and unto Aaron	saying
<small>H1696</small>	<small>H3068</small>		<small>H4872</small>		<small>H175</small>	<small>H559</small>

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