

Numbers 14:38

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh,
which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.

Analysis

Joshua and Caleb alone survived of the twelve spies—a testimony to God's preservation of those who trust Him fully. Their faith in God's promise literally meant the difference between life and death. This dramatic contrast demonstrates that faith has real, tangible consequences, not merely spiritual or abstract ones.

Historical Context

Joshua would become Moses' successor and lead Israel into Canaan. Caleb would receive Hebron—the very place where giants dwelt—as his inheritance (Joshua 14:6-15). God's preservation of these two men secured the leadership needed for the next generation.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What promises has God made that require you to 'wholly follow' Him despite obstacles?

2. How does God preserve and reward those who trust Him when others abandon faith?

Interlinear Text

וַיְהוֹשֻׁעַ	בֶּן	נֹון	וְכָלֵב	בֶּן	יֶפְחֻנֵּה	חָיָה	מִן
But Joshua	the son	of Nun	and Caleb	the son	of Jephunneh	lived	H4480
H3091	H1121	H5126	H3612	H1121	H3312	H2421	
הָאֲנָשִׁים		הָהֵם	הַהֵלֵךְ	לְתוֹרָה	אֶת	הָאֲרֶץ:	
H376		which were of the men	that went	to search	H853	the land	
		H1992	H1980	H8446		H776	

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 26:65 (Parallel theme): For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.