

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

וַיַּחֲשֹׁךְ יְהוָה עַל־בְּנֵי נָנוֹן וְבְנֵי כָּל בְּנֵי יְהוָה
But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh lived
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בְּאֶנְשׁוֹת יְמֵינֵי מִזְרָחֵל כִּי־בְּנֵי מִזְרָחֵל כִּי־בְּנֵי מִזְרָחֵל
H376 which were of the men H1992 H1980 H8446 H853 H776
that went to search the land

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.

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