

Numbers 16:47

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.

Analysis

Aaron 'ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.' Aaron's swift action, placing himself in plague's path, demonstrates courageous love for those who just accused him. The incense-offering made atonement, temporarily satisfying God's justice and stopping judgment.

Historical Context

This validates Aaron's priesthood after Korah challenged it. The very ministry Korah coveted now saves lives. Aaron's courage in running toward danger to offer intercession demonstrates the shepherd-heart required of true spiritual leaders.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does Aaron's willing self-sacrifice to save his accusers teach about Christlike leadership?
2. How does this incident vindicate the necessity of priestly mediation God ordained?

Interlinear Text

אָל יְיָ בָּאָז מִשְׁהָ לְבָבָךְ אָבָרְךָ | וְקָרְבָּנָךְ
and ran as Moses commanded took And Aaron

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commanded

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מִשְׁהָ

as Moses

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אָל יְיָ בָּאָז

and ran

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בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הִנֵּה לְפָנֶיךָ וְרָאָתָה הַמִּגְדָּלָה
and behold the plague was begun into the midst of the congregation

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was begun

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בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

and behold the plague

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עַל יְיָכָפָר בְּקָרְבָּתְךָ אֶת הַקְרָבָה וְעַל
and made an atonement on incense and he put among the people

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עַל יְיָכָפָר

עַל

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בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

among the people

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