

# Numbers 16:50

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

## Analysis

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**Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed**—Aaron's return (שׁוּב shuv) to the tabernacle entrance marks mission completion—intercession had achieved its purpose. The verb **stayed** (עָצַר atsar, restrained/halted) indicates divine acceptance of priestly mediation, as Aaron stood **between the dead and the living** (16:48) offering propitiatory incense.

This dramatic scene prefigures Christ's greater intercession—standing between humanity (dead in sins) and God (source of life), making atonement that stops death's advance. Aaron's immediate response to Moses' command (16:46) demonstrates that effective intercession requires prompt obedience, proper authorization, and sacrificial positioning in the place of danger.

## Historical Context

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The tabernacle's entrance served as the meeting point between human priests and divine presence. Aaron's return there after stopping the plague symbolized presenting the results of his intercession to both God (in the tabernacle) and Moses (representing the people).

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Aaron's positioning 'between the dead and living' (16:48) illustrate Christ's mediatorial work?
2. What does the immediate effectiveness of Aaron's intercession teach about the urgency and power of prayer?
3. How can you position yourself as an intercessor 'between' those facing spiritual death and God's life-giving presence?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיָּשָׁב	אַהֲרֹן	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	אֶל	פֶּתַח	אֶת הַל
<b>returned</b>	<b>And Aaron</b>		<b>unto Moses</b>		<b>unto the door</b>	<b>of the tabernacle</b>
H7725	H175	H413	H4872	H413	H6607	H168
מִוֶּעַד	וְהַמִּגַּף	וְנִעְצָרָה:				
<b>of the congregation</b>	<b>and the plague</b>	<b>was stayed</b>				
H4150	H4046	H6113				

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