

Numbers 17:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods.

Analysis

Moses executed God's command precisely, bringing out all twelve rods for inspection. This public, verifiable process ensured transparency—no possibility of deception or manipulation. When God validates His choices, He does so openly where all can witness. Divine authentication doesn't require secrecy or private mysticism but can withstand public scrutiny.

Historical Context

The public presentation of all twelve rods paralleled the public nature of Korah's judgment. Both God's negative judgment (destroying rebels) and His positive confirmation (budding rod) occurred openly, teaching all Israel that His authority and choices were not subject to human challenge.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's work in your life bear fruit that others can verify?
2. What role does transparency play in demonstrating authentic spiritual authority?

Interlinear Text

כָּל	אֶל יוֹן	וַתֵּן ו	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	בְּנֵי י	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה ה	וַיִּדְבֹּר
		gave	of Israel	unto the children		And Moses	spoke
H3605	H413	H5414	H3478	H1121	H413	H4872	H1696
אֶחָד	לְנֹשֶׁא יֵא	לְנֹשֶׁא יֵא	מִטּוֹתָם:	לְנֹשֶׁא יֵא	וְכָל	אֶחָד	אֶחָד
one	and every one of their princes	and every one of their princes	and the rod	and every one of their princes	and every one of their princes	and every one of their princes	and every one of their princes
H259	H5387	H5387	H4294	H5387	H5387	H5387	H5387
לְבֵית יֵא	אֶחָד	לְנֹשֶׁא יֵא	מִטּוֹתָם:	לְנֹשֶׁא יֵא	אֶחָד	אֶחָד	אֶחָד
houses	one	and every one of their princes	and the rod	and every one of their princes	and every one of their princes	and every one of their princes	and every one of their princes
H1004	H259	H5387	H4294	H5387	H5387	H5387	H5387
אֶהְרֹן	מִטּוֹתָם:	מִטּוֹתָם:	עֶשְׂרִים	שְׁנַיִם	אֶבְתָּם	אֶבְתָּם	אֶבְתָּם
of Aaron	and the rod	and the rod	even twelve	even twelve	and the rod	and the rod	and the rod
H175	H4294	H4294	H6240	H8147	H1	H1	H1
מִטּוֹתָם:	בֵּית וְ	מִטּוֹתָם:	בֵּית וְ	מִטּוֹתָם:	בֵּית וְ	מִטּוֹתָם:	מִטּוֹתָם:
and the rod	was among	and the rod	was among	and the rod	was among	and the rod	and the rod
H4294	H8432	H4294	H8432	H4294	H8432	H4294	H4294