

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

לְנַשְׁׁיָּא	מְטוֹתָם:	לְנַשְׁׁיָּא	אָזֶת
and every one of their princes	and the rod	and every one of their princes	one

מִטְמָתָם:	לְנֶשׁ יא	אֶחָד	לִבְ יִת
and the rod	and every one of their princes	one	houses
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בַּת וְגַם: מַטְוֹתָם
was among and the rod
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