

Numbers 20:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

Analysis

Israel again faced water shortage at Kadesh, prompting gathering 'against Moses and against Aaron.' This rebellion occurred near the wilderness journey's end (40th year, v.1), showing that prolonged divine provision doesn't necessarily produce grateful hearts. The phrase 'gathered themselves together against' indicates organized opposition, not mere complaint. Unbelief persists across generations.

Historical Context

This Kadesh incident occurred approximately 38 years after the similar rebellion at Rephidim (Exodus 17:1-7). A new generation repeated the old generation's faithless pattern, demonstrating how unbelief transmits culturally without intentional discipleship.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What patterns of unbelief persist in your life despite God's faithful provision?
2. How can you ensure your faith strengthens rather than weakens over time?

Interlinear Text

וְיָמָם	וְיָמָם	לְעֵדָה	וְיָמָם
H3808	H1961	And there was no water	for the congregation
		H4325	H5712
מִשְׁתַּחַת	וְיָמָם	אֶת־אַבְרָהָם	
themselves together against Moses	H5921	and against Aaron	
H4872		H175	

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 16:19 (Parallel theme): And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

Numbers 16:42 (References Moses): And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.