

Numbers 29:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses told the children of Israel according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.

Analysis

And Moses told the children of Israel according to all that the LORD commanded Moses—This formulaic conclusion **בְּכָל אֲשֶׁר-צִוָּה יְהֹוָה** (vayomer Moshe... kekhol asher-tzivah YHWH, 'Moses spoke... according to all that the LORD commanded') closes the extensive festival calendar (Numbers 28-29) by emphasizing Moses' faithful transmission of divine instruction. The phrase **according to all** (**בְּכָל**) stresses complete, unedited communication.

This verse demonstrates the prophetic office's core function: receiving and delivering God's word without addition, subtraction, or distortion (Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18-19). Moses' consistent faithfulness in transmitting complex liturgical details (dozens of specific animal quantities, grain measurements, timing regulations) models pastoral responsibility to teach 'the whole counsel of God' (Acts 20:27), not selective emphases based on personal preference.

Historical Context

Numbers 28-29 details daily, weekly, monthly, and annual sacrifices—hundreds of animals yearly. Moses faithfully communicated this massive ritual calendar despite personal preference for spiritual simplicity (see his Midianite years as shepherd, Exodus 3). Faithful leadership transmits God's revealed will regardless of personal inclination.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does Moses' formula obedience ('according to all that the LORD commanded') challenge selective teaching that emphasizes favorite doctrines while minimizing uncomfortable truths?
2. What does Moses' faithful transmission of complex liturgical details teach about pastoral responsibility to communicate comprehensive biblical truth?
3. How can you ensure you're receiving 'all' of God's counsel through Scripture rather than filtering for personally palatable portions?

Interlinear Text

צָו הָ אֵשֶׁר כֹּל יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּנֵי אֶל מֹשֶׁה: וַיֹּאמֶר
told And Moses H413 the children of Israel H3605 commanded H6680
H559 H4872 H1121 H3478 H834 H6680

יְהִי הָאָתָּה מֹשֶׁה:
according to all that the LORD H853 And Moses H4872
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