

Numbers 4:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

Analysis

The repeated phrase 'And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron' elevates Aaron to partnership with Moses in receiving divine instruction regarding the Kohathites. This joint address emphasizes both prophetic (Moses) and priestly (Aaron) authority in ordering sacred service. The Hebrew construction shows coordinated leadership under God's ultimate authority. The Kohathites descended from Aaron's family line, so Aaron had familial interest in their duties, yet divine command superseded family preference.

Historical Context

This joint address to Moses and Aaron occurs infrequently, usually regarding priestly matters or Levitical service. It demonstrates the complementary roles of prophet and priest in Israel's theocratic structure. Later, Christ would unite both offices—prophet, priest, and king—in His person.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do prophetic and priestly ministries complement each other in church leadership?
2. What happens when divine authority is supplanted by family or institutional loyalty?
3. How does Christ unite all mediatorial offices in Himself?

Interlinear Text

לֹאמֶר: אֶתְּרָא | אֶתְּרָא | יְהִי הָאָלֹהִים מֶלֶךְ כָּל־
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