

# Numbers 4:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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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 The Kohathites descended from Aaron's family line, so Aaron had familial interest in their duties, yet divine command superseded family preference.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

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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

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**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

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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

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<b>spake</b>	<b>And the LORD</b>	H413	<b>unto Moses</b>	H413	<b>and unto Aaron</b>	<b>saying</b>
H1696	H3068		H4872		H175	H559

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