

# Deuteronomy 1:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

## Analysis

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God's multiplication of Israel 'as the stars of heaven' fulfills His specific promise to Abraham (Genesis 15:5; 22:17). From 70 persons entering Egypt (Genesis 46:27) to potentially 2+ million at the Exodus, this dramatic growth demonstrates God's faithfulness and blessing. The astronomical metaphor emphasizes both the vastness of God's provision and the certainty of His promises—what God declares will surely come to pass.

## Historical Context

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The census in Numbers 1 recorded 603,550 fighting men (age 20+), suggesting a total population exceeding 2 million. This growth occurred despite 400 years of Egyptian slavery, showing that human opposition cannot thwart God's purposes.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How have you seen God's promises fulfilled in ways that exceeded expectations?

2. What promises of God are you waiting to see multiplied in your life?

## Interlinear Text

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| יְהוָה ה                              | אֱלֹהֶיךָ מ         | הָרַב ה                | אֶתְּךָ מ            | וְהִנֵּךְ מ |
| <b>The LORD</b>                       | <b>your God</b>     | <b>hath multiplied</b> | H853                 | H2009       |
| H3068                                 | H430                | H7235                  |                      |             |
| וְהִנֵּךְ מ                           | אֶתְּךָ מ           | הָרַב ה                | אֱלֹהֶיךָ מ          | יְהוָה ה    |
| <b>you and behold ye are this day</b> | <b>as the stars</b> | <b>of heaven</b>       | <b>for multitude</b> |             |
| H3117                                 | H3556               | H8064                  | H7230                |             |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 10:22** (References God): Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

**Exodus 32:13** (Parallel theme): Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

**Genesis 22:17** (Parallel theme): That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

**Genesis 15:5** (Parallel theme): And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

**Deuteronomy 28:62** (References God): And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

**Genesis 28:14** (Parallel theme): And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

**Nehemiah 9:23** (Parallel theme): Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it.

**Exodus 12:37** (Parallel theme): And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.

**Numbers 1:46** (Parallel theme): Even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

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