

Ezra 2:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five.

Analysis

The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono (בְּנֵי־לֹד וְחָדִיד וְאֹנוֹ)—These three towns formed a cluster in the Benjamite territory northwest of Jerusalem. The Hebrew word *bene* (children/descendants) emphasizes genealogical continuity despite 70 years of exile. Notably, 725 returnees from these towns suggest a significant community that maintained its identity in Babylon.

These were towns rebuilt by Benjamites after the conquest (1 Chronicles 8:12). Their inclusion demonstrates God's faithfulness to preserve not just individuals but communities—entire towns reconstituted themselves. Nehemiah 6:2 later mentions the plain of Ono as a strategic location, showing these returnees reclaimed territory of tactical importance for the restoration.

Historical Context

Lod (later Lydda, modern-day Lod, Israel) was approximately 11 miles southeast of Joppa. These towns were in the Shephelah (lowland) region, vulnerable to Philistine encroachment. The returnees' willingness to resettle these exposed areas demonstrated remarkable faith, as they lacked military protection initially.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does the preservation of community identity through 70 years of exile teach about God's faithfulness to His corporate people, not just individuals?
2. How does the returnees' willingness to resettle vulnerable border towns challenge your own risk-taking for God's kingdom purposes?
3. In what ways does your local church maintain 'genealogical' continuity with the faith once delivered to the saints?

Interlinear Text

בְּנֵי	לֹד	וְהָדִיד	וְאוֹנוֹ	שִׁבְעַת	מֵאוֹת	עֶשְׂרִים	וְחֲמִשָּׁה:
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