

# Numbers 1:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of Dan; Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

## Analysis

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Dan's inclusion despite the tribe's later apostasy (Judges 18; 1 Kings 12:28-30) demonstrates that God's electing purposes in calling Israel were not dependent on their future faithfulness but on His sovereign grace. The tribe that would later establish idolatrous worship still received full status in the wilderness organization, showing that God's common grace and providential care extend even to those who will later prove unfaithful, while His special saving grace preserves a remnant.

## Historical Context

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Dan, fifth son of Jacob through Bilhah, would later migrate north and establish the northern boundary of Israel ('from Dan to Beersheba'). The tribe became notorious for idolatry, yet God's purposes included them in Israel's structure.

## Related Passages

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

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

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does Dan's later apostasy despite God's faithfulness warn us about the danger of presuming on God's grace?
2. What does this teach us about the difference between being part of the visible church and being part of the invisible elect?

## Interlinear Text

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Of Dan Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 7:66** (Parallel theme): On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of Dan, offered:

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