

Numbers 1:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of Gad; Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

Analysis

Gad's position among the tribes reflects Jacob's prophecy that 'a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last' (Genesis 49:19). The tribe's military prowess and eventual territorial success demonstrate God's faithfulness to prophetic words spoken generations earlier. This pattern of struggle followed by victory prefigures the Christian life, where believers endure tribulation but ultimately triumph through Christ.

Historical Context

Gad, seventh son of Jacob through Zilpah, settled east of the Jordan River in territory taken from the Amorites. The tribe later produced mighty warriors who aided David (1 Chronicles 12:8-15), fulfilling Jacob's prophecy about military strength.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Gad's pattern of being overcome yet ultimately overcoming encourage believers facing opposition and difficulty?
2. What does the fulfillment of Jacob's prophecy about Gad teach us about trusting God's word even when circumstances seem contrary?

Interlinear Text

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Of Gad Eliasaph the son of Deuel

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Additional Cross-References

Numbers 2:14 (Parallel theme): Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad shall be Eliasaph the son of Reuel.

Numbers 7:42 (Parallel theme): On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad, offered: