

# Numbers 1:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

## Analysis

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The repetitive structure of the census ('by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers') emphasizes covenant continuity across generations. This pattern demonstrates that God's redemptive purposes work through families and generations, not merely individuals. The Reformed principle of covenant theology, which includes believers' children in the covenant community, finds clear precedent in this genealogical organization of Israel.

## Historical Context

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Simeon, Levi's full brother, shared in the curse against Levi for violence at Shechem (Genesis 34; 49:5-7). While Levi's descendants received priestly honor, Simeon's tribe was eventually absorbed into Judah, demonstrating differing outcomes from the same judgment.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the consistent emphasis on family structure in the census inform our understanding of God's covenant dealings with believers and their children?
2. What does Simeon's eventual absorption into Judah teach us about God's sovereignty in directing tribal and family destinies?

## Interlinear Text

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מִבְּנֵי	שִׁמְעֹן	תּוֹלְדֹתָם	לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתָם	לְבֵית יֵת	
Of the children	of Simeon	by their generations	after their families	by the house	
H1121	H8095	H8435	H4940	H1004	
אֲבֹתָם	פְּקֻדָּיו	בְּמִסְפָּרָם			
of their fathers	those that were numbered	of them according to the number			
H1	H6485	H4557			
שְׁמוֹת	לְגִלְגָּלֹתָם	כָּל	זָכָר	מִבְּנֵי	עֶשְׂרִים
of the names	by their polls	H3605	every male	Of the children	from twenty
H8034	H1538		H2145	H1121	H6242
שָׁנָה	וְעַלֶּה	כָּל	יָצְאוּ	צָבָא:	
years	and upward	H3605	all that were able to go forth	to war	
H8141	H4605		H3318	H6635	

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