

Numbers 1:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

Analysis

The methodical recording of each tribe's census, even those less prominent in biblical narrative, reveals God's impartial care for all His covenant people. Every tribe received the same careful attention, the same census protocol, the same dignity of inclusion. This pattern reflects the New Testament truth that 'God is no respecter of persons' (Acts 10:34) and that in Christ 'there is neither Jew nor Greek' (Galatians 3:28) in terms of spiritual standing.

Historical Context

Gad chose to settle east of the Jordan (Numbers 32), along with Reuben and half of Manasseh. This choice, while permitted by Moses, placed them at the physical margins of Israel and may have contributed to their eventual conquest by foreign powers.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does the equal treatment of all tribes in the census challenge any feelings of spiritual inferiority or superiority among believers?
2. What does Gad's eventual separation east of the Jordan teach us about the importance of remaining close to the center of God's revealed will?

Interlinear Text

מֵ	גָּד	תּוֹלְדָּת	מִ	לְמִשְׁפָּחָת	יְהִי	לְבָ
Of the children	of Gad	by their generations	after their families	by the house		
H1121	H1410	H8435	H4940		H1004	
אֲבָתָם	בְּמִסְפֵּר	רֹ	שְׁמָ וּתְ	מֵ	יָמִים	אֲשֶׁר
of their fathers	according to the number		of the names	Of the children	from twenty	
H1	H4557		H8034	H1121	H6242	
שָׁנָה	כִּילָמֵד	עַלְהָ	יְצַא	אַבָּא:		
years	and upward		all that were able to go forth	to war		
H8141	H4605		H3605	H3318	H6635	

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