

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

מִבְּנֵי	גַּד	דּוֹלֵדָם	לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתָם	לְבֵיתוֹ
Of the children	of Gad	by their generations	after their families	by the house
H1121	H1410	H8435	H4940	H1004
אֲבוֹתָם	בְּמִסְפָּר	שְׁמוֹת	מִבְּנֵי	עֶשְׂרִים
of their fathers	according to the number	of the names	Of the children	from twenty
H1	H4557	H8034	H1121	H6242
שָׁנָה	וְעַלֵּה	כָּל	יָצְאוּ	צָבָא:
years	and upward	H3605	all that were able to go forth	to war
H8141	H4605		H3318	H6635