

Numbers 1:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And these are the names of the men that shall stand with you:
of the tribe of Reuben; Elizur the son of Shedeur.

Analysis

The genealogical precision in naming tribal leaders emphasizes God's particular providence over individual families and His covenantal faithfulness across generations. Each name carried covenant significance, reminding Israel that their identity was rooted not in personal achievement but in God's electing grace toward their fathers. This meticulous record demonstrates that God's redemptive plan unfolds through specific people in specific times, ultimately leading to the genealogy of Christ.

Historical Context

These tribal leaders were chosen from the heads of ancestral houses, representing the patriarchal structure established since Abraham. Their names would have been well-known to their contemporaries, ensuring accountability and legitimate authority.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's attention to genealogical detail encourage your faith in His particular care for your life and family?
2. What does the preservation of these names teach us about the value of remembering God's faithfulness through generations?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵלֶּה	שְׁמֹת	הָאֲנָשִׁים	אֲשֶׁר	יַעֲמֹד וְ
H428	And these are the names	H376	H834	that shall stand
	H8034			H5975

אֶתְּךָ	לְרֵאוּבֵן	אֶלִּיֹּצַר	בֶּן	שְׂדֵיאוּר:
H854	with you of the tribe of Reuben	Elizur	the son	of Shedeur
	H7205	H468	H1121	H7707

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 7:30 (Parallel theme): On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben, did offer:

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