

Numbers 1:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of Zebulun; Eliab the son of Helon.

Analysis

Zebulun's inclusion with specific leadership demonstrates God's comprehensive care for all His covenant people, not merely the tribes that would later achieve prominence. The detailed recording of seemingly minor tribal leaders reflects the biblical principle that faithfulness in small things matters to God. This anticipates Jesus's teaching that the last shall be first and the first last, as God's values differ radically from human hierarchies.

Historical Context

Zebulun, Jacob's tenth son, received territory near the Sea of Galilee. Though not politically prominent, the tribe's territory would later include Nazareth, where Jesus grew up, giving Zebulun unexpected significance in redemptive history.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Zebulun's later connection to Jesus's earthly ministry demonstrate that God wastes nothing in His providence?
2. What encouragement does this provide for believers who serve in seemingly insignificant positions?

Interlinear Text

לְזָבוּל | אֶלְיָאֵב | בֶּן | הַלְוִן |

Of Zebulun

Eliab

the son

of Helon

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Additional Cross-References

Numbers 7:24 (Parallel theme): On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun, did offer:

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