

Numbers 13:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.

Analysis

Shaphat son of Hori represented the tribe of Simeon among the twelve spies. The inclusion of all twelve tribes demonstrated that the entire nation participated in this reconnaissance, making the subsequent rebellion (verses 26-33) truly national in scope. God's fairness in allowing equal tribal representation would leave Israel without excuse for their unbelief.

Historical Context

Simeon's territory would later be enclosed within Judah's borders (Joshua 19:1), reflecting Jacob's prophecy of Simeon's dispersion (Genesis 49:7). The tribe's representative here joined the majority in spreading the evil report that led to forty years of wandering.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's provision of evidence and opportunity increase accountability for faith or unbelief?

2. What role does peer pressure play when the majority chooses unbelief over God's promises?

Interlinear Text

חֹרִי: בֶן שָׁפָט שָׁמֵעַ וְלִמְטֵה
of Hori: the son of Shaphat of Simeon of the tribe
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