

Numbers 2:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

Analysis

Gad's census total (45,650) contributed substantially to Reuben's division. Despite the tribe's later somewhat ambiguous status (settling east of Jordan), their numerical strength in the wilderness demonstrated God's blessing. This reminds us that current blessing doesn't guarantee future faithfulness—each generation must walk faithfully or risk losing God's continued favor through rebellion.

Historical Context

Gad's military strength proved valuable during the conquest, as the tribe fulfilled its promise to fight alongside the western tribes before settling their own territory east of Jordan (Joshua 22:1-9). Their faithfulness in this obligation prevented greater problems.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does Gad's blessing paired with later questionable choices teach us that current spiritual prosperity doesn't guarantee future faithfulness?
2. What does this warn us about the need for continued vigilance and obedience across time?

Interlinear Text

וְאַבָּא	וְאַפְקָדִים	וְסִמְשׁ	וְאֶרְבָּעִים	אֶלָּא
And his host	and those that were numbered	and five	of them were forty	thousand
H6635	H6485	H2568	H705	H505
וְשִׁשִּׁים	מֵא	וְתִשְׁעִים	וְאֶלָּא	
and six	hundred	and fifty		
H8337	H3967	H2572		

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