

Numbers 2:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

Analysis

Manasseh's census total (32,200) made it the smallest tribe at this first census, yet it would experience dramatic growth to 52,700 by journey's end—a remarkable 64% increase. This growth demonstrates God's blessing and encourages faith that what begins small can become great through divine multiplication. The principle applies spiritually: small seeds of faith can produce great harvests through God's power.

Historical Context

Manasseh's growth from smallest to largest tribe over forty years reflected God's providential blessing. This demographic expansion enabled the tribe to request and receive substantial territory on both sides of the Jordan.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does Manasseh's dramatic population growth encourage faith in God's ability to multiply small beginnings?

2. What does this teach us about not despising small starts in spiritual matters?

Interlinear Text

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And his host and those that were numbered and two of them were thirty thousand
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