

# Numbers 2:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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Benjamin's census total (35,400) made it one of the smaller tribes, yet this small size didn't prevent significant kingdom impact. The tribe would produce King Saul (Israel's first king) and the apostle Paul (Christianity's greatest missionary and theologian). This demonstrates God's pattern of choosing the weak and small to accomplish His mighty purposes, directing glory to Himself rather than human strength.

## Historical Context

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Benjamin's small size became proverbial ('little Benjamin,' Psalm 68:27), yet the tribe's fighting prowess exceeded its numbers. Benjamite warriors were renowned for ambidextrous sling and bow skills (Judges 20:16; 1 Chronicles 12:2).

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Benjamin's small size paired with huge impact challenge assumptions about what God requires for significant kingdom service?
2. What does this teach us about God's power being perfected in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)?

## Interlinear Text

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And his host	and those that were numbered	and five	and five	of them were thirty
H6635	H6485	H2568	H2568	H7970
לֹא	מֵאוֹת	אֶרְבָּע	אֶרְבָּע	מֵאוֹת
thousand	and four	hundred	hundred	thousand
H505	H702	H3967	H3967	H505

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