

# Numbers 2:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, throughout their armies. And they shall go forward in the third rank.

## Analysis

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The summary total for Ephraim's division (108,100) made it the smallest of the four divisions, yet this positioning on the west maintained balanced military strength. The smallest division still contributed over 100,000 fighting men, demonstrating that even the least in God's kingdom possesses significant strength through divine blessing. No believer is insignificant; all contribute meaningfully to Christ's body.

## Historical Context

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Despite being the smallest division, Ephraim's group marched third in Israel's procession, maintaining strong military presence in the latter half of the column. This ensured protection from rear attacks and balanced strength throughout the march order.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does the smallest division still numbering over 100,000 encourage believers who feel their contribution is insignificant?
2. What does this teach us about the cumulative power of many 'small' contributions in God's kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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כָּל      הַפָּקֵדִים      לְמַחֲנֵה      אֶפְרַיִם      וּמֵאָה      אֶלֶף  
H3605      All that were numbered      of the camp      of Ephraim      and an hundred      thousand  
H6485      H4264      H669      H3967      H505

וּשְׁמֹנֶת      אֶלֶף      וּמֵאָה      לְצִבְאוֹתָם      וּשְׁלֹשׁ      יָמִים  
and eight      thousand      and an hundred      throughout their armies      in the third rank  
H8083      H505      H3967      H6635      H7992

וַיָּצֵאוּ  
And they shall go forward  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 10:22** (Parallel theme): And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elishama the son of Ammihud.