

# Numbers 2:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

## Analysis

Dan's division camping on the north side completed the four-sided arrangement around the tabernacle. The northern position, while not carrying the prominence of east or the traditional honor of south, was nonetheless essential for complete protection. Every position in God's kingdom matters; no role is superfluous or unnecessary. Each member's faithful service contributes to the whole body's health and effectiveness.

## Historical Context

Dan's northern division would march last in Israel's procession, forming the rearguard. This position protected against attacks from behind and gathered any stragglers or dropped equipment, serving crucial functions despite being last in march order.

## Related Passages

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does Dan's northern (less prominent) position teach us that every role in God's kingdom is essential, regardless of visibility?
2. What does the rearguard function teach us about the importance of seemingly less glamorous but crucial service roles?

## Interlinear Text

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לְאַבָּאָתֶם מִן־הַצָּבָאָה אַפְּנָה תִּשְׁאַל  
The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side by their armies  
H1714 H4264 H1835 H6828 H6635

בְּנֵי אַחִיעֶזֶר תִּשְׁאַל אַנְשֵׁי  
and the captain of the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer of the children  
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עַמִּישָׁדֵי  
of Ammishaddai  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 1:12** (Parallel theme): Of Dan; Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

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