

Numbers 2:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

Dan's census total (62,700) made it one of the largest tribes, second only to Judah. This numerical strength, however, would not prevent later spiritual apostasy when the tribe established idolatrous worship centers (Judges 18; 1 Kings 12:29). The tragic pattern warns that gifts, resources, and blessings become curses when deployed in rebellion against God. Strength without faithfulness leads to judgment, not blessing.

Historical Context

Dan's large population and military strength enabled successful northern migration and conquest, yet these very resources facilitated establishing rival worship that corrupted northern Israel. The tribe's name eventually dropped from significance in later biblical history.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does Dan's numerical strength paired with spiritual failure warn against trusting resources and abilities rather than faithful obedience?
2. What does this teach us about the danger that blessings can become snares when not accompanied by spiritual devotion?

Interlinear Text

וְאַבָּא וְ
וְפָקָדִים וְ
שְׁנָה וְ
וְשָׁשׁ יָמִים

And his host and those that were numbered and two of them were threescore

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thousand and seven hundred

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