

Numbers 2:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And those that encamp by him shall be the tribe of Asher: and the captain of the children of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ocran.

Analysis

Asher's camp placement with Dan and Naphtali created a northern division of tribes that would later occupy territory in northern Israel/Galilee. This early association foreshadowed geographical proximity in the Promised Land, demonstrating God's long-term planning visible even in wilderness camp organization. Every detail of God's arrangements serves ultimate redemptive purposes, even when those purposes aren't immediately apparent.

Historical Context

The three northern tribes (Dan, Asher, Naphtali) would later occupy the northernmost territories of Israel, from the Mediterranean coast (Asher) through the inland valleys (Dan's later northern territory) to the eastern mountains (Naphtali).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does the early association of tribes that later neighbor geographically demonstrate God's comprehensive planning across time?
2. What does this teach us about trusting God's arrangements even when we can't yet see His ultimate purposes?

Interlinear Text

וְהָחֹנִי יִם	עַל יוֹ	מִטָּה	אֲשֶׁר	וְנָשִׂיא
And those that encamp	H5921	by him shall be the tribe	of Asher	and the captain
H2583		H4294	H836	H5387
בְּנֵי	אֲשֶׁר	פַּגִּיעַי ל	בְּנֵי	עֹכֶרְןָ:
of the children	of Asher	shall be Pagiel	of the children	of Ocran
H1121	H836	H6295	H1121	H5918

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 1:13 (Parallel theme): Of Asher; Pagiel the son of Ocran.
