

# Numbers 2:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.

## Analysis

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Asher's census total (41,500) positioned the tribe in the mid-range numerically. This average status paired with coastal territory assignment shows God's comprehensive provision—some tribes received numerical strength, others strategic locations, still others natural resources. God distributes blessings variously according to His wise purposes, with each tribe receiving what they need for their assigned role.

## Historical Context

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Asher's later coastal territory would provide access to Mediterranean trade and Phoenician influence, creating both economic opportunities and spiritual dangers. The tribe's prosperity (Genesis 49:20 promised 'royal dainties') came with challenges of maintaining faithfulness amid pagan neighbors.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

1. How does the varied distribution of advantages (some tribes get numbers, others location, others resources) teach us about God's wise allocation of gifts?
2. What does this teach us about being content with the specific blessings God grants us rather than envying others' different advantages?

## Interlinear Text

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And his host	and those that were numbered	and one	of them were forty	thousand	
H6635	H6485	H259	H705	H505	
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and five	hundred				
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