

Numbers 2:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan were an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They shall go hindmost with their standards.

Analysis

The summary total for Dan's division (157,600) made it the third-largest division, maintaining strong military presence in the northern sector. This substantial strength ensured balanced protection around the entire camp, with no weak points vulnerable to attack. The principle extends to the church: Christ distributes gifts throughout His body to ensure comprehensive strength with no fatal weaknesses.

Historical Context

Dan's division marching last in Israel's procession provided strong rearguard protection, ensuring the entire camp traveled safely. This tactical positioning showed wise military planning that protected the whole nation, not just the most prominent tribes.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the balanced strength of all four divisions around the camp illustrate Christ's provision of comprehensive spiritual protection for His church?
2. What does the strong rearguard function teach us about the importance of protective ministries that guard against attacks from behind?

Interlinear Text

כָּל	הַפְּקָדִים	לַמַּחֲנֶה	דָּן	מֵאֹת	אֶלֶף	
H3605	All they that were numbered	in the camp	of Dan	hundred	thousand	
	H6485	H4264	H1835	H3967	H505	
וְשִׁבְעָה	וְחִמְשָׁים	אֶלֶף	וְשֵׁשׁ	מֵאֹת	לְאַחֲרָנָה	יֵסְעוּ
and seven	and fifty	thousand	and six	hundred	hindmost	They shall go
H7651	H2572	H505	H8337	H3967	H314	H5265
לְדִגְלֵיהֶם:						
with their standards						
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Additional Cross-References

Numbers 10:25 (Parallel theme): And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, which was the rereward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.