

Numbers 2:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

Analysis

Issachar's specific census number (54,400) beside Judah demonstrates the practical implementation of God's camp organization. Each tribe's recorded strength contributed to Israel's military capacity while teaching that corporate strength comes from the combined contributions of all members. The church likewise advances through the faithful service of all believers, each contributing their Spirit-given gifts for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7).

Historical Context

Issachar camped on Judah's east division, along with Zebulun, forming a three-tribe unit. This arrangement created military divisions that could function independently or together, providing both flexibility and strength in Israel's wilderness travels.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the detailed census of each tribe's strength challenge us to see our individual contributions as part of the church's collective strength?
2. What does the organized alliance of three tribes teach us about strategic partnerships in kingdom work?

Interlinear Text

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| And his host | and those that were numbered | and four | thereof were fifty | thousand |
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| and four | hundred | | | |
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