

Numbers 2:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the son of Helon shall be captain of the children of Zebulun.

Analysis

Zebulun's inclusion in Judah's division placed this tribe in the position of honor, marching first when Israel traveled. Despite Zebulun's later modest prominence, their front-line position demonstrates that God honors faithful service regardless of worldly recognition. The tribe's leader, Eliab son of Helon, shared in Judah's privileged position, showing that association with faithful leaders brings blessing.

Historical Context

Zebulun's placement with Judah meant they participated in leading Israel's marches and camping first at new locations. This privileged position came through God's sovereign assignment, not tribal merit or achievement.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does Zebulun's privileged position despite modest prominence teach us that faithful service, not worldly glory, determines Kingdom honor?
2. What does this teach us about the blessings that come from association with godly leadership?

Interlinear Text

מִטֵּה	זְבוּלֹן	וְנָשִׂיא	בְּנֵי	זְבוּלֹן	אֶלְיָא בֶן
Then the tribe	of Zebulun	shall be captain	of the children	of Zebulun	and Eliab
H4294	H2074	H5387	H1121	H2074	H446
בְּנֵי	הֵלֹן:				
of the children	of Helon				
H1121	H2497				

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 1:9 (Parallel theme): Of Zebulun; Eliab the son of Helon.
