

# Numbers 2:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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The census total for Zebulun (57,400) positioned the tribe solidly in the middle range numerically. This average status paired with first-division placement illustrates that God's assignments don't always correlate with human measures of strength or prominence. The principle applies broadly: God's calling doesn't require exceptional human qualifications but faithfulness in whatever capacity He assigns.

## Historical Context

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Zebulun's 57,400 fighting men contributed significantly to the eastern division's total of 186,400 (Numbers 2:9), making this division the largest and most prominent. Zebulun's average numbers didn't diminish their importance to the division's overall strength.

## Related Passages

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Zebulun's combination of average size with prominent position encourage believers who don't consider themselves exceptionally gifted?
2. What does this teach us about God's ability to use average people for significant kingdom purposes?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֶבֶן	וְאֶלְעָד	וְשְׁבַע	וְתִשְׁנָשׁ	וְאֶלְף
<b>And his host</b>	<b>and those that were numbered</b>	<b>and seven</b>	<b>thereof were fifty</b>	<b>thousand</b>
H6635	H6485	H7651	H2572	H505
מֵאוֹת	אֶרְבָּעָה			
<b>and four</b>	<b>hundred</b>			
H702	H3967			

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