

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

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

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

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

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

וּצָבָא ו'	וּפְקִידֵי יו'	שִׁבְעָה ה'	וְחֲמִשָּׁים ים	אֶלֶף
And his host	and those that were numbered	and seven	thereof were fifty	thousand
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