

# Numbers 26:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those that were numbered of them, were threescore and four thousand and four hundred.

## Analysis

**Threescore and four thousand and four hundred** (64,400)—the second-largest tribe in Israel, exceeded only by Judah's 76,500. Dan's remarkable size came from a single family, while most tribes had multiple clans. This disproportionate growth pattern reveals God's sovereign distribution of increase; He doesn't multiply uniformly but according to His purposes.

The Hebrew construction emphasizes exactness: שָׁשִׁים אֶרְבֶּעָה אֶלָּף (sixty-four thousand). These weren't estimates—God knows His own precisely. Every Danite warrior counted, every family registered, every inheritance calculated. Divine order requires specific knowledge, not approximation.

## Historical Context

Dan's 64,400 represented an increase from 62,700 in the first census (Numbers 1:39)—a 2.7% growth. By comparison, some tribes declined drastically (Simeon lost 62.6%). Dan's modest but consistent growth over 38 wilderness years demonstrated steady faithfulness despite judgment on the nation.

## Related Passages

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. Why would God allow one single-clan tribe to become larger than multi-clan tribes? What does this reveal about His sovereignty?
2. How does God's exact knowledge of each Danite encourage you that He knows and values each believer individually?
3. What spiritual principle governs why some ministries or churches grow while others decline, even in the same environment?

## Interlinear Text

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כָּל	מִשְׁפָּחָה	תֵּן	הַשׁוֹׁחֵם	וּ	לְפָקְדִים	בָּ
H3605	All the families	of the Shuhamites	according to those that were numbered			
H4940		H7749		H6485		
וְאֶרֶב	עַ	וְשָׁשׁ	יָם	אֶלָּא	וְאֶרֶב	מֵאוֹת
and four	of them were threescore	thousand		and four	hundred	
H702	H8346	H505		H702	H3967	

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