

Numbers 26:58

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

These are the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korathites. And Kohath begat Amram.

Analysis

The family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites—these are sub-clans of the three main divisions, showing detailed organization. Libnites (לִבְנֵי, from "white/pure") handled tabernacle purification; Hebronites (חֶבְרֹנִים, "association/fellowship") maintained community. The Mushites (מוֹשִׁים, possibly "drawn out," like Moses) and Korathites (not identical to Korah's rebels, but from Kohath) each had specific duties.

And Kohath begat Amram (קָהָת הוֹלִיד אֶת־עַמְרָם)—suddenly the genealogy focuses. Why? Because Amram's children were Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. The census transitions from tribal demographics to salvation history. Kohath's son fathered Israel's deliverer and high priest. Every family tree contains potential world-changers.

Historical Context

The Kohathites carried the ark and holy vessels (Numbers 4:15). From this clan of ark-bearers came the man who spoke with God face-to-face (Moses) and the man who entered the Holy of Holies (Aaron). Function and lineage converged: those who carried holy things produced holy leaders.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. Why does the census shift from listing families to highlighting Amram's lineage? What does this reveal about God's purposes in genealogies?
2. How does the Kohathites' role carrying holy things prepare them to produce Israel's holiest leaders?
3. What 'world-changers' might God be preparing in your family line that won't be revealed for generations?

Interlinear Text

אֵלֶּה	מִשְׁפְּחֹת	לֵוִי	מִשְׁפְּחֹת	הַלִּבְנִי
H428	These are the families	of the Levites	These are the families	of the Libnites
	H4940	H3881	H4940	H3846
מִשְׁפְּחֹת	הַחֵבְרֹנִי	מִשְׁפְּחֹת	הַמַּחֲלִי	
These are the families	of the Hebronites	These are the families	of the Mahlites	
H4940	H2276	H4940	H4250	
מִשְׁפְּחֹת	הַמוֹשִׁי	מִשְׁפְּחֹת	הַקֹּרַחִי	
These are the families	of the Mushites	These are the families	of the Korathites	
H4940	H4188	H4940	H7145	
וַיִּקֶּה	הוּלַד	אֶת	עַמְרָם:	
And Kohath	begat	H853	Amram	
H6955	H3205		H6019	