

Numbers 3:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the sons of Kohath by their families; Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

Analysis

The listing of Kohath's sons 'by their families' establishes the genealogical line that included both Aaron (the priestly line) and Moses (the prophetic/civil leader), showing God's sovereign distribution of offices within the same extended family. The Kohathites received the most sacred responsibility—transporting the holy furnishings (ark, table, lampstand, altars)—demonstrating that even among Levites, God distinguished levels of service and responsibility according to His purposes.

Historical Context

The Kohathites descended from Levi's second son Kohath (Exodus 6:18). They camped on the south side of the tabernacle (Numbers 3:29) and transported the holiest items, though they could not touch or look upon them (Numbers 4:15, 20) without dying, requiring priests to cover these items first.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does the Kohathites' specially sacred responsibility illustrate that even among those called to service, God assigns different levels of responsibility?
2. What does this teach us about recognizing that roles in God's kingdom vary in responsibility and honor while all remain service to God?

Interlinear Text

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| וּבְנֵי י | קֹהַת | לְמִשְׁפַּחֹתָם | עַמְרָם | וְיִזְחָר | חֶבְרֹן |
| And the sons | of Kohath | by their families | Amram | and Izhar | Hebron |
| H1121 | H6955 | H4940 | H6019 | H3324 | H2275 |

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| וְעֻזִּיאל |
| and Uzziel |
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 6:18 (Parallel theme): And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kohath were an hundred thirty and three years.

1 Chronicles 6:18 (Parallel theme): And the sons of Kohath were, Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.