

# Numbers 3:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimites: these are the families of the Gershonites.

## Analysis

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The enumeration of Gershonite families continues the systematic organization of Levitical service, demonstrating that God's order extends to the most detailed levels. No family was overlooked or assigned haphazardly; each received specific responsibilities contributing to the whole. This comprehensive organization reflects the New Testament principle that the body of Christ has many members, each with assigned functions, all necessary for the body to function properly (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

## Historical Context

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The Libnites and Shimites (also called Shimeites) were the two families descended from Gershon through his sons Libni and Shimei. Together these families numbered 7,500 males from one month old and upward (Numbers 3:22).

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the detailed organization of Gershonite families illustrate that God assigns specific responsibilities even within larger service groups?
2. What does this teach us about the importance of each member knowing and faithfully executing their assigned role in the body of Christ?

## Interlinear Text

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אֶלֶּה	הַשִּׁמְעִי	מִשְׁפַּחַת	הַלִּבְנִי	מִשְׁפַּחַת	לִגְרֹשׁוֹן
H428	of the Shimites	and the family	of the Libnites	and the family	Of Gershon
	H8097	H4940	H3846	H4940	H1648
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הַגִּרְשֹׁנִי:		מִשְׁפַּחַת	הֵם		
of the Gershonites		and the family	H1992		
H1649		H4940			

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