

Numbers 3:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those that were numbered of them were seven thousand and five hundred.

Analysis

The specific census number for the Gershonites (7,500) demonstrates God's precise knowledge of those consecrated to His service. The numerical precision throughout the Levitical census shows that God doesn't deal in vague generalities but knows exactly who serves Him and in what capacity. This anticipates Jesus's teaching that He knows His sheep by name (John 10:3) and calls each believer to specific service within His body.

Historical Context

The 7,500 Gershonites represented the smallest of the three main Levitical divisions (Gershonites 7,500, Kohathites 8,600, Merarites 6,200), yet their service transporting the tabernacle's fabric components was essential. Size didn't determine importance; faithfulness in assigned tasks mattered most.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does God's precise knowledge of servant numbers encourage confidence that He knows each believer personally and their specific calling?
2. What does the variation in clan sizes teach us about not equating numerical size with spiritual importance or value?

Interlinear Text

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| פָּקַד יְדֵיהֶם | בְּמִסְפַּר | כָּל | זָכָר | |
| Those that were numbered | of them according to the number | H3605 | of all the males | |
| H6485 | H4557 | | H2145 | |
| מִבֶּן | חֹדֶשׁ | וְעַלֶּה | פָּקַד יְדֵיהֶם | שִׁבְעַת |
| old | from a month | and upward | Those that were numbered | of them were seven |
| H1121 | H2320 | H4605 | H6485 | H7651 |
| מֵאֲלוֹת | וְחֲמִשָּׁה | אֶלֶף | | |
| thousand | and five | hundred | | |
| H505 | H2568 | H3967 | | |

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