

Numbers 3:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the chief of the house of the father of the Gershonites shall be Eliasaph the son of Lael.

Analysis

The appointment of Eliasaph as 'chief of the house of the father of the Gershonites' establishes leadership structure within each Levitical clan. Even among those consecrated for service, God appoints leaders responsible for organizing and directing their divisions. This pattern of leadership within leadership demonstrates that biblical organization involves multiple levels of authority and responsibility, preventing both autocracy (one person controlling everything) and anarchy (no clear structure).

Historical Context

Eliasaph son of Lael led the Gershonite clan during the wilderness period, coordinating their responsibilities for transporting and maintaining the tabernacle's fabric components. This leadership position was hereditary, passing through families as part of God's covenant administration.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does the appointment of clan leaders within the Levites illustrate that biblical organization involves multiple levels of authority?
2. What does this teach us about the importance of identifying and appointing faithful leaders at various levels of church ministry?

Interlinear Text

אֵלִישָׁף	וְיַעֲשֶׂה	בֵּית	בֶּן	לְגַרְשֹׁנִי	אֵלִישָׁף
And the chief	of the house	of the father	of the Gershonites	shall be Eliasaph	
H5387	H1004	H1	H1649		H460
לְאֵלָה	בֶּן				
the son	of Lael				
H1121	H3815				

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