

# Numbers 3:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation shall be the tabernacle, and the tent, the covering thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

## Analysis

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The sons of Gershon received charge over the tabernacle's structural coverings—the tent, covering, and outer veil. This assignment demonstrates God's orderly distribution of sacred responsibilities, with each Levitical family having distinct roles in serving God's dwelling place. The coverings protected the holy place from external defilement, symbolizing the separation required between God's holiness and a sinful world. This division of labor illustrates the body of Christ principle (1 Corinthians 12), where different members have different functions but all serve the same Lord.

## Historical Context

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The Gershonites camped on the west side of the tabernacle (verse 23) and numbered 7,500 males one month old and above. During wilderness travels, they transported the tabernacle's fabric components using wagons (7:7), unlike the Kohathites who carried the sacred vessels on their shoulders. This organizational structure continued through Israel's history until the temple replaced the tabernacle.

## Related Passages

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

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's assignment of specific roles to different families illustrate the importance of faithful service in your assigned area?
2. What does the careful protection of God's dwelling place teach about reverence in worship today?

## Interlinear Text

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מָעוֹד אֶל גֶּרֶשׁוֹן בָּנֵי וּמִשְׁמָן רַת  
And the charge of the sons of Gershon and the tent of the congregation  
H4931 H1121 H1648 H168 H4150

וּמִסְבֵּת הַמִּשְׁאָל מִכְסָה הַזָּה אֶל בְּנֵי  
shall be the tabernacle and the tent the covering thereof and the hanging  
H4908 H168 H4372 H4539

מָעוֹד אֶל תְּחִלָּה  
for the door and the tent of the congregation  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 25:9** (Temple): According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

