

# Numbers 3:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites: these are the families of Merari.

## Analysis

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The enumeration of Merarite families (Mahlites and Mushites) completes the systematic organization of all three Levitical clans. Each received specific assignments, ensuring comprehensive coverage of tabernacle maintenance with no gaps or overlaps. This thorough organization demonstrates that effective kingdom work requires careful planning where every necessary function is assigned to capable workers.

## Historical Context

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The Mahlites and Mushites descended from Merari through his two sons Mahli and Mushi (Exodus 6:19). These families received the heaviest physical labor—transporting the tabernacle's structural framework of boards, bars, pillars, and sockets.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does the complete organization of all Levitical families teach us the importance of ensuring all necessary ministry functions are assigned and covered?
2. What does this teach us about the value of administrative planning in effective kingdom service?

## Interlinear Text

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מְרָרִי:	מִשְׁפַּחַת	הַמַּחֲלֵי	מִשְׁפַּחַת	הַמוֹשֵׁי	אֵלֶּה
Of Merari	and the family	of the Mahlites	and the family	of the Mushites	H428
H4847	H4940	H4250	H4940	H4188	
הֵם	מִשְׁפַּחַת	מְרָרִי:			
H1992	and the family	Of Merari			
	H4940	H4847			