

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

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

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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

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

אֱלֹהִים מִשְׁפָּחָה תַּםְרִיאִים מִשְׁפָּחָה תַּמְהִלִּים מִשְׁפָּחָה תַּמְשִׁיחִים מִשְׁפָּחָה תַּמְוִשִׁים
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