

Numbers 3:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand and two hundred.

Analysis

The Merarite census (6,200 males from one month old) made them the smallest of the three main Levitical clans, yet their work transporting the tabernacle's heavy structural components was essential. Small numbers didn't diminish importance; faithfulness in assigned tasks mattered most. This pattern recurs throughout Scripture: God uses the seemingly weak and small to accomplish His purposes, directing glory to Himself rather than human strength.

Historical Context

Despite being the smallest Levitical clan, the Merarites received wagons and oxen to assist their heavy work (Numbers 7:8), unlike the Kohathites who carried sacred objects on shoulders. This practical provision shows God's concern for enabling His servants to accomplish assigned tasks.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does the Merarites' small numbers paired with essential responsibilities encourage believers who feel their contribution is minor?
2. What does God's provision of wagons and oxen for the Merarites teach us about His practical care in equipping workers for their tasks?

Interlinear Text

וְאַנְדִּיכֶם	בְּמִסְפֵּת רֹאשׁ	כָּל	רֹאשׁ
And those that were numbered	of them according to the number	H3605	of all the males
H6485	H4557		H2145
וּמְאַתִּים:	אלֶף יָמִין שְׁשַׁת יָמִין עֶלְהָה חֲדָשׁ מְבָנִים		
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