

# 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

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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

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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

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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 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

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וּפְקֻדֵיהֶם	בְּמִסְפַּר	כָּל	זָכָר			
And those that were numbered	of them according to the number	H3605	of all the males			
H6485	H4557		H2145			
מִבֶּן	חֹדֶשׁ	וְעַלֶּה	שֵׁשׁ שָׁנָה	אֶלֶף	יָם	וּמֵאָתָיִם:
old	from a month	and upward	were six	thousand	and two hundred	
H1121	H2320	H4605	H8337	H505	H3967	

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