

Numbers 34:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon.

Analysis

And the prince of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon—Benjamin's appointed representative (Elidad the son of Chislon) ensures fair land distribution for his tribe. The specific naming of all tribal leaders demonstrates Scripture's historical precision—these weren't generic placeholders but actual historical figures overseeing the monumental task of allocating Promised Land according to divine direction.

Benjamin's representative ensures the tribe receives inheritance between Judah and Ephraim, fulfilling Jacob's prophecy. This comprehensive listing shows that God's covenant faithfulness extends to every tribe—none were overlooked or shortchanged in the inheritance process. The New Testament similarly teaches that Christ's church includes every tribe and tongue: 'You have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation' (Revelation 5:9).

Historical Context

These tribal representatives worked alongside Joshua and Eleazar (34:17) during Canaan's 7-year conquest and division period. Each leader bore responsibility for ensuring his tribe received appropriate allocation according to Numbers 26's census—larger tribes received more territory, smaller tribes less (26:52-56), but all received sufficient inheritance for sustainable tribal existence.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's appointment of representatives for every tribe demonstrate His commitment to comprehensive, inclusive covenant faithfulness?
2. What does the careful naming of each leader teach about Scripture's historical reliability and God's concern for individual persons, not just generic groups?
3. How can you ensure that administrative processes in church or ministry honor both efficiency and inclusivity, making sure no group is overlooked or underserved?

Interlinear Text

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