

Psalms 68:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

Analysis

The listing of tribes—little Benjamin leading, princes of Judah, Zebulun, and Naphtali—represents all Israel unified in worship. Benjamin, smallest yet leading, shows God's delight in elevating the humble. Judah's prominence anticipates Messiah's royal lineage. Including northern tribes (Zebulun, Naphtali) emphasizes unity despite later divisions. This diverse yet unified assembly foreshadows the church gathered from all nations (Revelation 7:9).

Historical Context

These tribes represented different regions and historical roles. Benjamin was small, Judah held royal leadership, while Zebulun and Naphtali were northern. Their joint worship demonstrated covenant unity transcending tribal differences.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the church's diversity strengthen rather than fragment its worship and witness?
2. What 'tribal' differences (denominational, cultural, generational) must be transcended for genuine unity?
3. In what ways does God intentionally elevate the 'little' and humble in His kingdom?

Interlinear Text

שָׁם H8033	בִּנְיָמִן H1144	צָעִיר H6810	רִדָּם H7287	שָׁרֵי H8269	הַיְּהוּדָה H3063
	Benjamin	There is little	with their ruler	and the princes	of Judah
וְגִמְתָּ H7277	שָׁרֵי H8269	זֶבְלֻן H2074	שָׁרֵי H8269	נַפְתָּלִי H5321	
and their council	and the princes	of Zebulun	and the princes	of Naphtali	

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 9:21 (Parallel theme): And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?
