

The First Book of the
Chronicles

1:1 Descendants of Adam. 1:17 of Shem. 1:28 of Abraham. 2:1 of Israel. 3:1 of David. 10:1 Death of Saul

1 Adam, Seth, Enosh, 2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, 3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, 4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

5 ¹The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. 6 And *the* sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz,, and ²Diphath, and Togarmah. 7 And *the* sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and ³Rodanim.

8 *The* sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. 9 And *the* sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raama, and Sabteca. And *the* sons of Raamah: Sheba, and Dedan. 10 And Cush begat Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth. 11 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, 12 and Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whence came *the* ⁴Philistines), and Caphtorim. 13 And Canaan begat Sidon his firstborn, and Heth, 14 and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, 15 and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, 16 and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 *The* sons of Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and ⁵Meshech. 18 And Arpachshad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber. 19 And unto Eber were born two sons: *the* name of the one was Peleg; for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. 20 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, 21 and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, 22 and ⁶Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba, 23 and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were the* sons of Joktan.

24 Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah, 25 Eber, Peleg, Reu, 26 Serug, Nahor, Terah, 27 Abram (*the* same is Abraham).

28 *The* sons of Abraham: Isaac, and Ishmael. 29 These *are* their generations: *the* firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, 30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema, 31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These *are the* sons of Ishmael.

32 And *the* sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And *the* sons of Jokshan:

⁷Sheba, and Dedan. 33 And *the* sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these *were the* sons of Keturah.

34 And Abraham begat Isaac. *The* sons of Isaac: Esau, and Israel.

35 *The* sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. 36 *The* sons of Eliphaz: Teman, and Omar, ⁸Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek. 37 *The* sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. 38 And *the* sons of Seir: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. 39 And *the* sons of Lotan: Hori, and ⁹Homam; and Timna was Lotan's sister. 40 *The* sons of Shobal: ¹⁰Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, ¹¹Shephi, and Onam. And *the* sons of Zibeon: Aiah, and Anah. 41 *The* sons of Anah: Dishon. And *the* sons of Dishon: ¹²Hamran, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. 42 *The* sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zaavan, ¹³Jaakan. *The* sons of Dishan: ¹⁴Uz, and Aran.

43 Now these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned *any* king over *the* children of Israel: Bela *the* son of Beor; and *the* name of his city was Dinhabah. 44 And Bela died, and Jobab *the* son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. 45 And Jobab died, and Husham of *the* land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. 46 And Husham died, and Hadad *the* son of Bedad, who smote Midian in *the* field of Moab, reigned in his stead; and *the* name of his city was Avith. 47 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. 48 And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the River reigned in his stead. 49 And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan *the* son of Achbor reigned in his stead. 50 And Baal-hanan died, and ¹⁵Hadad reigned in his stead; and *the* name of his city was ¹⁶Pai; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, *the* daughter of Matred, *the* daughter of Mezahab. 51 And Hadad died. And *the* chiefs of Edom were: chief Timna, chief ¹⁷Aliah, chief Jetheth, 52 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, 53 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief

⁷ Comparing with vs. 9, *these two tribes may each be an ethnically-mixed people.*

⁸ In Ge 36:11, Zepho

⁹ In Ge 36:22, Hemam

¹⁰ In Ge 36:23, Alvan

¹¹ In Ge 36:23, Shepho

¹² In Ge 36:26, Hemdan

¹³ In Ge 36:27, and Akan.

¹⁴ Comparing with vs. 17, Uz may be a mixed people.

¹⁵ In Ge 36:39, Hadar

¹⁶ In Ge 36:39, Pau

¹⁷ In Ge 36:40, Alvah

¹ See Ge 10:2-31 marginal notes for identification of many of these progenitors of ethnic groups.

² In Ge 10:3, Riphath

³ Cf. Isle of Rhodes In Ge 10:4, Dodanim

⁴ Hb. Pelishtim

⁵ In Ge 10:23, Mash

⁶ In Ge 10:28, Obal

Mibzar, 54 chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom.

2 These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, 2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

3 The sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah; which three were born unto him of Shua's daughter the Canaanitess. And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of Jehovah; and he slew him. 4 And Tamar his daughter-in-law bare him Perez and Zerah. And the sons of Judah were five.

5 The sons of Perez: Hezron, and Hamul. 6 And the sons of ¹⁸Zerah: Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and ¹⁹Dara; five of them in all. 7 And the sons of Carmi: ²⁰Achar, the troubler of Israel, who committed a trespass in the devoted thing. 8 And the sons of Ethan: Azariah.

9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him: Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai. 10 And Ram begat Amminadab, and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah; 11 and Nahshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz, 12 and Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse; 13 and Jesse begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third, 14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, 15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh; 16 and their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah: ²¹Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three. 17 And Abigail bare Amasa; and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.

18 And Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth; and these were her sons: Jeshur, and Shobab, and Ardon. 19 And Azubah died, and Caleb took unto him Ephrath, who bare him Hur. 20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezalel.

21 And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he took to wife when he was sixty years old; and she bare him Segub. 22 And Segub begat Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead. 23 And Geshur and Aram took ²²the towns of Jair from them, with Kenath, and the ²³villages thereof, even sixty cities. All these were the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. 24 And after that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephrathah, then Abijah Hezron's wife bare him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.

25 And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were Ram the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, Ahijah. 26 And Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

¹⁸ In Josh 7:1, 17, 18, Zabdi

¹⁹ In 1Ki 4:31, Darda

²⁰ In Josh 7:1, 18-20, 24, Achan Cf. Josh 7:26.

²¹ Hb. Abshai And so elsewhere.

²² Or, Chavvoth-jair

²³ Hb. daughters

27 And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. 28 And the sons of Onam were Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai: Nadab, and Abishur. 29 And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail; and she bare him Ahban, and Molid. 30 And the sons of Nadab: Seled, and Appaim; but Seled died without ²⁴children. 31 And the sons of Appaim: Ishi. And the sons of Ishi: Sheshan. And the sons of Sheshan: Ahlai. 32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai: Jether, and Jonathan; and Jether died without children. 33 And the sons of Jonathan: Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel. 34 Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha. 35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bare him Attai. 36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat Zabad, 37 and Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed, 38 and Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah, 39 and Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah, 40 and Eleasah begat Sismai, and Sismai begat Shallum, 41 and Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Elishama.

42 And the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. 43 And the sons of Hebron: Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema. 44 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem begat Shammai. 45 And the son of Shammai was Maon; and Maon was the father of Beth-zur. 46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez; and Haran begat Gazez. 47 And the sons of Jahdai: Regem, and Jothan, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph. 48 Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bare Sheber and Tirhanah. 49 She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbena, and the father of Gibeaz; and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah.

50 These were the sons of Caleb, the son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim, 51 Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader. 52 And Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, half of the Menuhoth. 53 And the families of Kiriath-jearim: the Ithrites, and the Puthites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites. 54 The sons of Salma: Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites. 55 And the families of scribes that dwelt at Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, the Sucathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

²⁴ Or, sons. And in vs. 32

3 Now these were *the* sons of David, that were born unto him in Hebron: the firstborn, Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; *the* second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess; *the* third, Absalom *the* son of Maacah *the* daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah *the* son of Haggith; *3* the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife: *4* six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years ²⁵and six months. And in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years; *5* and these were born unto him in Jerusalem: Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bath-shua *the* daughter of Ammiel; *6* and Ithar, and Elishama, and Eliphelet, *7* and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, *8* and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. *9* All *these were the* sons of David, besides *the* sons of *the* concubines; and Tamar was their sister.

10 And Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abijah his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son, *11* Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son, *12* Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son, *13* Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, *14* Amon his son, Josiah his son. *15* And *the* sons of Josiah: the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum. *16* And *the* sons of Jehoiakim: ²⁶Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son. *17* And *the* sons of Jeconiah, ²⁷*the* captive: Shealtiel his son, *18* and Malchiram, and Pedaiiah, and Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. *19* And *the* sons of Pedaiiah: Zerubbabel, and Shimei. And *the* ²⁸sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam, and Hananiah; and Shelomith was their sister; *20* and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five. *21* ²⁹And *the* ³⁰sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah, and Jeshaiiah; *the* sons of Rephaiah, *the* sons of Arnan, *the* sons of Obadiah, *the* sons of Shecaniah. *22* And *the* sons of Shecaniah: Shemaiah. And *the* sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, and Igal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, ³¹six. *23* And *the* sons of Neariah: Elioenai, and Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three. *24* And *the* sons of Elioenai: Hodaviah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

4 *The* sons of Judah: Perez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. *2* And Reaiah *the* son of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat Ahumai and Lahad.

²⁵ *Implying he moved to Jerusalem in Nisan (ca. April).*

²⁶ *In 2Ki 24:6, Jehoiachin Cf. Mt 1:11.*

²⁷ *Or, Assir*

²⁸ *Hb. son Also in vs. 23.*

²⁹ *Sept., Aram, Vg. read And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah: and his son; Jeshaiiah: and his son; Rephaiah: and his son; Arnan: and his son; Obadiah: and his son; Shecaniah.*

³⁰ *Hb. son*

³¹ *A name appears to have dropped out.*

These are the families of the Zorathites. 3 And these were *the sons of the* father of ³²Etam: Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash; and *the* name of their sister was Hazzelepni; *4* and Penuel *the* father of Gedor, and Ezer *the* father of Hushah. *These are the* sons of Hur, *the* firstborn of Ephrathah, *the* father of Beth-lehem. *5* And Ashhur *the* father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah. *6* And Naarah bare him Ahuzzam, and Hopher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. *These were the* sons of Naarah. *7* And *the* sons of Helah were Zereth, ³³Izhar, and Ethnan. *8* And Hakkoz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and *the* families of Aharhel *the* son of Harum. *9* And Jabez was more honorable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with ³⁴sorrow. *10* And Jabez called on *the* God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that thy hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep *me* from evil, that it be not to my sorrow! And God granted him that which he requested. *11* And Khlub *the* brother of Shuhah begat Mehir, who was *the* father of Eshton. *12* And Eshton begat Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah *the* father of ³⁵Ir-nahash. *These are the* men of Recah. *13* And *the* sons of Kenaz: Othniel, and Seraiah. And *the* sons of Othniel: Hathath. *14* And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab *the* father of ³⁶Ge-harashim; for they were craftsmen. *15* And *the* sons of Caleb *the* son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam; and *the* sons of Elah; ³⁷and Kenaz. *16* And *the* sons of Jehallelel: Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel. *17* And *the* sons of Ezrah: Jether, and Mered, and Ephher, and Jalon; and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah *the* father of Eshtemoa. *18* And his wife ³⁸Ha-jehudijah bare Jered *the* father of Gedor, and Heber *the* father of Soco, and Jekuthiel *the* father of Zanoah. And *these are the* sons of Bithiah *the* daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took. *19* And *the* sons of *the* wife of Hodiah, *the* sister of Naham, were *the* father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maacathite. *20* And *the* sons of Shimon: Amnon, and Rinnah, Benhanan, and Tilon. And *the* sons of Ishi: Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth. *21* *The* sons of Shelah *the* son of Judah: Er *the* father of Lecah, and Laadah *the* father of Mareshah, and *the* families of *the* house of them that wrought fine linen, of *the* house of Ashbea; *22* and Jokim, and *the* men of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And *the* ³⁹records are ancient.

³² *Likely a place, and similarly many times below.*

³³ *So Hb^{txt}. Hb^{mg} reads, Zohar*

³⁴ *Or, pain.*

³⁵ *Or, city of Nahash.*

³⁶ *Or, the valley of craftsmen;*

³⁷ *A name might have dropped out here.*

³⁸ *Or, the Jewess*

³⁹ *Hb. words*

23 *These were* the potters, and *the* inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

24 *The* sons of Simeon: ⁴⁰Nemuel, and Jamin, ⁴¹Jarib, ⁴²Zerah, Shaul; 25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son. 26 *And the* sons of Mishma: Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son. 27 *And* Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply like to *the* children of Judah. 28 *And* they dwelt at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual, 29 and at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad, 30 and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag, 31 and at Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susim, and at Beth-biri, and at Shaaraim. *These were* their cities unto *the* reign of David. 32 *And* their villages *were* Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities; 33 and all their villages that *were* round about the same cities, unto Baal. *These were* their habitations, and they have their genealogy. 34 *And* Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah *the* son of Amaziah, 35 and Joel, and Jehu *the* son of Joshibiah, *the* son of Seraiah, *the* son of Asiel, 36 and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah, 37 and Ziza *the* son of Shiphi, *the* son of Allon, *the* son of Jedaiah, *the* son of Shimri, *the* son of Shemaiah; 38 these mentioned by name *were* princes in their families: and their fathers' houses increased greatly. 39 *And* they went to *the* entrance of Gedor, *even* unto *the* east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. 40 *And* they found fat pasture and good, and the land *was* wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for *they* that dwelt there aforetime *were* of Ham. 41 *And* these written by name came in *the* days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and ⁴³the Meunim that were found there, and ⁴⁴destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their stead; because *there was* pasture there for their flocks. 42 *And some* of them, *even* of *the* sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, *the* sons of Ishi. 43 *And* they smote the remnant of *the* Amalekites that escaped, and have dwelt there unto this day.

5 *And the* sons of Reuben *the* firstborn of Israel (for he *was* the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's couch, his birthright was given unto *the* ⁴⁵sons of Joseph *the* son of Israel; and *the* genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. 2 For Judah prevailed

⁴⁰ In Ge 46:10, Ex 6:15, Jemuel

⁴¹ In Ge 46:10, Jachin

⁴² In Ge 46:10, Zohar

⁴³ Or, stopped up the springs that were found there,

⁴⁴ Hb. devoted them unto this day,

⁴⁵ Joseph received a double-portion in the land: one for Ephraim, and one for Manasseh. Ge 48:22.

above his brethren, and of him *came the* ⁴⁶prince; but the birthright *was* Joseph's:) 3 *the* sons of Reuben *the* firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. 4 *The* sons of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son, 5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son, 6 Beerah his son, whom ⁴⁷Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away *captive*: he *was* prince of the Reubenites. 7 *And* his brethren by their families, when *the* genealogy of their generations was reckoned: the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah, 8 and Bela *the* son of Azaz, *the* son of Shema, *the* son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo and Baal-meon: 9 and eastward he dwelt even unto *the* entrance of *the* wilderness from the river Euphrates, because their cattle were multiplied in *the* land of Gilead. 10 *And* in *the* days of Saul, they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand; and they dwelt in their tents throughout all *the* land east of Gilead.

11 *And the* sons of Gad dwelt over against them, in *the* land of Bashan unto Salecah: 12 Joel the chief, and Shapham the second, and Janai, and Shaphat in Bashan. 13 *And* their brethren of their fathers' houses: Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jacan, and Zia, and Eber, seven. 14 *These were* the sons of Abihail, *the* son of Huri, *the* son of Jaroah, *the* son of Gilead, *the* son of Michael, *the* son of Jeshishai, *the* son of Jahdo, *the* son of Buz; 15 Ahi *the* son of Abdiel, *the* son of Guni, chief of their fathers' houses. 16 *And* they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in its ⁴⁸towns, and in all *the* ⁴⁹suburbs of Sharon, as far as their ⁵⁰borders. 17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in *the* days of Jotham king of Judah, and in *the* days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

18 *The* sons of Reuben, and *the* Gadites, and *the* half-tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, *were* forty-four thousand seven hundred sixty, that were able to go forth to war. 19 *And* they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab. 20 *And* they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that *were* with them; for they cried to God in the battle, and he was entreated of them, because they put their trust in him. 21 *And* they took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of souls of men a hundred thousand. 22 For there fell many slain, because the war *was* of God. *And* they dwelt in their stead until the captivity.

⁴⁶ Or, leader

⁴⁷ In 2Ki 15:29, 16:7, Tiglath-pileser

⁴⁸ Hb. daughters,

⁴⁹ Or, pasture lands of Sharon,

⁵⁰ Hb. goings forth.

23 And *the* children of *the* half-tribe of Manasse dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir and mount Hermon. 24 And these *were the* heads of their fathers' houses: even Ephraim, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, heads of their fathers' houses.

25 And they trespassed against *the* God of their fathers, and played *the* harlot after *the* gods of *the* peoples of the land, whom God destroyed before them. 26 And *the* God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, ⁵¹even the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and *the* half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Chalach, and Chabor, and Hara, even to *the* river of Gozan, unto this day.

6 *The* sons of Levi: ⁵²Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 2 And *the* sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. 3 And *the* children of Amram: Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. And *the* sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 4 Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua, 5 and Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi, 6 and Uzzi begat Zerachiah, and Zerachiah begat Meraioth, 7 Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub, 8 and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahimaaz, 9 and Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan, 10 and Johanan begat Azariah, (he *it is* that executed *the* priest's office in the house that Solomon built in Jerusalem,) 11 and Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub, 12 and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat ⁵³Shallum, 13 and Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah, 14 and Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak; 15 and Jehozadak went *into captivity*, when Jehovah carried away Judah and Jerusalem by *the* hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

16 *The* sons of Levi: ⁵⁴Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 17 And these *are* the names of *the* sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei. 18 And *the* sons of Kohath *were* Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. 19 *The* sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. And these *are the* families of the Levites according to their fathers' houses. 20 Of Gershon: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son, 21 ⁵⁵Joah his son, ⁵⁶Iddo his son,

⁵¹ Or, and *The Hb.* vav, ׀ ("and"), like the *Gk.* καί, does not distinguish whether one or two; it can mean either also or even. Archaeology shows us that the name Tukulti-apil-Esharra was abbreviated to Pulu in Babylon. Hence, here translate even.

⁵² In vs. 16, Gershon

⁵³ In ch. 9:11, Meshullam

⁵⁴ In vs. 1, Gershon But see Ex 2:22.

⁵⁵ In vs. 42, Ethan

⁵⁶ In vs. 41, Adaiah

Zerah his son, ⁵⁷Jeatherai his son. 22 *The* sons of Kohath: ⁵⁸Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, 23 Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son, 24 Tahath his son, ⁵⁹Uriel his son, Uziah his son, and Shaul his son. 25 And *the* sons of Elkanah: Amasai, and Ahimoth. 26 ⁶⁰As for Elkanah, *the* sons of Elkanah: ⁶¹Zophai his son, and ⁶²Nahath his son, 27 ⁶³Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son. 28 And *the* sons of Samuel: the firstborn ⁶⁴Joel, and *the* second Abijah. 29 *the* sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son, 30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

31 And these *are they* whom David set over *the* service of song in *the* house of Jehovah, after that the ark had rest. 32 And they ministered with song before *the* tabernacle of *the* tent of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of Jehovah in Jerusalem: and they ⁶⁵waited on their office according to their order. 33 And these *are* they that waited, and their sons. Of *the* sons of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, *the* son of Joel, *the* son of Samuel, 34 *the* son of Elkanah, *the* son of Jeroham, *the* son of Eliel, *the* son of ⁶⁶Toah, 35 *the* son of ⁶⁷Zuph, *the* son of Elkanah, *the* son of Mahath, *the* son of Amasai, 36 *the* son of Elkanah, *the* son of ⁶⁸Joel, *the* son of Azariah, *the* son of Zephaniah, 37 *the* son of Tahath, *the* son of Assir, *the* son of Ebiasaph, *the* son of Korah, 38 *the* son of Izhar, *the* son of Kohath, *the* son of Levi, *the* son of Israel. 39 And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even Asaph *the* son of Berechiah, *the* son of Shimea, 40 *the* son of Michael, *the* son of Baaseiah, *the* son of Malchijah, 41 *the* son of Ethni, *the* son of Zerah, *the* son of Adaiah, 42 *the* son of Ethan, *the* son of Zimmah, *the* son of Shimei, 43 *the* son of Jahath, *the* son of Gershom, *the* son of Levi. 44 And on the left hand their brethren *the* sons of Merari: ⁶⁹Ethan *the* son of ⁷⁰Kishi, *the* son of Abdi, *the* son of Malluch, 45 *the* son of Hashabiah, *the* son of Amaziah, *the* son of Hilkiah, 46 *the* son of Amzi, *the* son of Bani, *the* son of Shemer, 47 *the* son of Mahli, *the* son of Mushi, *the* son of Merari, *the* son of Levi. 48 And their brethren

⁵⁷ In vs. 41, Ethni

⁵⁸ In vss. 2, 18, 38, Izhar

⁵⁹ In vs. 36, Zephaniah,... Azariah,... Joel

⁶⁰ Hb^{txt} Sept. read Elkanah his son, Zophai etc.

⁶¹ In vs. 35, Zuph

⁶² In vs. 34, Toah

⁶³ In vs. 34, Eliel

⁶⁴ See vs. 33, and 1Sa 8:2. *Hb.* Vashni, and Abiah.

⁶⁵ *Hb.* stood And in vs. 33.

⁶⁶ In vs. 26, Nahath

⁶⁷ In vs. 26, Zophai

⁶⁸ In vs. 24, Shaul,... Uziah,... Uzziel

⁶⁹ In ch. 9:16, Jeduthun

⁷⁰ In ch 15:17, Kushaiah

the Levites were ⁷¹appointed for all *the* service of *the* tabernacle of the house of God.

49 But Aaron and his sons ⁷²offered upon the altar of burnt-offering, and upon the altar of incense, for all *the* work of the Most Holy, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded. 50 And these *are the* sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, 51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son, 52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son, 53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

54 Now these *are* their dwelling-places according to their encampments in their borders: to *the* sons of Aaron, of *the* families of the Kohathites, (for theirs was the *first* lot,) 55 to them they gave Hebron in *the* land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about it; 56 but the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb *the* son of Jephunneh. 57 And to *the* sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, Hebron; Libnah also with its suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa with its suburbs, 58 and ⁷³Hilen with its suburbs, Debir with its suburbs, 59 and ⁷⁴Ashan with its suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with its suburbs; 60 and out of *the* tribe of Benjamin, Geba with its suburbs, and ⁷⁵Allemeth with its suburbs, and Anathoth with its suburbs. All their cities throughout their families *were* thirteen cities.

61 And unto the rest of *the* sons of Kohath *were* given by lot, out of *the* family of the tribe, out of *the* half-tribe, *the* half of Manasseh, ten cities. 62 And to *the* sons of Gershom, according to their families, out of *the* tribe of Issachar, and out of *the* tribe of Asher, and out of *the* tribe of Naphtali, and out of *the* tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. 63 Unto *the* sons of Merari *were* given by lot, according to their families, out of *the* tribe of Reuben, and out of *the* tribe of Gad, and out of *the* tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. 64 And *the* children of Israel gave to the Levites the cities with their suburbs. 65 And they gave by lot out of *the* tribe of *the* children of Judah, and out of *the* tribe of *the* children of Simeon, and out of *the* tribe of *the* children of Benjamin, these cities which are mentioned by name.

66 And *some* of *the* families of *the* sons of Kohath had cities of their borders out of *the* tribe of Ephraim. 67 And they gave unto them the cities of refuge, Shechem in *the* hill-country of Ephraim with its suburbs; Gezer also with its suburbs, 68 ⁷⁶and Jokmeam with its suburbs, and Beth-horon with its suburbs, 69 and Aijalon with its suburbs, and Gath-

⁷¹ *Hb.* given See Nu 3:9.

⁷² *Or,* burnt incense upon

⁷³ *In* Josh 21:15, Holon

⁷⁴ *In* Josh 21:16, Ain

⁷⁵ *In* Josh 21:18, Almon

⁷⁶ See Josh 21:22-39, where some of the names are different.

rimmon with its suburbs; 70 and out of *the* half-tribe of Manasseh, Aner with its suburbs, and Bileam with its suburbs, for the rest of *the* family of *the* sons of Kohath.

71 Unto *the* sons of Gershom *were* given, out of *the* family of *the* half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its suburbs, and Ashtaroth with its suburbs; 72 and out of *the* tribe of Issachar, Kedesh with its suburbs, Daberath with its suburbs, 73 and Ramoth with its suburbs, and Anem with its suburbs; 74 and out of *the* tribe of Asher, Mashal with its suburbs, and Abdon with its suburbs, 75 and Hukok with its suburbs, and Rehob with its suburbs; 76 and out of *the* tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its suburbs, and Hammon with its suburbs, and Kiriathaim with its suburbs.

77 Unto the rest of *the* Levites, *the* sons of Merari, *were* given, out of *the* tribe of Zebulun, Rimono with its suburbs, Tabor with its suburbs; 78 and beyond *the* Jordan at Jericho, on *the* east side of the Jordan, *were* given *them*, out of *the* tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with its suburbs, and Jahzah with its suburbs, 79 and Kedemoth with its suburbs, and Mephaath with its suburbs; 80 and out of *the* tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its suburbs, and Mahanaim with its suburbs, 81 and Heshbon with its suburbs, and Jazer with its suburbs.

7 And of *the* sons of Issachar: Tola, and ⁷⁷Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four. 2 And *the* sons of Tola: Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Ibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their fathers' houses, *to wit*, of Tola; mighty men of valor in their generations: their number in *the* days of David *was* twenty-two thousand six hundred. 3 And *the* sons of Uzzi: Izrahiah. And the sons of Izrahiah: Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Isshiah, ⁷⁸five; all of them chief men. 4 And with them, by their generations, after their fathers' houses, *were* bands of *the* host for war, thirty-six thousand; for they had many wives and sons. 5 And their brethren among all *the* families of Issachar, mighty men of valor, reckoned in all by genealogy, *were* eighty-seven thousand.

6 *The* sons of Benjamin: Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three. 7 And *the* sons of Bela: Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of fathers' houses, mighty men of valor; and they were reckoned by genealogy twenty-two thousand thirty-four. 8 And *the* sons of Becher: Zemirah, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jeremoth, and Abijah, and Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these *were the* sons of Becher. 9 And they were reckoned by genealogy, after their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valor, twenty thousand

⁷⁷ *In* Ge 46:13, Puvah, and Iob, and Shimron,

⁷⁸ A name appears to have been lost.

two hundred. 10 And *the* sons of Jediahel: Bilhan. And *the* sons of Bilhan: Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tarshish, and Ahishahar. 11 All these *were* sons of Jediahel, according to *the* heads of *their* fathers' houses, mighty men of valor, seventeen thousand two hundred, that were able to go forth in *the* host for war. 12 ⁷⁹Shuppim also, and Huppim, *the* sons of ⁸⁰Ir, Hushim, *the* sons of ⁸¹Aher.

13 *The* sons of Naphtali: ⁸²Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and ⁸³Shallum, *the* sons of Bilhah.

14 *The* sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom his concubine the Aramitess bare; she bare Machir *the* father of Gilead: 15 and Machir took a wife ⁸⁴of Huppim and Shuppim, ⁸⁵whose sister's name was Maacah; and *the* name of the second was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters *only*. 16 And Maacah *the* wife of Machir bare a son, and she called his name Peresh: and *the* name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons *were* Ulam and Rakem. 17 And *the* sons of Ulam: Bedan. These *were* *the* sons of Gilead *the* son of Machir, *the* son of Manasseh. 18 And his sister Hammolecheth bare Ishhod, and ⁸⁶Abiezer, and Mahlah. 19 And *the* sons of Shemida were Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

20 And *the* sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eleadah his son, and Tahath his son, 21 and Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom *the* men of Gath that *were* born in the land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle. 22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. 23 And he went in to his wife, and she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house. 24 And his daughter was Sheerah, who built Beth-horon the nether and the upper, and Uzzen-sheerah. 25 And Rephah was his son, and Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son, 26 Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son, 27 ⁸⁷Nun his son, Joshua his son.

28 And their possessions and habitations *were* Beth-el and *the* ⁸⁸towns thereof, and eastward ⁸⁹Naaran, and westward Gezer, with *the* towns thereof; Shechem also and *the* towns thereof, unto ⁹⁰Azzah and *the* towns

⁷⁹ In Nu 26:39, Shephupham and Hupham

⁸⁰ In vs. 7, Iri

⁸¹ In Nu 26:38, Ahiram

⁸² In Ge 46:24, Jahzeel

⁸³ In Ge 46:24, Shillem

⁸⁴ Or, for

⁸⁵ Or, and his sister's name

⁸⁶ Possibly in Nu 26:30, Iezer

⁸⁷ Hb. Non

⁸⁸ Hb. daughters

⁸⁹ In Josh 16:7, Naarah

⁹⁰ Many mss. read, Ayyah

thereof; 29 and by *the* borders of *the* children of Manasseh, Beth-shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these dwelt *the* children of Joseph *the* son of Israel.

30 *The* sons of Asher: Imnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. 31 And *the* sons of Beriah: Heber, and Malchiel, who was *the* father of Birzaith. 32 And Heber begat Japhlet, and ⁹¹Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. 33 And *the* sons of Japhlet: Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These *are* *the* children of Japhlet. 34 And *the* sons of ⁹²Shemer: Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram. 35 And *the* ⁹³sons of Helem his brother: Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. 36 *The* sons of Zophah: Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah, 37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera. 38 And *the* sons of Jether: Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara. 39 And *the* sons of Ulla: Arah, and Hanniel, and Rizia. 40 All these *were* *the* children of Asher, heads of the fathers' houses, choice and mighty men of valor, chief of the princes. And *the* number of them reckoned by genealogy for service in war was twenty-six thousand men.

8 And Benjamin begat Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, 2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. 3 And Bela had sons, ⁹⁴Addar, and Gera, and Abihud, 4 and Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, 5 and Gera, and ⁹⁵Shephuphan, and Huram. 6 And these *are* *the* sons of Ehud: these *are* *the* heads of fathers' houses of *the* inhabitants of Geba, and they carried them captive to Manahath: 7 and Naaman, and Ahijah, and Gera, he carried them captive; and he begat Uzza and Ahihud. 8 And Shaharaim begat *children* in *the* field of Moab, after he had ⁹⁶sent them away; Hushim and Baara *were* his wives. 9 And he begat of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcam, 10 and Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirmah. These *were* his sons, heads of fathers' houses. 11 And of Hushim he begat Abitub and Elpaal. 12 And *the* sons of Elpaal: Eber, and Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod, with *the* towns thereof; 13 and Beriah, and Shema, who were heads of fathers' houses of *the* inhabitants of Aijalon, who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath; 14 and Ahio, Shashaq, and Jeremoth, 15 and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Eder, 16 and Michael, and Ishpah, and Joha, *the* sons of Beriah, 17 and Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hizki, and Heber, 18 and Ishmerai, and Izliah, and Jobab, *the* sons of Elpaal, 19 and Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi,

⁹¹ In vs. 34, Shemer

⁹² In vs. 32, Shomer

⁹³ Hb. son

⁹⁴ In Ge 46:21, Ard

⁹⁵ In Nu 26:39, Shephupham

⁹⁶ Or, sent away Hushim and Baara his wives.

20 and Elienai, and Zillethai, and Eliel, 21 and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, *the sons of* ⁹⁷Shimei, 22 and Ishpan, and Eber, and Eliel, 23 and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, 24 and Hananiah, and Elam, and Anthothijah, 25 and Iphdeiah, and Penuel, *the sons of* Shashaq, 26 and Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, 27 and Jareshiah, and Elijah, and Zichri, *the sons of* Jeroham. 28 *These were heads of fathers' houses* throughout their generations, chief *men*: these dwelt in Jerusalem.

29 And in Gibeon there dwelt *the father of* Gibeon, *Jeiel*, whose wife's name was Maacah; 30 and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab, 31 and Gedor, and Ahio, and ⁹⁸Zecher. 32 And Mikloth begat ⁹⁹Shimeah. And they also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against their brethren. 33 And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and ¹⁰⁰Abinadab, and ¹⁰¹Eshbaal. 34 And *the son of* Jonathan was ¹⁰²Meribbaal; and Merib-baal begat Micah. 35 And *the sons of* Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and ¹⁰³Tarea, and Ahaz. 36 And Ahaz begat ¹⁰⁴Jehoaddah; and Jehoaddah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza. 37 And Moza begat Binea; ¹⁰⁵Raphah was his son Eleasah his son, Azel his son. 38 And Azel had six sons, whose names are these: Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these *were the sons of* Azel. 39 And *the sons of* Eshek his brother: Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third. 40 And *the sons of* Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, a hundred fifty. All these *were the sons of* Benjamin.

9 So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they *are* written in *the book of the kings of* Israel: and Judah was carried away captive to Babylon for their transgression. 2 Now the first inhabitants that *dwelt* in their possessions in their cities *were*, Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the Nethinim. 3 And in Jerusalem dwelt of *the children of* Judah, and of *the children of* Benjamin, and of *the children of* Ephraim and Manasseh: 4 Uthai *the son of* Ammihud, *the son of* Omri, *the son of* Imri, *the son of* Bani, of *the children of* Perez *the son of* Judah. 5 And of the Shilonites: Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons. 6 And of

⁹⁷ In vs. 13, Shema

⁹⁸ In ch. 9:37, Zechariah

⁹⁹ In ch. 9:38, Shimeam

¹⁰⁰ In 1Sa 14:49, Ishvi

¹⁰¹ In 2Sa 2:8, Ish-bosheth

¹⁰² In 2Sa 4:4, 9:6, 10, Mephibosheth

¹⁰³ In ch. 9:41, Tahrea

¹⁰⁴ In ch. 9:42, Jarah

¹⁰⁵ In ch. 9:43, Rephaiah

the sons of Zerah: Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred ninety. 7 And of *the sons of* Benjamin: Sallu *the son of* Meshullam, *the son of* Hodaviah, *the son of* Hassenuah, 8 and Ibneiah *the son of* Jeroham, and Elah *the son of* Uzzi, *the son of* Michri, and Meshullam *the son of* Shephatiah, *the son of* Reuel, *the son of* Ibnijah; 9 and their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred fifty-six. All these men *were heads of fathers' houses* by their fathers' houses.

10 And of the priests: Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, Jachin, 11 and ¹⁰⁶Azariah *the son of* Hilkiah, *the son of* Meshullam, *the son of* Zadok, *the son of* Meraioth, *the son of* Ahitub, *the ruler of the house of* God; 12 and Adaiah *the son of* Jeroham, *the son of* Pashhur, *the son of* Malchijah, and Maasai *the son of* Adiel, *the son of* Jahzerah, *the son of* Meshullam, *the son of* Meshillemith, *the son of* Immer; 13 and their brethren, heads of their fathers' houses, a thousand seven hundred sixty; very able men for *the work of the service of the house of* God.

14 And of the Levites: Shemaiah *the son of* Hasshub, *the son of* Azrikam, *the son of* Hashabiah, of *the sons of* Merari; 15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah *the son of* Mica, *the son of* ¹⁰⁷Zichri, *the son of* Asaph, 16 and ¹⁰⁸Obadiah *the son of* ¹⁰⁹Shemaiah, *the son of* Galal, *the son of* Jeduthun, and Berechiah *the son of* Asa, *the son of* Elkanah, that dwelt in *the villages of the* Netophathites.

17 And the porters: Shallum and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren, (Shallum was the chief,) 18 who hitherto *waited* in the king's gate eastward: they *were* the porters for *the camps of the children of* Levi. 19 And Shallum *the son of* Kore, *the son of* Ebiasaph, *the son of* Korah, and his brethren, of his father's house, the Korahites, *were over the work of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the tent: and their fathers had been over the camp of* Jehovah, keepers of the entry. 20 And Phinehas *the son of* Eleazar was ruler over them in time past, and Jehovah was with him. 21 Zechariah *the son of* Meshelemiah was porter of *the door of the tent of meeting*. 22 All these that *were* chosen to be porters in the thresholds *were* two hundred twelve. These were reckoned by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their office of trust. 23 So they and their children *had the oversight of the gates of the house of* Jehovah, *even the house of the tent*, by wards. 24 ¹¹⁰On *the four sides* were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south. 25 And their brethren, in their villages, *were* to come in every seven days from

¹⁰⁶ In Neh 11:11, Seraiah

¹⁰⁷ In Neh 11:17, Zabdi

¹⁰⁸ In Neh 11:17, Abda

¹⁰⁹ In Neh 11:17, Shammua

¹¹⁰ Hb. Towards *the four winds* were the porters, *etc.*

time to time to be with them: 26 for the four chief porters, who were Levites, were in an office of trust, and were over the chambers and over the treasuries in the house of God. 27 And they lodged round about the house of God, because *the charge thereof was* upon them; and to them *pertained* the opening thereof morning by morning.

28 And *certain* of them had charge of the vessels of service; for by count were these brought in and by count were these taken out. 29 *Some* of them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all *the* vessels of the Holy, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. 30 And *some* of *the* sons of the priests prepared the confection of the spices. 31 And Mattithiah, *one* of the Levites, who *was* the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had *the* office of trust over the things that were baked in pans. 32 And *some* of their brethren, of *the* sons of the Kohathites, *were* over the showbread, to prepare *it* every sabbath.

33 And these *are* the singers, heads of fathers' *houses* of the Levites, *who dwelt* in the chambers *and were free from other service*; for they were employed in their work day and night. 34 These *were* heads of fathers' *houses* of the Levites, throughout their generations, chief men: these dwelt at Jerusalem.

35 And in Gibeon there dwelt *the* father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name *was* Maacah; 36 and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, 37 and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. 38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And they also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against their brethren. 39 And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. 40 And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat Micah. 41 And *the* sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, *and Ahaz*. 42 And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza; 43 and Moza begat Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. 44 And Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these: Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these *were the* sons of Azel.

10 Now *the* Philistines fought against Israel: and *the* men of Israel fled from before *the* Philistines, and fell down ¹¹¹slain in mount Gilboa. 2 And *the* Philistines followed hard after Saul and after his sons; and *the* Philistines slew Jonathan, and ¹¹²Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, *the* sons of Saul. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was distressed by reason of the archers. 4 Then said

¹¹¹ *Or*, wounded

¹¹² *In* 1Sa 14:49, Ishvi

Saul unto his armor-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith, lest these uncircumcised come and ¹¹³abuse me. But his armor-bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took *his* sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell upon *his* sword, and died. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons; and all his house died together.

7 And when all *the* men of Israel that *were* in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities, and fled; and *the* Philistines came and dwelt in them. 8 And it came to pass on *the* morrow, when *the* Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And they stripped him, and took his head, and his armor, and sent into *the* land of *the* Philistines round about, to carry *the* tidings unto their idols, and to the people. 10 And they put his armor in *the* house of their gods, and fastened his head in *the* house of Dagon. 11 And when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that *the* Philistines had done to Saul, 12 all *the* valiant men arose, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the ¹¹⁴oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13 So Saul died ¹¹⁵for his trespass which he committed against Jehovah, because of *the* word of Jehovah, which he kept not; and also for that he asked *counsel of one that had* a familiar spirit, to inquire *thereby*, 14 and inquired not of Jehovah: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David *the* son of Jesse.

11 Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh. 2 In times past, even when Saul was king, *it was* thou that ledest out and broughtest in Israel: and Jehovah thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt be shepherd of my people Israel, and thou shalt be ¹¹⁶prince over my people Israel. 3 So all *the* elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Jehovah; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to *the* word of Jehovah by Samuel.

4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (*the* same *is* Jebus); and the Jebusites, *the* inhabitants of the land, *were* there. 5 And *the* inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come in hither. Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion; *the* same *is the* city of David. 6 And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. And Joab *the* son of Zeruiah went up first, and was made chief.

¹¹³ *Or*, make a mock of me.

¹¹⁴ *Or*, terebinth

¹¹⁵ *Or*, in

¹¹⁶ *Or*, leader

7 And David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it *the* city of David. 8 And he built the city round about, from Millo even round about; and Joab¹¹⁷ repaired the rest of the city. 9 And David waxed greater and greater; for Jehovah of hosts *was* with him.

10 Now these *are the* chief of the mighty men whom David had, who¹¹⁸ showed themselves strong with him in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to *the* word of Jehovah concerning Israel. 11 And this is *the* number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam, *the* son of a Hachmonite, *the* chief of the¹¹⁹ thirty; he lifted up his spear against three hundred¹²⁰ and slew *them* at one time. 12 And after him *was* Eleazar *the* son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who *was one* of the three mighty men. 13 He was with David at¹²¹ Pasdammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before *the* Philistines. 14 And they stood in *the* midst of the plot, and defended it, and slew the Philistines; and Jehovah saved *them* by a great¹²² victory.

15 And three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into *the* cave of Adullam; and *the* host of *the* Philistines were encamped in *the* valley of Rephaim. 16 And David *was* then in the stronghold, and *the* garrison of *the* Philistines *was* then in Beth-lehem. 17 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me water to drink of *the* well of Beth-lehem, which *is* by the gate! 18 And the three brake through *the* host of *the* Philistines, and drew water out of *the* well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it*, and brought *it* to David: but David would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto Jehovah, 19 and said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this: shall I drink *the* blood of these men¹²³ that have put their souls in jeopardy? for with *the jeopardy* of their souls they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.

20 And¹²⁴ Abishai, *the* brother of Joab, he was chief of the three; for he lifted up his spear against three hundred¹²⁵ and slew *them*, and had a name among the three. 21¹²⁶ Of the three, he was more honorable than the two, and was made their captain: howbeit he attained not to the *first* three.

¹¹⁷ *Hb.* revived

¹¹⁸ *Or,* held strongly with him

¹¹⁹ Targum reads, captains

¹²⁰ *Hb.* slain at one time.

¹²¹ *In* 1Sa 17:1, Ephes-dammim

¹²² *Hb.* salvation.

¹²³ *Hb.* with their souls in jeopardy

¹²⁴ *Hb.* Abshai, *And so elsewhere.*

¹²⁵ *Hb.* slain,

¹²⁶ *Or,* Of the three in the second rank he was *the* most honorable,

22 Benaiah *the* son of Jehoiada, *the* son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, he slew the two *sons of* Ariel of Moab: he went down also and slew *a* lion in *the* midst of *a* pit in time of snow. 23 And he slew *an* Egyptian, a man of *great* stature,¹²⁷ five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand *was* a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with *a* staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. 24 These *things* did Benaiah *the* son of Jehoiada, and had a name among the three mighty men. 25 Behold he was more honorable than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first* three: and David set him over his¹²⁸ guard.

26 Also *the* mighty men of the armies: Asahel *the* brother of Joab, Elhanan *the* son of Dodo of Beth-lehem, 27¹²⁹ Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the¹³⁰ Pelonite, 28 Ira *the* son of Ikkes the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite, 29¹³¹ Sibbecai the Hushathite, ¹³² Ilai the Ahohite, 30 Maharai the Netophathite, ¹³³ Heled *the* son of Baanah the Netophathite, 31 Ithai *the* son of Ribai of Gibeah of *the* children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, 32¹³⁴ Hurai of *the* brooks of Gaash, ¹³⁵ Abiel the Arbathite, 33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, 34 *the* sons of¹³⁶ Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan *the* son of Shagee the Hararite, 35 Ahiam *the* son of¹³⁷ Sacar the Hararite, ¹³⁸ Eliphai *the* son of Ur, 36 Hopher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, 37 Hezro the Carmelite, ¹³⁹ Naarai *the* son of Ezbai, 38 Joel *the* brother of Nathan, Mibhar *the* son of Hagri, 39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, *the* armor-bearer of Joab *the* son of Zeruiah, 40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, 41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad *the* son of Ahlai, 42 Adina *the* son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with him, 43 Hanan *the* son of Maacah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, 44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel *the* sons of Hotham the Aroerite, 45 Jedaiel *the* son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, 46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, *the* sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, 47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

¹²⁷ *That is,* 2.22 m (*or,* 7 feet 3½ inch)

¹²⁸ *Or,* council.

¹²⁹ *In* 2Sa 23:25, Shammah the Harodite,

¹³⁰ *In* 2Sa 23:26, Paltite

¹³¹ *In* 2Sa 23:27, Mebunnai

¹³² *In* 2Sa 23:28, Zalmon

¹³³ *In* 2Sa 23:29, Heleb

¹³⁴ *In* 2Sa 23:30, Hiddai

¹³⁵ *In* 2Sa 23:31, Abi-albon

¹³⁶ *In* 2Sa 23:32, Jashen

¹³⁷ *In* 2Sa 23:33, Sharar

¹³⁸ *In* 2Sa 23:34, Eliphelet *the* son of Ahasbai,

¹³⁹ *In* 2Sa 23:35, Paarai the Arbite,

12 Now these *are* they that came to David to Ziklag, ¹⁴⁰while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish; and they *were* among the mighty men, his helpers in war. **2** They ¹⁴¹were armed with bows, and could use both the right *hand* and the left in *slinging* stones and in *shooting* arrows from the bow: they were of Saul's brethren of Benjamin. **3** The chief was Ahiezer; then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite, and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth, and Beracah, and Jehu the Anathothite, **4** and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty, and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite, **5** Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite, **6** Elkanah, and Isshiah, and Azarel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites, **7** and Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David to the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for war, that could handle shield and spear; whose faces were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as the roes upon the mountains: **9** Ezer the chief, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, **10** Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, **11** Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, **12** Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, **13** Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh. **14** These of the sons of Gad were captains of the host: he that was least was ¹⁴²equal to a hundred, and the greatest to a thousand. **15** These are they that went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west.

16 And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the stronghold unto David. **17** And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, my heart shall be knit unto you; but if ye be come to betray me to mine adversaries, seeing there is no ¹⁴³wrong in my hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it. **18** Then the Spirit ¹⁴⁴came upon Amasai, who was chief of the ¹⁴⁵thirty, and he said, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thy helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

19 Of Manasseh also there fell away some to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not; for the lords of the

¹⁴⁰ *Hb.* being yet shut up because of Saul

¹⁴¹ *Or.* drew the bow,

¹⁴² *Or.* over a hundred, and the greatest over a thousand

¹⁴³ *Or.* violence

¹⁴⁴ *Hb.* clothed Amasai,

¹⁴⁵ *Hb*^{mg} alone reads captains,

Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall away to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads. **20** As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jedaiel, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of thousands that were of Manasseh. **21** And they helped David against the band of rovers: for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the host. **22** For from day to day men came to David to help him, until there was a great host, like the host of God.

23 And these are the numbers of the heads of them that were armed for war, who came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of Jehovah. **24** The children of Judah that bare shield and spear were six thousand eight hundred, armed for war. **25** Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valor for the war, seven thousand one hundred. **26** Of the children of Levi four thousand six hundred. **27** And Jehoiada was the leader of the house of Aaron; and with him were three thousand seven hundred, **28** and Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty-two captains. **29** And of the children of Benjamin, the brethren of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had ¹⁴⁶kept their allegiance to the house of Saul. **30** And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers' houses. **31** And of the half-tribe of Manasse eighteen thousand, who were mentioned by name, to come and make David king. **32** And of the children of Issachar, men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment. **33** Of Zebulun, such as were able to go out in the host, that could set the battle in array, with all manner of instruments of war, fifty thousand, and that could order the battle array, and were not of double heart. **34** And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty-seven thousand. **35** And of the Danites that could set the battle in array, twenty-eight thousand six hundred. **36** And of Asher, such as were able to go out in the host, that could set the battle in array, forty thousand. **37** And on the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, a hundred twenty thousand.

38 All these, being men of war, that could order the battle array, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. **39** And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking; for their brethren had made preparation for them. **40** Moreover they that were nigh unto them,

¹⁴⁶ *Hb.* kept the charge of the house of Saul.

even as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, victuals of meal, cakes of figs, and clusters of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep in abundance: for *there was* joy in Israel.

13 And David consulted with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, *even* with every leader. **2** And David said unto all *the* assembly of Israel, If *it seem* good unto you, and *if it be* of Jehovah our God, let us send abroad everywhere unto our brethren that *are* left in all *the* ¹⁴⁷land of Israel, ¹⁴⁸with whom the priests and Levites *are* in their cities that *have* ¹⁴⁹suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us; **3** and let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we sought not unto it in *the* days of Saul. **4** And all the assembly said that they would do so; for the thing was right in *the* eyes of all the people. **5** So David assembled all Israel together, from *the* Shihor *the* brook of Egypt even unto *the* entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim. **6** And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, *that is*, to Kiriath-jearim, which *belonged* to Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, *of* Jehovah that ¹⁵⁰dwelleth *among* the cherubim, ¹⁵¹that is called by *the* Name. **7** And they carried the ark of God upon a new cart, *and brought it* out of *the* house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. **8** And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, even with songs, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 And when they came unto *the* threshing-floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen ¹⁵²stumbled. **10** And *the* anger of Jehovah was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put forth his hand to the ark; and there he died before God. **11** And David was displeased, because Jehovah had broken forth upon Uzza: and he called that place ¹⁵³Perez-uzza, unto this day. **12** And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God *home* to me? **13** So David removed not the ark unto him into *the* city of David, but carried it aside into *the* house of ¹⁵⁴Obed-edom the Gittite. **14** And the ark of God remained with *the* family of Obed-edom in his house three months: and Jehovah blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

¹⁴⁷ *Hb.* lands of Israel,

¹⁴⁸ *Or,* and with them to the priests and Levites *that are*

¹⁴⁹ *Or,* pasture lands,

¹⁵⁰ *Or,* is enthroned *above* the cherubim,

Cf. Ez 10:18, 19.

¹⁵¹ *Or,* where *the* Name is called on.

¹⁵² *Or,* were restive. *or,* threw it down.

¹⁵³ *That is,* *The* breach of Uzza,

¹⁵⁴ *Likely a Levite with a "gath" (wine-press), on the road from Kiriath-jearim up toward Jerusalem.*

14 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar-trees, and masons, and carpenters, to build him a house. **2** And David perceived that Jehovah had established him king over Israel; for his kingdom was exalted on high, for his people Israel's sake.

3 And David took more wives at Jerusalem; and David begat more sons and daughters. **4** And these *are* *the* names of the children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, **5** and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpelet, **6** and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, **7** and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

8 And when *the* Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all *the* Philistines went up to seek David: and David heard *of it*, and went out ¹⁵⁵against them. **9** Now *the* Philistines had come and made a raid in *the* valley of Rephaim. **10** And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against *the* Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into my hand? And Jehovah said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thy hand. **11** So they came up to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there; and David said, God hath ¹⁵⁶broken mine enemies by my hand, like *the* breach of waters. Therefore they called *the* name of that place ¹⁵⁷Baal-perazim. **12** And they left their gods there; and David gave commandment, and they were burned with fire.

13 And *the* Philistines yet again made a raid in the valley. **14** And David inquired again of God; and God said unto him, Thou shalt not go up after them: turn away from them, and come upon them over against the ¹⁵⁸mulberry-trees. **15** And it shall be, when thou hearest ¹⁵⁹the sound of marching in *the* tops of the mulberry-trees, *that* then thou shalt go out to battle; for God is gone out before thee to smite the host of *the* Philistines. **16** And David did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of *the* Philistines from ¹⁶⁰Gibeon even to Gezer. **17** And *the* fame of David went out into all lands; and Jehovah brought the fear of him upon all nations.

15 And *David* made him houses in *the* city of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. **2** Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath Jehovah chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him ¹⁶¹forever. **3** And David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Jehovah unto its

¹⁵⁵ *Or,* before them.

¹⁵⁶ *Or,* broken forth upon mine enemies

¹⁵⁷ *That is,* *The* place of breakings forth.

¹⁵⁸ *Or,* balsam-trees. *Also in* vs. 15.

¹⁵⁹ *Likely blowing dust eastward towards the Philistines.*

¹⁶⁰ *In* 2Sa 5:25, Geba

¹⁶¹ *Or,* for time unlimited. [*i.e.*, without fixed termination]

place, which he had prepared for it. 4 And David gathered together the sons of Aaron, and the Levites: 5 of *the* sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and his brethren a hundred twenty; 6 of *the* sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred twenty; 7 of *the* sons of Gershom, Joel the chief, and his brethren a hundred thirty; 8 of *the* sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred; 9 of *the* sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and his brethren eighty; 10 of *the* sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and his brethren a hundred twelve. 11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, 12 and said unto them, *Ye are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of Jehovah, the God of Israel, unto the place that I have prepared for it.* 13 For because ye *bare it* not at the first, Jehovah our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not according to the ordinance. 14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of Jehovah, *the God of Israel.* 15 And *the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded*¹⁶² according to *the word of Jehovah.*

16 And David spake to the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brethren the singers, with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up *the voice with joy.* 17 So the Levites appointed Heman *the son of Joel;* and of his brethren, Asaph *the son of Berechiah;* and of *the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;* 18 and with them their brethren of the second *degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the doorkeepers.* 19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan *were appointed,* with cymbals of copper to sound aloud; 20 and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries set to Alamoth; 21 and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azariah, with harps set to the Sheminith, to lead. 22 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, *was over*¹⁶³ *the song: he instructed about the song, because he was skilful.* 23 And Berechiah and Elkanah *were doorkeepers for the ark.* 24 And Shebaniah, and Joshaphat, and Nethanel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah *were doorkeepers for the ark.*

¹⁶² Nu 4:15.

¹⁶³ *Or, the carrying of the ark (twice) And in vs. 27. Hb. the lifting up*

25 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of *the covenant of Jehovah out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.* 26 And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare *the ark of the covenant of Jehovah,* that they sacrificed seven bullocks and seven rams. 27 And David *was* clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song *with the singers: and David had* upon him an ephod of linen. 28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of *the covenant of Jehovah with shouting, and with sound of the rams horn trumpet, and with straight trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding aloud with psalteries and harps.*

29 And it came to pass, *as the ark of the covenant of Jehovah came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David dancing and playing; and she despised him in her heart.*

16 And they brought in the ark of God, and set it in *the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before God.* 2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offering and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in *the name of Jehovah.* 3 And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread, and a portion¹⁶⁴ of meat, and a cake of raisins.

4 And he appointed *certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of Jehovah, and to celebrate and to thank and praise Jehovah, the God of Israel:* 5 Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah,¹⁶⁵ Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, with psalteries and with harps; and Asaph with cymbals, sounding aloud; 6 and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually, before *the ark of the covenant of God.*

7 Then on that day did David¹⁶⁶ first ordain to give thanks unto Jehovah, by *the hand of Asaph and his brethren.*¹⁶⁷

8 O give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name; Make known his doings among the peoples.

9 Sing unto him, sing praises unto him; ¹⁶⁸Talk ye of all his marvellous works.

10 Glory ye in his holy name;

Let *the heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah.*

11 Seek ye Jehovah and his strength;

Seek his face evermore.

12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, His wonders, and *the judgments of his mouth,*

¹⁶⁴ *Or, of wine,*

¹⁶⁵ *In ch. 15:18, Jaaziel,*

¹⁶⁶ *Or, make it the chief work to give thanks*

¹⁶⁷ *Vss. 8-22 are the same as Ps 105:1-15.*

¹⁶⁸ *Or, Meditate on all his marvellous works.*

13 O ye seed of Israel his servant,
 Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
 14 He *is* Jehovah our God;
 His judgments *are* in all the earth.
 15 Remember his covenant forever,
The word which he commanded to a thousand
 generations,
 16 *The covenant* which he made with Abraham,
 And his oath unto Isaac,
 17 And confirmed *the* same unto Jacob for a statute,
 To Israel for an everlasting covenant,
 18 Saying, Unto thee will I give *the* land of Canaan,
The ¹⁶⁹lot of your inheritance;
 19 When ye were but a few men in number,
 Yes, very few, and sojourners in it;
 20 And they went about from nation to nation,
 And from *one* kingdom to another people.
 21 He suffered no man to do them wrong;
 Yes, he reproveth kings for their sakes,
 22 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed ones,
 And do my prophets no harm.
 23 Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth;
 Show forth his salvation from day to day.
 24 Declare his glory among the nations,
 His marvellous works among all the peoples.
 25 For great *is* Jehovah, and greatly to be praised:
 He also *is* to be feared above all gods.
 26 For all *the* gods of the peoples *are* ¹⁷⁰idols:
 But Jehovah made *the* heavens.
 27 Honor and majesty *are* before him:
 Strength and gladness *are* in his place.
 28 Ascribe unto Jehovah, ye kindreds of *the* peoples,
 Ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength;
 29 Ascribe unto Jehovah *the* glory *due* unto his name:
 Bring an offering, and come before him;
 Worship Jehovah ¹⁷¹in holy apparel.
 30 Tremble before him, all the earth:
The world also is established that it cannot be
moved.
 31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
 And let *them* say among the nations, Jehovah
 reigneth.
 32 Let the sea roar, and *the* fulness thereof;
 Let the field exult, and all that *is* therein;
 33 Then shall *the* trees of the wood sing for joy
 before Jehovah;
 For he cometh to judge the earth.
 34 O give thanks unto Jehovah; for *he is* good;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
 35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation,
 And gather us together and deliver us from the
 nations,
 To give thanks unto thy holy name,

¹⁶⁹ *Hb.* cord or, line

¹⁷⁰ *Or*, things of nought:

¹⁷¹ *Or*, in *the* beauty of holiness.

And to triumph in thy praise.

36 Blessed *be* Jehovah, *the* God of Israel,
 From everlasting even to everlasting.

And all the people said, Amen, and praised Jehovah.

37 So he left there, before *the* ark of *the* covenant of
 Jehovah, Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the
 ark continually, as every day's work required; 38 and
 Obed-edom with their brethren, sixty-eight; Obed-
 edom also *the* son of Jeduthun and Hosah *to be*
 doorkeepers; 39 and Zadok the priest, and his brethren
 the priests, before *the* tabernacle of Jehovah in the high
 place that *was* at Gibeon, 40 to offer burnt-offerings
 unto Jehovah upon the altar of burnt-offering continually
 towards morning and evening, ¹⁷²even according to all
 that is written in *the* law of Jehovah, which he
 commanded unto Israel; 41 and with them Heman and
 Jeduthun, and *the* rest that were chosen, who were
 mentioned by name, to give thanks to Jehovah, because
 his lovingkindness *endureth* forever; 42 and with them
¹⁷³Heman and Jeduthun *with* trumpets and cymbals for
 those that should sound aloud, and *with* instruments for
 the songs of God; and *the* sons of Jeduthun *to be* at the
 gate. 43 And all the people departed every man to his
 house: and David returned to bless his house.

17 And it came to pass, when David dwelt in his
 house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo,
 I dwell in a house of cedar, but *the* ark of the covenant
 of Jehovah *dwelleth* under curtains. 2 And Nathan said
 unto David, Do all that *is* in thy heart; for God *is* with
 thee. 3 And it came to pass the same night, that *the*
 word of God came to Nathan, saying, 4 Go and tell
 David my servant, Thus saith Jehovah, Thou shalt not
 build me *a* house to dwell in: 5 for I have not dwelt in
 a house since the day that I brought up Israel, unto this
 day, but ¹⁷⁴have gone from tent to tent, and from *one*
 tabernacle *to another*. 6 In all places wherein I have
 walked with all Israel, spake I a word with any of *the*
 judges of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of
 my people, saying, Why have ye not built me a house
 of cedar? 7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my
 servant David, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, I took thee
 from the ¹⁷⁵sheepcote, from following the sheep, that
 thou shouldst be ¹⁷⁶prince over my people Israel:
 8 and I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast
 gone, and have cut off all thine enemies from before
 thee; and I will make thee a name, like unto *the* name
 of the great ones that *are* in the earth. 9 And I will
 appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant
 them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be
 moved no more; neither shall *the* children of
 wickedness waste them any more, as at the first,

¹⁷² Ex 29:38-42; Nu 28:3-6.

¹⁷³ Sept. *omits* Heman and Jeduthun *with*

¹⁷⁴ *Hb.* have been from tent to tent, *etc.*

¹⁷⁵ *Or*, pasture,

¹⁷⁶ *Or*, leader over my people Israel:

10 and *as* from *the* day that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel; and I ¹⁷⁷will subdue all thine enemies. Moreover I tell thee that Jehovah will build thee a house. 11 And it shall come to pass, when thy days are fulfilled that thou must go *to be* with thy fathers, that I will set up thy seed after thee, who shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12 He shall build me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. 13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my lovingkindness away from him, as I took *it* from *him* that was before thee; 14 but I will settle him in my house and in my kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever. 15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

16 Then David the king went in, and sat before Jehovah; and he said, Who *am* I, O Jehovah God, and what *is* my house, that thou hast brought me thus far? 17 And this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; but thou hast spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O Jehovah God. 18 What can David *say* yet more unto thee concerning *the* honor which is done to thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant. 19 O Jehovah, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou wrought all this greatness, to make known all these great things. 20 O Jehovah, *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 21 ¹⁷⁸And what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem unto himself for a people, to make thee a name by great and terrible things, in driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou redeemedst out of Egypt? 22 For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, Jehovah, becamest their God. 23 And now, O Jehovah, let the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, be established forever, and do as thou hast spoken. 24 ¹⁷⁹And let thy name be established and magnified forever, saying, Jehovah of hosts *is the* God of Israel, *even* a God to Israel: and *the* house of David thy servant *is* established before thee. 25 For thou, O my God, hast revealed to thy servant that thou wilt build him a house: therefore hath thy servant found *in his heart* to pray before thee. 26 And now, O Jehovah, thou art God, and hast promised this good *thing* unto thy servant: 27 and now it hath pleased thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue forever before thee: for thou, O Jehovah, hast blessed, and *it is* blessed forever.

¹⁷⁷ *Or*, have subdued all thine enemies.

¹⁷⁸ *Or*, And who *is* like thy people Israel, a nation that is alone in the earth, which God went to redeem *etc.*

¹⁷⁹ *Or*, Yes, let it be established, and let thy name be magnified forever,

18 And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and its towns out of *the* hand of *the* Philistines. 2 And he smote Moab; and *the* Moabites became servants to David, *and* brought tribute.

3 And David smote ¹⁸⁰Hadarezer king of Zobah ¹⁸¹unto Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by *the* river Euphrates. 4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen; and David hocked all the chariot *horses*, but reserved of them for a hundred chariots.

5 And when *the* ¹⁸²Syrians of ¹⁸³Damascus came to succor Hadarezer king of Zobah, David smote of *the* Syrians twenty-two thousand men. 6 Then David put garrisons in ¹⁸⁴Syria of Damascus; and *the* Syrians became servants to David, *and* brought tribute. And Jehovah ¹⁸⁵gave victory to David whithersoever he went. 7 And David took the shields of gold that were on *the* servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 8 And from Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadarezer, David took very much copper, wherewith Solomon made the copper sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of copper.

9 And when Tou king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah, 10 he sent Hadoram his son to king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadarezer and smitten him; (for Hadarezer had wars with Tou;) and *he had with him* all manner of vessels of gold and silver and copper. 11 These also did king David sanctify unto Jehovah, with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the nations; from Edom and from Moab, and from *the* children of Ammon, and from *the* Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover ¹⁸⁶Abishai *the* son of Zeruiah smote of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt eighteen thousand. 13 And he put garrisons in Edom; and all *the* Edomites became servants to David. And Jehovah gave victory to David whithersoever he went.

14 And David reigned over all Israel; and he executed justice and righteousness unto all his people. 15 And Joab *the* son of Zeruiah *was* over the host; and Jehoshaphat *the* son of Ahilud was ¹⁸⁷recorder; 16 and

¹⁸⁰ *In* 2Sa 8:3-12, Hadadezer *The Hebrew letters* d(ד) and r(ר) look and sound similar. See also vss. 5-10

¹⁸¹ *Or*, by

¹⁸² *Hb.* Aram (both times) And so everywhere.

¹⁸³ *Hb.* Darmesek And in vs. 6.

¹⁸⁴ *Hb.* Aram And so everywhere.

¹⁸⁵ *Or*, saved David whithersoever he went.

Also in vs. 13.

¹⁸⁶ *Hb.* Abshai And so elsewhere.

¹⁸⁷ *Or*, chronicler;

Zadok *the* son of Ahitub, and ¹⁸⁸Abimelech *the* son of Abiathar, *were* priests; and Shavsha was ¹⁸⁹scribe; 17 and Benaiah *the* son of Jehoiada *was* over ¹⁹⁰the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and *the* sons of David were chiefs about the king.

19 And it came to pass after this, that Nahash *the* king of *the* children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. 2 And David said, I will show kindness unto Hanun *the* son of Nahash, ¹⁹¹because his father showed kindness to me. So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into *the* land of *the* children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. 3 But *the* princes of *the* children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honor thy father, in that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? 4 So Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to *their* buttocks, and sent them away. 5 Then there went *certain* persons, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return.

6 And when *the* children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and *the* children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of ¹⁹²Mesopotamia, and out of Aram-maacah, and out of Zobah. 7 So they hired them thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people, who came and encamped before Medeba. And *the* children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle. 8 And when David heard of *it*, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. 9 And *the* children of Ammon came out, and put *the* battle in array at *the* gate of the city: and the kings that were come *were* by themselves in the field.

10 Now when Joab saw that ¹⁹³the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all *the* choice men of Israel, and put *them* in array against *the* ¹⁹⁴Syrians. 11 And the rest of the people he committed into *the* hand of ¹⁹⁵Abishai his brother; and they put *themselves* in array against *the* children of Ammon.

¹⁸⁸ *The versions read* Ahimelech

¹⁸⁹ *Or*, secretary;

¹⁹⁰ *Likely*, the elite palace guard and the couriers; *And so elsewhere. Compare* ch. 11:25; 2Sa 20:7, 23.

¹⁹¹ *Though not recorded, it was likely when David was a fugitive from Saul. Hanun may have had better recollection of losing a battle in* ch. 18:11.

¹⁹² *Hb.* Aram-naharaim (Aram between *the* two rivers)

¹⁹³ *Hb.* *the* face of the battle was against *etc.*

¹⁹⁴ *Lit.* Arameans. *See* vs. 6 and *its* marginal note.

¹⁹⁵ *Hb.* Abshai *And so elsewhere.*

12 And he said, If *the* Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if *the* children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee. 13 Be of good courage, and let us play *the* man for our people, and for *the* cities of our God: and Jehovah do *that* *which* seemeth him good. 14 So Joab and the people that *were* with him drew nigh before *the* Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him. 15 And when *the* children of Ammon saw that *the* Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

16 And when *the* Syrians saw that they were put to *the* worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that *were* beyond the River, with Shophach *the* captain of *the* host of Hadarezer at their head. 17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came upon them, and set *the* battle in array against them. So when David had put *the* battle in array against *the* Syrians, they fought with him. 18 And *the* Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of *the* Syrians *the* men of seven thousand chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach *the* captain of the host. 19 And when *the* servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to *the* worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and served him: neither would *the* Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

20 And it came to pass, at *the* time of *the* return of the year, at *the* time when kings go out to battle, that Joab led forth the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and overthrew it. 2 And David took the crown ¹⁹⁶of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh ¹⁹⁷a talent of gold, and *there were* precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought forth *the* spoil of the city, exceeding much. 3 And he brought forth the people that *were* therein, and ¹⁹⁸cut *them* with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. And thus did David unto all *the* cities of *the* children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at ¹⁹⁹Gezer with *the* Philistines: then Sibbecai the Hushathite slew Sippai, of *the* sons of the giants; and they were subdued. 5 And there was again war with the Philistines; and Elhanan *the* son of Jair slew Lahmi *the* brother of Goliath the Gittite, *the* staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam. 6 And there was again war at Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, whose fingers and toes *were* twenty-four, six on *each*

¹⁹⁶ *Or*, of Malcam from off his head, *See* Zp 1:5.

¹⁹⁷ *About* 35 kg (*or*, 77 pounds).

¹⁹⁸ *Or perhaps*, put them to... to... to... *Cf.* 2Sa 12:31.

¹⁹⁹ *In* 2Sa 21:18, Gob

hand, and six *on each foot*; and he also was born unto the giant. 7 And when he ²⁰⁰defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, slew him. 8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by *the* hand of David, and by *the* hand of his servants.

21 And ²⁰¹Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. 2 And David said to Joab and to *the* princes of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know the sum of them. 3 And Joab said, Jehovah make his people a hundred times as many as they *are*: but, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lord's servants? why doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of guilt unto Israel? 4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. 5 And Joab gave up the sum of *the* numbering of the people unto David. And all *they of* Israel were a thousand thousand and a hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah *was* four hundred seventy thousand men that drew sword. 6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them; for the king's word was abominable to Joab. 7 And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel. 8 And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing: but now, put away, I beseech thee, the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

9 And Jehovah spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying, 10 Go and speak unto David, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, I ²⁰²offer thee three *things*: choose thee one of them, that I may do *it* unto thee. 11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Take which thou wilt: 12 either three years of famine; or three months to be consumed before thy foes, while *the* sword of thine enemies overtaketh *thee*; or else three days *the* sword of Jehovah, ²⁰³even pestilence in the land, and *the* angel of Jehovah destroying throughout all *the* borders of Israel. Now therefore consider what answer I shall return to him *that* sent me. 13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall, I pray, into *the* hand of Jehovah; for very ²⁰⁴great *are* his mercies: and let me not fall into *the* hand of man. 14 So Jehovah sent a pestilence upon Israel; and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. 15 And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was about to destroy, Jehovah beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the destroying angel, It is enough; now stay thy hand. And *the* angel of Jehovah

²⁰⁰ *Or*, reproached

²⁰¹ *Or*, an adversary stood up *Thus, David was taking a census of able-bodied men to go to battle.*

²⁰² *Hb.* stretch out unto thee

²⁰³ *Or*, and

²⁰⁴ *Or*, many

was standing by *the* threshing-floor of ²⁰⁵Ornan the Jebusite. 16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of Jehovah standing between earth and heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. 17 And David said unto God, *Is it not I that* commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done very wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? let thy hand, I pray thee, O Jehovah my God, be against me, and against my father's house; but not against thy people, that they should be plagued.

18 Then *the* angel of Jehovah commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and rear an altar unto Jehovah in *the* threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 19 And David went up at *the* saying of Gad, which he spake in *the* name of Jehovah. 20 And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons that were with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. 21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to David with *his* face to *the* ground. 22 Then David said to Ornan, Give me the place *of this* threshing-floor, that I may build thereon an altar unto Jehovah: for *the* full price shalt thou give it me, that the plague may be stayed from the people. 23 And Ornan said unto David, Take *it* to thee, and let my lord the king do *that which is* good in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* the oxen for burnt-offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal-offering; I give it all. 24 And king David said to Ornan, No; but I will truly buy it for *the* full price: for I will not take *that which is* thine for Jehovah, nor offer a burnt-offering without cost. 25 So David gave to Ornan for the place ²⁰⁶six hundred shekels of gold by weight. 26 And David built there an altar unto Jehovah, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and called upon Jehovah; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt-offering. 27 And Jehovah commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into *the* sheath thereof.

28 At that time, when David saw that Jehovah had answered him in *the* threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. 29 For *the* tabernacle of Jehovah, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt-offering, *were* at that time in the high place at Gibeon. 30 But David could not go before it to inquire of God; for he was afraid because of *the* sword of *the* angel of Jehovah.

²⁰⁵ *In* 2Sa 24:16, etc., Araunah

²⁰⁶ *That is*, nearly 7 kg of gold for the land (which later became the Temple mount, ch. 22:1). *The threshing-floor itself and the oxen cost* 50 shekels (0.58 kg) of silver, *per* 2Sa 24:24.

22 Then David said, This *is the* house of Jehovah God, and this *is the* altar of burnt-offering for Israel.

2 And David commanded to gather together the sojourners that *were in the* land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. 3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the couplings; and copper in abundance without weight; 4 and cedar-trees without number: for the Sidonians and they of Tyre brought cedar-trees in abundance to David. 5 And David said, Solomon my son *is* ²⁰⁷young and tender, and the house *that is* to be builded for Jehovah *must be* exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will *therefore* make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build a house for Jehovah, *the* God of Israel. 7 And David said to Solomon ²⁰⁸his son, As for me, it was in my heart to build a house unto *the* name of Jehovah my God. 8 But *the* word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build a house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon *the* earth in my sight. 9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about; for his name shall be ²⁰⁹Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days: 10 he shall build a house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I *will be* his father; and I will establish *the* throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever. 11 Now, my son, Jehovah be with thee; and prosper thou, and build *the* house of Jehovah thy God, as he hath spoken concerning thee. 12 Only Jehovah give thee discretion and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel; that so thou mayest keep the law of Jehovah thy God. 13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou observe to do the statutes and the ordinances with which Jehovah charged Moses concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; fear not, neither be dismayed. 14 Now, behold, in my ²¹⁰affliction I have prepared for *the* house of Jehovah ²¹¹a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver, and of copper and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. 15 Moreover *there are* workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber,

²⁰⁷ Likely late 20's. Later, cf. ch. 29:1.

²⁰⁸ So most Hb. mss., Aram. Some Hb. mss., Sept., Vg. read My son, as for me

²⁰⁹ That is, Peaceful Compare Shalom = Peace.

²¹⁰ Or, low estate

²¹¹ About 3.47 thousand metric tons (0.18 m³) of gold, and 34.7 thousand metric tons (3.3 m³) of silver.

and all men that are skilful in every manner of work: 16 of the gold, the silver, and the copper, and the iron, there is no number. Arise and be doing and Jehovah be with thee.

17 David also commanded all *the* princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*, 18 Is not Jehovah your God with you? and hath he *not* given you rest on every side? for he hath delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand; and the land is subdued before Jehovah, and before his people. 19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek after Jehovah your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of Jehovah God, to bring the ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah, and the holy vessels of God, into the house *that is* to be built to *the* name of Jehovah.

23 Now David was old and full of days; and he made Solomon his son king over Israel. 2 And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. 3 And the Levites were numbered from ²¹²thirty years old and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty-eight thousand. 4 Of these twenty-four thousand *were* to oversee the work of the house of Jehovah; and six thousand *were* officers and judges; 5 and four thousand *were* door-keepers; and four thousand praised Jehovah with the instruments which I made, *said David*, to praise *therewith*. 6 And David divided them into ²¹³courses according to *the* sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7 Of the Gershonites: ²¹⁴Ladan and Shimei. 8 *The* sons of Ladan: Jehiel the chief, and Zetham, and Joel, three. 9 *The* sons of Shimei: Shelomoth, and Haziël, and Haran, three. These *were the* heads of the fathers' houses of Ladan. 10 And *the* sons of Shimei: Jahath, ²¹⁵Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four *were the* sons of Shimei. 11 And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they became a fathers' house in one reckoning.

12 *The* sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. 13 *The* sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses; and Aaron was separated, ²¹⁶that he should sanctify *the* most holy things, he and his sons, ²¹⁷for ever, to burn incense before Jehovah, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, for ever. 14 But *as for* Moses the man of God, his sons were named among the tribe of Levi. 15 *The* sons of Moses: Gershom and

²¹² per Nu 4. But 20 [vs. 24] or, 25 [Nu 8:24].

²¹³ Hb. divisions

²¹⁴ So also in ch. 26:21. But in ch. 6:17, Libni

²¹⁵ In vs. 11, Zizah

²¹⁶ Or, to sanctify as most holy him and his sons,

²¹⁷ Or, for time unlimited, (*both times*) [i.e., without fixed termination]

Eliezer. 16 *The sons of Gershom:* ²¹⁸Shebuel the chief. 17 And *the sons of Eliezer were:* Rehabiah the chief; and Eliezer had no other sons; but *the sons of Rehabiah were very many.* 18 *The sons of Izhar:* ²¹⁹Shelomith the chief. 19 *The sons of Hebron:* Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. 20 *The sons of Uzziel:* Micah the chief, and Isshiah the second.

21 *The sons of Merari:* Mahli and Mushi. *The sons of Mahli:* Eleazar and Kish. 22 And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters only; and their brethren *the sons of Kish took them to wife.* 23 *The sons of Mushi:* Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

24 *These were the sons of Levi after their fathers' houses, even the heads of the fathers' houses of those of them that were counted, in the number of names by their polls, who did the work for the service of the house of Jehovah, from twenty years old and upward.* 25 For David said, Jehovah, *the God of Israel, hath given rest unto his people; and he dwelleth in Jerusalem* ²²⁰*forever:* 26 and also the Levites shall no more have need to carry the tabernacle and all the vessels of it for *the service thereof.* 27 For ²²¹*by the last words of David the sons of Levi were numbered, from twenty years old and upward.* 28 For ²²²*their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of Jehovah, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, even the work of the service of the house of God; 29 for the showbread also, and for the fine flour for a meal-offering, whether of unleavened wafers, or of that which is baked in the pan, or of that which is soaked, and for all manner of measure and size; 30 and to stand every morning to thank and praise Jehovah, and likewise towards evening; 31 and to offer all burnt-offerings unto Jehovah, on the sabbaths, on the new moons, and on the set feasts, in number according to the ordinance concerning them, continually before Jehovah; 32 and that they should keep the charge of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the Holy, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, for the service of the house of Jehovah.*

24 And *the courses of the sons of Aaron were these.* *The sons of Aaron:* Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and

²¹⁸ In ch. 24:20, Shubael *Meaning, Returned to God* Targum says, *It is Jonathan (Jg 18:30) after he reformed from idols.*

²¹⁹ In ch. 24:22, Shelomoth

²²⁰ Or, for time unlimited, [*i.e.*, without fixed termination]

²²¹ Or, in the last acts of David

²²² Hb. *their station was at the hand of the sons of Aaron* See similar wording in Neh. 11:24.

Ithamar executed the priest's office. 3 ²²³And David with Zadok of *the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their ordering in their service.* 4 And there were more chief men found of *the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and thus were they divided: of the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen, heads of fathers' houses; and of the sons of Ithamar, according to their fathers' houses, eight.* 5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for there were princes of *the Holy, and princes of God, both of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.* 6 And Shemaiah *the son of Nethanel the scribe, who was of the Levites, wrote them in the presence of the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and of the Levites; one fathers' house being taken for Eleazar, and* ²²⁴*one taken for Ithamar.*

7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

8 the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9 the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to ²²⁵Abijah,

11 the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

12 *the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,*

13 *the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth*

to Jeshebeab,

14 *the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,*

15 *the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth*

to Happizez,

16 *the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth*

to Jehezkel,

17 *the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second*

to Gamul,

18 *the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth*

to Maaziah.

19 *This was the ordering of them in their service, to come into the house of Jehovah according to the ordinance given unto them by Aaron their father, as Jehovah, the God of Israel, had commanded him.*

20 And of the rest of *the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram,* ²²⁶Shubael; of *the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah.* 21 Of Rehabiah: of *the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the chief.* 22 Of the Izharites, ²²⁷Shelomoth; of *the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.* 23 And *the sons of Hebron:* Jeriah *the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.* 24 *The sons of Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of Micah, Shamir.* 25 *The brother of Micah,*

²²³ Or, And David divided them, even Zadok *etc.*

²²⁴ Hb^{INT} reads, taken, taken

²²⁵ *The course of Abijah is mentioned in Lk 1:5, which implies the 24 courses were reckoned until the destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70.*

²²⁶ In ch. 23:16, Shebuel

²²⁷ In ch. 23:18, Shelomith

Isshiah; of *the* sons of Isshiah, Zechariah. 26 *The* sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi; *the* sons of Jaaziah: Beno. 27 *The* sons of Merari: of Jaaziah, Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri. 28 Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons. 29 Of Kish; *the* sons of Kish: Jerahmeel. 30 And *the* sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were the* sons of the Levites after their fathers' houses. 31 These likewise cast lots even as their brethren *the* sons of Aaron in *the* presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and *the* heads of the fathers' *houses* of the priests and of the Levites; *the* fathers' *houses* of the chief even as those of his younger brother.

25 Moreover David and *the* captains of the host set apart for the service certain of *the* sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and *the* number of them that did *the* work according to their service was: 2 of *the* sons of Asaph: Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and ²²⁸Asharelah, *the* sons of Asaph, under *the* hand of Asaph, who prophesied ²²⁹after *the* orders of the king. 3 Of Jeduthun; *the* sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, and ²³⁰Zeri, and Jeshaiiah, ²³¹Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, ²³²six, under *the* hands of their father Jeduthun with the harp, who prophesied in giving thanks and praising Jehovah. 4 Of Heman; *the* sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, ²³³Uzziel, ²³⁴Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romami-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth. 5 All these *were the* sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up *the* horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. 6 All these *were* under *the* hands of their father for song in *the* house of Jehovah, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for *the* service of the house of God; ²³⁵Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman being under *the* orders of the king. 7 And *the* number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in singing unto Jehovah, *even* all that were skilful, was two hundred eighty-eight. 8 And they ²³⁶cast lots for their offices, all alike, as well the small as the great, *the* teacher as *the* scholar.

²²⁸ In vs. 14, Jesharelah

²²⁹ Hb. by *the* hands of the king.

²³⁰ In vs. 11, Izri

²³¹ Sept. reads Shimei, given in vs. 17 as *the* fourth of Jeduthun's sons in the sequence of vss. 9-21. Massoretic, Aram., Vg. omit Shimei.

²³² With Shimei, mentioned in vs. 17.

²³³ In vs. 18, Azarel

²³⁴ In vs. 20, Shubael

²³⁵ Or, after *the* orders of the king, *even* Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.

²³⁶ Or, cast lots, ward against ward, as well *etc.*

9 Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph.²³⁷ the second to Gedaliah; he and his brethren and sons *were* twelve: 10 the third to Zaccur, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 11 the fourth to Izri, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 12 the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 13 the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 14 the seventh to Jesharelah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 15 the eighth to Jeshaiiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 16 the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 17 the tenth to Shimei, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 18 *the* eleventh to Azarel, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 19 *the* twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 20 for *the* thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 21 for *the* fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 22 for *the* fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 23 for *the* sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 24 for *the* seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 25 for *the* eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 26 for *the* nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 27 for *the* twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 28 for *the* twenty-first to Hothir, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 29 for *the* twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 30 for *the* twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 31 for *the* twenty-fourth to Romami-ezer, his sons and his brethren, twelve.

26 For *the* courses of *the* doorkeepers: of the Korahites, ²³⁸Meshelemiah *the* son of Kore, of *the* sons of ²³⁹Asaph. 2 And Meshelemiah *had* sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, 3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh. 4 And Obed-edom *had* sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethanel the fifth, 5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth; for God blessed him. 6 Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, *that* ruled over the house of their father; for they *were* mighty men of valor. 7 *The* sons of Shemaiah: Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren *were* valiant men, Elihu, and Semachiah. 8 All these were of *the* sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men in strength for the service; sixty-two of Obed-edom. 9 And Meshelemiah *had* sons and brethren, valiant men, eighteen. 10 Also Hosah, of *the* children of Merari, *had* sons: Shimri the chief, (for *though* he was not *the* firstborn, yet his father made him chief.)

²³⁷ Must insert, *he and his brethren and sons were twelve: to complete the number 288 in vs. 7.*

²³⁸ In vs. 14, Shelemiah

²³⁹ In ch. 9:19, Ebiasaph

11 Hilkiyah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all *the* sons and brethren of Hosah *were* thirteen.

12 Of these *were the* courses of the doorkeepers, *even* of the chief men, *having* ²⁴⁰offices like their brethren, to minister in *the* house of Jehovah. 13 And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to their fathers' houses, for every gate. 14 And the lot eastward fell to ²⁴¹Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a discreet counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. 15 To Obed-edom southward; and to his sons the store-house. 16 To Shuppim and Hosah westward, by *the* gate of ²⁴²Shallecheth, at the causeway *that* goeth up, watch against watch. 17 Eastward *were* six Levites, northward four *a* day, southward four *a* day, and for the store-house two *and* two. 18 For ²⁴³Parbar westward, four at the causeway, *and* two at Parbar. 19 These *were the* courses of the doorkeepers; of *the* sons of the Korahites, and of *the* sons of Merari.

20 And of the Levites, Ahijah *was* over *the* treasures of the house of God, and over *the* treasures of the ²⁴⁴holy things. 21 *The* sons of ²⁴⁵Ladan, *the* sons of the Gershonites *belonging* to Ladan, *the* heads of the fathers' houses *belonging* to Ladan *the* Gershonite: ²⁴⁶Jehieli. 22 *The* sons of Jehieli: Zetham, and Joel his brother, over *the* treasures of the house of Jehovah. 23 Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the Uzzielites: 24 and Shebuel *the* son of Gershom, *the* son of Moses, *was* ruler over the treasures. 25 And his brethren: of Eliezer *came* Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiyah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son. 26 This Shelomoth and his brethren *were* over all *the* treasures of the holy things, which David the king, and *the* heads of the fathers' houses, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and *the* captains of the host, had hallowed. 27 ²⁴⁷Out of the spoil won in battles did they hallow to repair *the* house of Jehovah. 28 And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul *the* son of Kish, and Abner *the* son of Ner, and Joab *the* son of Zeruiah, had hallowed, whosoever had hallowed *anything*, *it was* under *the* hand of ²⁴⁸Shelomoth, and of his brethren.

29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. 30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valor, a thousand seven hundred, *had the* oversight of Israel beyond the Jordan westward, for

²⁴⁰ *Or*, wards over against their brethren,

²⁴¹ *In* vs. 1, Meshelemiah.

²⁴² *That is*, Casting forth,

²⁴³ *Or*, the precinct (*both times*)

²⁴⁴ *Or*, dedicated things. *or*, sanctified things.

²⁴⁵ *So also* in ch. 23:7. *But* in ch. 6:17, Libni

²⁴⁶ *In* ch. 23:8, Jehiel

²⁴⁷ *Hb.* Out of the battles and the spoil did they

²⁴⁸ *Hb.* Shelomith

all *the* business of Jehovah, and for *the* service of the king. 31 Of the Hebronites *was* Jerijah the chief, *even* of the Hebronites, according to their generations by fathers' houses. In the fortieth year of *the* reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valor at Jazer of Gilead. 32 And his brethren, men of valor, *were* two thousand seven hundred, heads of fathers' houses, whom king David made overseers over the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and *the* half-tribe of the Manassites, for every matter pertaining to God, and for *the* affairs of the king.

²⁷ Now *the* children of Israel after their number, *to wit*, the heads of fathers' houses and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and their officers that served the king, in any matter of the courses that came in and went out month by month throughout all *the* months of the year, of every course *were* twenty-four thousand. 2 Over the first course for the first month *was* Jashobeam *the* son of Zabdiel: and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand. 3 *He was* of *the* children of Perez, the chief of all *the* captains of the host for the first month. 4 And over *the* course of the second month *was* Dodai the Ahohite, and his course; and Mikloth the ruler: and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand. 5 The third captain of the host for the third month *was* Benaiah, *the* son of Jehoiada *the* ²⁴⁹priest, chief: and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand. 6 This *is that* Benaiah, *who was the* mighty man of the thirty, and over the thirty: and *of* his course *was* Ammizabad his son. 7 The fourth *captain* for the fourth month *was* Asahel *the* brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand. 8 The fifth *captain* for the fifth month *was* Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand. 9 The sixth *captain* for the sixth month *was* Ira *the* son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand. 10 The seventh *captain* for the seventh month *was* Helez the Pelonite, of *the* children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand. 11 The eighth *captain* for the eighth month *was* Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zerahites: and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand. 12 The ninth *captain* for the ninth month *was* Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand. 13 The tenth *captain* for the tenth month *was* Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zerahites: and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand. 14 *The* eleventh *captain* for the eleventh month *was* Benaiah the Pirathonite, of *the* children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand. 15 The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month *was* ²⁵⁰Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course *were* twenty-four thousand.

²⁴⁹ *Or*, chief minister: *See* 2Sa 8:18.

²⁵⁰ *In* ch. 11:30, Heled

16 Furthermore over *the* tribes of Israel: of the Reubenites was Eliezer *the* son of Zichri *the* ruler: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah *the* son of Maacah: 17 of Levi, Hashabiah *the* son of Kemuel: of Aaron, Zadok: 18 of Judah, ²⁵¹Elihu, *one of the* brethren of David: of Issachar, Omri *the* son of Michael: 19 of Zebulun, Ishmaiah *the* son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jeremoth *the* son of Azriel: 20 of *the* children of Ephraim, Hoshea *the* son of Azaziah: of *the* half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel *the* son of Pedaiah: 21 of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo *the* son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel *the* son of Abner: 22 of Dan, Azarel *the* son of Jeroham. These *were the* captains of *the* tribes of Israel. 23 But David took not *the* number of them from twenty years old and under, because Jehovah had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of heaven. 24 Joab *the* son of Zeruah began to number, but finished not; and there came wrath for this upon Israel; neither was the number put into *the* account in the chronicles of king David.

25 And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth *the* son of Adiel: and over the treasures in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jonathan *the* son of Uzziyah: 26 and over them that did *the* work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri *the* son of Klub: 27 and over the vineyards was Shimeï the Ramathite: and over *the* increase of the vineyards for the wine-cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite: 28 and over the olive-trees and the sycamore-trees that *were* in the lowland was Baalhanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil was Joash: 29 and over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that *were* in the valleys was Shaphat *the* son of Adlai: 30 and over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite: and over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite. 31 All these *were the* rulers of the substance which was king David's.

32 Also Jonathan, David's ²⁵²uncle, was a counsellor, a man of understanding, and a scribe: and Jehiel *the* son of Hachmoni *was* with the king's sons: 33 and Ahithophel *was* the king's counsellor: and Hushai the Archite *was* the king's friend: 34 and after Ahithophel *was* Jehoiada *the* son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and *the* captain of the king's host *was* Joab.

28 And David assembled all the princes of Israel, *the* princes of the tribes, and *the* captains of the companies that served the king by course, and *the* captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, and the rulers over all *the* substance and ²⁵³possessions of the king and of his sons, with the ²⁵⁴officers, and the mighty

men, even all *the* mighty men of valor, unto Jerusalem. 2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: *as for me, it was* in my heart to build a house of rest for *the* ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah, and for *the* footstool of our God; and I had made ready for *the* building. 3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build a house for my name, because thou *art* a man of wars, and hast shed blood. 4 Howbeit Jehovah, *the* God of Israel, chose me out of all *the* house of my father to be king over Israel ²⁵⁵for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be ²⁵⁶prince: and in *the* house of Judah, *the* house of my father; and among *the* sons of my father he took pleasure in me to make *me* king over all Israel; 5 and of all my sons, (for Jehovah hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon *the* throne of *the* kingdom of Jehovah over Israel. 6 And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts; for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. 7 And I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and mine ordinances, as at this day. 8 Now therefore, in *the* sight of all Israel, *the* assembly of Jehovah, and in *the* audience of our God, observe and seek out all *the* commandments of Jehovah your God; that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you for ever.

9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing soul; for Jehovah searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all *the* imaginations of *the* thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. 10 Take heed now; for Jehovah hath chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do *it*.

11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch of *the* temple, and of the houses thereof, and of *the* treasuries thereof, and of *the* upper rooms thereof, and of the inner chambers thereof, and of *the* ²⁵⁷place of the mercy-seat; 12 and *the* pattern of all that he had ²⁵⁸by the Spirit, for *the* courts of *the* house of Jehovah, and for all the chambers round about, for *the* treasuries of the house of God, and for *the* treasuries of the holy things; 13 also for *the* courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all *the* work of *the* service of *the* house of Jehovah, and for all *the* vessels of service in *the* house of Jehovah; 14 of gold by weight for *the* vessels of gold, for all vessels of every *kind of* service; of silver for all the vessels of silver by weight, for all vessels of every *kind of* service; 15 by weight also for *the* lampstands of gold, and for *the* lamps thereof,

²⁵¹ In 1Sa 16:6, Eliab (*the* firstborn)

²⁵² Or, brother's son,

²⁵³ Or, cattle

²⁵⁴ Or, eunuchs,

²⁵⁵ Or, for time unlimited: [*i.e.*, without fixed termination] Similarly in vss. 7, 8, 9, and everywhere else.

²⁵⁶ Or, leader;

²⁵⁷ Hb. house of the mercy-seat;

²⁵⁸ Or, in his spirit,

of gold, by weight for every lampstand and for *the* lamps thereof; and for the lampstands of silver, *silver* by weight for *every* lampstand and for *the* lamps thereof, according to *the* use of every lampstand; 16 and the gold by weight for the tables of showbread, for every table; and silver for the tables of silver; 17 and the flesh-hooks, and the basins, and the cups, of pure gold; and for the golden bowls by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls by weight for every bowl; 18 and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for *the* pattern of the chariot, *even* the cherubim, that spread out *their* wings, and covered *the* ark of *the* covenant of Jehovah. 19 All *this*, said David, ²⁵⁹have I been made to understand in writing from *the* hand of Jehovah, *even* all *the* works of *this* pattern.

20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do *it*: fear not, nor be dismayed; for Jehovah God, *even* my God, *is* with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until all *the* work for *the* service of *the* house of Jehovah be finished. 21 And, behold, there are *the* courses of the priests and the Levites, for all *the* service of the house of God: and *there shall be* with thee in all manner of work every willing man that hath skill, for any manner of service: also the captains and all the people *will be* wholly at thy commandment.

29 And David the king said unto all the assembly, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet ²⁶⁰young and tender, and the work *is* great; for the palace *is* not for man, but for Jehovah God. 2 Now I have prepared with all my might for *the* house of my God the gold for the *things* of gold, and the silver for the *things* of silver, and the copper for the *things* of copper, the iron for the *things* of iron, and wood for the *things* of wood; ²⁶¹onyx stones, and *stones* to be set, stones for inlaid work, and of diverse colors, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. 3 Moreover also, because I have set my affection on *the* house of my God, seeing that I have a treasure of mine own of gold and silver, I give it unto *the* house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, 4 *even* three thousand talents of gold, of *the* gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, wherewith to overlay *the* walls of the houses; 5 of gold for the *things* of gold, and of silver for the *things* of silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by *the* hands of artificers. Who then offereth willingly ²⁶²to consecrate himself *this* day unto Jehovah?

²⁵⁹ Or, Jehovah made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all *the* works of *this* pattern.

²⁶⁰ Probably nearly age 30. Cf. ch. 3:4-5; 22:5.

²⁶¹ Or, beryl

²⁶² Hb. to fill his hand *this* day

6 Then *the* princes of the fathers' houses, and *the* princes of *the* tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with *the* rulers over the king's work, offered willingly; 7 and they gave for *the* service of the house of God of gold ²⁶³five thousand talents and ten thousand darics, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of copper eighteen thousand talents, and of iron a hundred thousand talents. 8 And they with whom *precious* stones were found gave *them* to *the* treasure of *the* house of Jehovah, under *the* hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. 9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with a perfect heart they offered willingly to Jehovah: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

10 Wherefore David blessed Jehovah before all the assembly; and David said, Blessed be thou, O Jehovah, *the* God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. 11 Thine, O Jehovah, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heavens and in the earth *is* *thine*; *thine is* the kingdom, O Jehovah, and thou art exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor *come* of thee, and thou rulest over all; and in thy hand *is* power and might; and in thy hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all. 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. 14 But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should ²⁶⁴be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and ²⁶⁵of thine own have we given thee. 15 For we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers *were*: our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and *there is* no ²⁶⁶abiding. 16 O Jehovah our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee a house for thy holy name *cometh* of thy hand, and *is* all thine own. 17 I know also, my God, that thou triest *the* heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. *As for* me, in *the* uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, that are present here, offer willingly unto thee. 18 O Jehovah, *the* God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in *the* imagination of *the* thoughts of *the* heart of thy people, and ²⁶⁷prepare their heart unto thee; 19 and give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the palace, *for* which I have made provision.

20 And David said to all the assembly, Now bless Jehovah your God. And all the assembly blessed Jehovah, *the* God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped Jehovah, and the king.

²⁶³ 174 metric tons of gold, 348 of silver, 626 of copper.

²⁶⁴ Hb. retain strength to offer

²⁶⁵ Hb. of thy hand have we given thee.

²⁶⁶ Hb. hope.

²⁶⁷ Or, establish

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto Jehovah, and offered burnt-offerings unto Jehovah, on *the* morrow after that day, *even* a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, *and* a thousand lambs, with their drink-offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel, 22 and did eat and drink before Jehovah on that day with great gladness.

And they made Solomon *the* son of David king *the* second time, and anointed *him* unto Jehovah *to be* ²⁶⁸prince, and Zadok *to be* priest. 23 Then Solomon sat on *the* throne of Jehovah as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. 24 And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, ²⁶⁹submitted themselves unto Solomon the king. 25 And Jehovah magnified Solomon exceedingly in *the* sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

26 Now David *the* son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. 27 And the time that he reigned over Israel *was* forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty-three *years* reigned he in Jerusalem. 28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead. 29 Now *the* acts of David the king, the first and the last, behold, they *are* written in *the* ²⁷⁰history of Samuel the seer, and in *the* history of Nathan the prophet, and in *the* history of Gad the seer, 30 with all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all *the* kingdoms of the countries.

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²⁶⁸ *Or*, leader,

²⁶⁹ *Hb.* gave *the* hand under Solomon the king.

²⁷⁰ *Hb.* words (*three times*)