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- ¶1. Adam, Sheth, Enosh,
- 2. Keinan, Mahalaleel, Jared,
- 3. Henoch, Methushelah, Lamech,
- 4. Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- ¶5. The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.
- 6. And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Diphath, and Togarmah.
- 7. And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshishah, Kittim, and Rodanim.
- ¶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 Raama: Sheba and Dedan.
- 10. And Cush fathered Nimrod. He began to be a mighty man on the earth.
- 11. And Mizraim fathered Ludiim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,
- 12. and Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines), and Caphtorim.
- 13. And Canaan fathered 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, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram,¹ and Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.
- 18. And Arpachshad fathered Shelah, and Shelah fathered Eber.
- 19. And to Eber were born two sons. The name of the first was Peleg because in his days, the earth was divided. And the name of his brother was Joktan.
- 20. And Joktan fathered Almodad, Shaleph, Hazarmaveth, Jarah,
- 21. Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,
- 22. Ebal, Abimael, Sheba,
- 23. Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.
- ¶24. Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah,
- 25. Eber, Peleg, Reu,
- 26. Serug, Nahor, Terah,
- 27. Abram, who is Abraham.
- ¶28. The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael.
- 29. These are their generations: Nebajoth, Ishmael's firstborn, and Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cf. Genesis 10:22–23.

- 30. Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema,
- 31. Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These were the sons of Ishmael.
- ¶32. And the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bore Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan.
- 33. And the sons of Midian: Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.
- ¶34. And Abraham fathered Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel.
- 35. The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah.
- 36. The sons of Eliphaz: Teman and Omar, Zephi and Gaatam, Kenaz and Timna, and Amalek.
- 37. The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.
- 38. And the sons of Seir: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.
- 39. And the sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam. And Lotan's sister was Timna.
- 40. The sons of Shobal: Alian, Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah.
- 41. The sons of Anah: Dishon. And the sons of Dishon: Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.
- 42. The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Jakan. The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.
- ¶43. And these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before a king reigned over the children of Israel: Bela ben-Beor, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.
- 44. And Bela died, and Jobab ben-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 ben-Bedad, who struck 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 ben-Acbor reigned in his stead.
- 50. And Baal-hanan died, and Hadad reigned in his stead, and the name of his city was Pai, and the name of his wife was Mehetabeel, daughter of Matred, daughter of Me-zahab.
- 51. And Hadad died. And the chiefs of Edom were: Chief Timna, Chief Aliah, Chief Jetheth,
- 52. Chief Oholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon,
- 53. Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,
- 54. Chief Magdiel, Chief Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom.

- ¶1. 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, Onan, and Shelah. These three were born to him by the daughter of Shua, the Canaanitess. But Er, the firstborn of Judah, was wicked in the eyes of Jehovah, and He killed him.

- 4. And Tamar his daughter-in-law bore him Pharez and Zarah. All the sons of Judah were five.
- ¶5. The sons of Pharez: Hezron and Hamul.
- 6. And the sons of Zarah: Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara, five of them in all.
- 7. And the sons of Carmi: Achar,<sup>2</sup> the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the devoted thing.
- 8. And the sons of Ethan: Azariah.
- ¶9. And the sons of Hezron who were born unto him: Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai.<sup>3</sup>
- 10. And Ram fathered Amminadab, and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah,
- 11. and Nahshon fathered Salma, and Salma fathered Boaz,
- 12. and Boaz fathered Obed, and Obed fathered Jesse,
- 13. and Jesse fathered his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab second, and Shimea third,
- 14. Nethaneel fourth, Raddai fifth,
- 15. Ozem sixth, David seventh.
- 16. And their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah: Abishai, Joab, and Asahel, three.
- 17. And Abigail bore Amasa, and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmeelite.
- ¶18. And Caleb ben-Hezron fathered *children* with Azubah *his* wife, and with Jerioth. And these were her sons: Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon.
- 19. And Azubah died. Then Caleb took to him Ephrath, and she bore him Hur,
- 20. and Hur fathered Uri, and Uri fathered Bezaleel.
- ¶21. And afterward, Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir, the father of Gilead, and he took her when he was sixty years old, and she bore him Segub.
- 22. And Segub fathered Jair, and he had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.
- 23. But Geshur and Aram took Havvoth-Jair from them, with Kenath and its villages, sixty cities. All these *belonged to* the sons of Machir the father of Gilead.
- 24. And after the death of Hezron in Caleb-Ephratah, the wife of Hezron, Abijah, bore him Ashhur, the founder of Tekoa.
- ¶25. And the sons of Jerahmeel, the firstborn of Hezron, were Ram the firstborn, Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.
- 26. And Jerahmeel had another wife, and her name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Achan, in Joshua 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Caleb. See verse 18.

- 27. And the sons of Ram, the firstborn of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, 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 bore him Ahban and Molid.
- 30. And the sons of Nadab: Seled and Appaim, but Seled died without sons.
- 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, but Jether died without sons.
- 33. And the sons of Jonathan: Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.
- 34. Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters only. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, and his name was Jarha.
- 35. And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife, and she bore him Attai.
- 36. And Attai fathered Nathan, and Nathan fathered Zabad,
- 37. and Zabad fathered Ephlal, and Ephlal fathered Obed,
- 38. and Obed fathered Jehu, and Jehu fathered Azariah,
- 39. and Azariah fathered Halez, and Halez fathered Eleasah,
- 40. and Eleasah fathered Sisamai, and Sisamai fathered Shallum,
- 41. and Shallum fathered Jekamiah, and Jekamiah fathered Elishama.
- ¶42. And the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel: Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph. And the sons of Mareshah: Avi-Hebron.
- 43. And the sons of Hebron: Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.
- 44. And Shema fathered Raham, the father of Jorkoam, and Rekem fathered Shammai.
- 45. And the son of Shammai was Maon, and Maon was the father of Beth-Zur.
- 46. And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez. And Haran fathered Gazez.
- 47. And the sons of Jahdai: Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.
- 48. Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.
- 49. She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah and the father of Gibea, and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah.
- ¶50. These were the sons of Caleb: Ben-Hur, the firstborn of *his mother* Ephratah; Shobal the founder of Kirjath-Jearim;
- 51. Salma the founder of Bethlehem; and Hareph the founder of Beth-Gader.
- 52. And Shobal the seer, the founder of Kirjath-Jearim, had sons: half of the Manahethites.
- 53. And the families of Kirjath-Jearim: the Ithrite, the Puthite, the Shumathite, and the Mishraite; from these came the Zareathite, and the Eshtaulite.
- 54. The sons of Salma of Bethlehem, even the Netophathite, Ataroth-beth-Joab, and half of the Manahethites, the Zorite.

¶55. And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez: Tirathites, Shimeathites, and Sucathites. They are the Kenites that came of Hammath the father of the house of Rechab.

- ¶1. And these are the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: Amnon, the firstborn, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess;
- 2. the third, Absalom, the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai the king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah, the son of Haggith;
- 3. the fifth, Shephatiah, of Abital; the sixth, Ithream, of Eglah his wife.
- 4. Six *sons* were born to him in Hebron, and he reigned there for seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.
- 5. And these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, four of Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel,
- 6. and Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphalet,
- 7. Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,
- 8. Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.
- 9. *These were* all the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and Tamar was their sister.
- ¶10. And the son of Solomon 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: Jeconiah his son and Zedekiah his son.
- 17. And the sons of Jeconiah: Assir, and Salathiel his son,
- 18. and Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.
- 19. And the sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei. And the sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister,
- 20. and Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-hesed, five.
- 21. And the sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah and Jeshaiah, the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.
- 22. And the sons of Shechaniah: Shemaiah. And the sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, Igeal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat, six.
- 23. And the sons of Neariah: Elioenai, Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.
- 24. And the sons of Elioenai: Hodaiah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

- ¶1. The sons of Judah: Pharez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.
- 2. And Reaiah ben-Shobal fathered Jahath, and Jahath fathered Ahumai and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites.
- 3. And these were founders of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash, and the name of their sister was Hazelelponi.
- 4. And Penuel *had as* father, Gedor, and Ezer *had as* father, Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the firstborn of *his mother* Ephratah and founder of Bethlehem.
- 5. And Ashhur the founder of Tekoa had two wives: Helah and Naarah.
- 6. And Naarah bore him Ahuzam, Hepher, Temeni, and the Ahashtarite. These are the sons of Naarah.
- 7. And the sons of Helah: Zereth, Izhar, and Ethnan.
- 8. And Coz fathered Anub, Hazobebah, and the families of Aharhel ben-Harum.
- ¶9. And Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him with pain."
- 10. And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh, that you would greatly bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me and keep *me* from evil, that it may not harm me!" And God brought about what he had asked.
- ¶11. And Chelub the brother of Shuhah fathered Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.
- 12. And Eshton fathered Beth-Rapha, Paseah, and Tehinnah, founder of the city of Nahash. These were the men of Recah.
- ¶13. And the sons of Kenaz: Othniel and Seraiah. And the sons of Othniel: Hathath
- 14. and Meonothai; he fathered Ophrah. And Seraiah fathered Joab, the founder of the valley of Harashim, for they were craftsmen.
- ¶15. And the sons of Caleb ben-Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam. And the sons of Elah, even Kenaz.
- ¶16. And the sons of Jehalleleel: Ziph and Ziphah, Tiria and Asareel.
- ¶17. And the sons of Ezrah: Jether, Mered, Epher, and Jalon. And she bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah, the founder of Eshtemoa.
- 18. And his wife, the Jewess, bore Jered the founder of Gedor, and Heber the founder of Soco, and Jekuthiel the founder 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: Naham the founder of Keilah, the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite.
- ¶20. And the sons of Shimon: Amnon and Rinnah, Ben-Hanan and Tolon. And the sons of Ishi: Zoheth and Ben-Zoheth.

¶21. The sons of Shelah ben-Judah: Er the founder of Lecah, and Laadah the founder of Mareshah, and the families of the house of byssus-working at Beth-Ashbea,

- 22. and Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, all who had dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. Now, the records are ancient.
- 23. They were the potters and inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah. They dwelt there with the king in his service.
- ¶24. The sons of Simeon: Nemuel and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah and Shaul,
- 25. Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.
- 26. And the sons of Mishma: Hammuel his son, Zacchur his son, Shimei his son.
- 27. And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters, but his brothers did not have many children, and none of their family multiplied as much as the sons of Judah.
- 28. And they dwelt in Beersheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-Shual,
- 29. and in Bilhah, and in Ezem, and in Tolad,
- 30. and in Bethuel, and in Hormah, and in Ziklag,
- 31. and in Beth-Marcaboth, and Hazar-Susim, and in Beth-Biri, and in Shaaraim. These were their cities until the reign of David.
- 32. And their villages were Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Token, and Ashan, five cities,
- 33. and all their villages that were round about these cities, as far as Baal. These were their dwelling places, and they have their genealogy.
- 34. And Meshobab, Jamlech, Joshah ben-Amaziah,
- 35. Joel, Jehu ben-Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,
- 36. Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah,
- 37. and Ziza ben-Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah,
- 38. these entered by their names were princes in their families, and the house of their fathers increased greatly.
- 39. And they went to the entrance of Gedor, as far as the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.
- 40. And they found rich, good pasture, and the land was wide, and quiet, and at peace, for they were of Ham who had dwelt there before.
- 41. And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah the king of Judah and struck their tents and the Mehinim that were found there, and they destroyed them to this day and dwelt in their place because there was pasture there for their flocks.
- 42. And some of them, five hundred men of the sons of Simeon, went to mount Seir with Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi, at their head,
- 43. and they struck down the rest of the Amalekites that escaped and dwell there to this day.

¶1. And the sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel, for he was the firstborn, but in that he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph ben-Israel, and the genealogy was not reckoned according to the birthright.

- 2. For although Judah prevailed over his brothers and the ruler came from him, the birthright was Joseph's.
- 3. The sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, 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 Tilgath-Pilne'eser the king of Assyria carried into exile; he was prince of the Reubenites.
- 7. And his brothers by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned: the chief, Jeiel, Zechariah,
- 8. and Bela ben-Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, and as far as Nebo and Baal-meon,
- 9. and eastward, he dwelt as far as the beginning of the desert of the river Euphrates because their cattle multiplied in the land of Gilead.
- 10. And in the days of Saul, they made war with the Hagrites, and they fell by their hand. Then they dwelt in their tents throughout all the region east of Gilead.
- ¶11. And the children of Gad dwelt next to them, in the land of Bashan as far as Salcah:
- 12. Joel the chief, Shapham the second, Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan.
- 13. And their brothers belonging to the house of their fathers: Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia, and Eber, seven.
- 14. These are the children of Abihail ben-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 ben-Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers.
- 16. And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in its towns, and in all the open fields of Sharon to their borders.
- ¶17. All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham the king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the king of Israel.
- ¶18. The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, of the men of war, men who bore shield and sword, and drew the bow, and trained in war, were forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty who went out to war.
- 19. And they made war with the Hagrites, even Jetur, Naphish, and Nodab.
- 20. And they were helped against them; yea, the Hagrites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them, for they cried out to God during the battle, and He was entreated of them because they put their trust in Him.
- 21. And they took away their livestock: of their camels, fifty thousand; of sheep, two hundred and fifty thousand; of asses, two thousand; and of men, one hundred thousand.

22. For there fell many slain because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their places until the exile.

- ¶23. And the children of the half tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land. They increased from Bashan to Baal-Hermon, and Senir, and Mount Hermon.
- 24. And these were the heads of the house of their fathers: Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, Jahdiel, mighty men of valor, men of renown, heads of the house of their fathers.
- 25. But they were unfaithful to the God of their fathers and went whoring after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God had destroyed before them.
- 26. And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul the king of Assyria, even the spirit of Tilgath-Pilneser the king of Assyria, and he carried them away, the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and the river Gozan to this day.

- ¶1. The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
- 2. And the sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, 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 fathered Phinehas, Phinehas fathered Abishua,
- 5. Abishua fathered Bukki, Bukki fathered Uzzi,
- 6. Uzzi fathered Zerahiah, and Zerahiah fathered Meraioth.
- 7. Meraioth fathered Amariah, Amariah fathered Ahitub,
- 8. Ahitub fathered Zadok, Zadok fathered Ahimaaz,
- 9. Ahimaaz fathered Azariah, Azariah fathered Johanan,
- 10. Johanan fathered Azariah (he who ministered as priest in the church that Solomon built in Jerusalem),
- 11. Azariah fathered Amariah, Amariah fathered Ahitub,
- 12. Ahitub fathered Zadok, Zadok fathered Shallum,
- 13. Shallum fathered Hilkiah, Hilkiah fathered Azariah,
- 14. Azariah fathered Seraiah, and Seraiah fathered Jehozadak.
- 15. And Jehozadak went *into captivity* when Jehovah took Judah and Jerusalem into exile by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.
- ¶16. The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.
- 17. And these are the names of the sons of Gershom: Libni and Shimei.
- 18. And the sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.
- 19. The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers.
- 20. Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,
- 21. Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son.

- 22. The sons of Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,
- 23. Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his son, Assir his son,
- 24. Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son.
- 25. And the sons of Elkanah: Amasai and Ahimoth.
- 26. Of Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah: Zophai his son, Nahath his son,
- 27. Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son.
- 28. And the sons of Samuel the firstborn: Vashni and Abiah.
- 29. The sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza 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 church of Jehovah after the ark had rest.
- 32. And they ministered before the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, with song, until Solomon built the church of Jehovah in Jerusalem, and then they attended to their service according to their order.
- 33. And these are they who attended, with 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 Toah,
- 35. the son of Ziph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,
- 36. the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, 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 kinsman Asaph, who stood at his right hand: Asaph ben-Berechiah, the son of Shimea,
- 40. the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah,
- 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 their kinsmen, the sons of Merari, were on the left hand: Ethan ben-Kishi, 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 Shamer,
- 47. the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.
- 48. And their kinsmen the Levites were appointed to all manner of service of the tabernacle, the church of God.
- ¶49. And Aaron and his sons were appointed to offer on the altar of burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, for all the work of the Most Holy Place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses, the servant of God, 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. And these are their dwelling places throughout their camps in their borders: to the sons of Aaron, to the family of the Kohathites, for the lot went to them,
- 55. and they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and its open fields round about it.
- 56. But the field of the city and its villages, they gave to Caleb ben-Jephunneh.
- 57. And to the sons of Aaron, they gave the cities of refuge: Hebron, Libnah with its open fields, Jattir, Eshtemoa with its open fields,
- 58. Hilez with its open fields, Debir with its open fields,
- 59. Ashan with its open fields, and Beth-shemesh with its open fields.
- 60. And from the tribe of Benjamin: Geba with its open fields, Alemeth with its open fields, and Anathoth with its open fields. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.
- ¶61. And to the sons of Kohath who were left of the family of that tribe *were given* by lot from the half tribe, half of Manasseh, ten cities.
- 62. And to the sons of Gershom according to their families *were given* from the tribe of Issachar, the tribe of Asher, the tribe of Naphtali, and the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.
- 63. To the sons of Merari *were given* by lot, according to their families, from the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad, and the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.
- 64. And the children of Israel gave to the Levites these cities with their open fields.
- 65. And they gave by lot from the tribe of the children of Judah, the tribe of the children of Simeon, and the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities which are called by their names.
- ¶66. And some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their territory from the tribe of Ephraim.
- 67. And they gave them for the cities of refuge, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim with its open fields. Also, Gezer with its open fields,
- 68. Jokmeam with its open fields, Beth-horon with its open fields,
- 69. Aijalon with its open fields, and Gath-rimmon with its open fields.
- 70. And from the half tribe of Manasseh: Aner with its open fields, and Bileam with its open fields, for those who remained of the family of the sons of Kohath.
- ¶71. To the sons of Gershom, from the family of the half tribe of Manasseh: Golan in Bashan with its open fields, and Ashtaroth with its open fields.
- 72. And from the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh with its open fields, Daberath with its open fields,
- 73. Ramoth with its open fields, and Anem with its open fields.
- 74. And from the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its open fields, Abdon with its open fields,
- 75. Hukok with its open fields, and Rehob with its open fields.

76. And from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its open fields, Hammon with its open fields, and Kiriathaim with its open fields.

- 77. To the rest of the children of Merari, from the tribe of Zebulun: Rimmono with its open fields, Tabor with its open fields.
- 78. And on the other side Jordan opposite Jericho, on the east side of Jordan, from the tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the wilderness with its open fields, Jahzah with its open fields,
- 79. Kedemoth with its open fields, and Mephaath with its open fields.
- 80. And from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with its open fields, Mahanaim with its open fields,
- 81. Heshbon with its open fields, and Jazer with its open fields.

- ¶1. And as for the sons of Issachar: Tola, Puah, Jashib, and Shimron, four.
- 2. And the sons of Tola: Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, and Samuel, chiefs of the house of their father, Tola. They were mighty men of war 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, Obadiah, Joel, and Isshiah, five, all of them chiefs.
- 4. And with them, by their generations, according to the house of their fathers, were bands of soldiers 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 war, were eighty-seven thousand, all reckoned by their genealogy.
- ¶6. Benjamin: Bela, Becher, and Jediael, three.
- 7. And the sons of Bela: Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri, five, chiefs of the house of *their* fathers, mighty men of war; and they were twenty-two thousand and thirty-four reckoned by their genealogy.
- 8. And the sons of Becher: Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abiah, Anathoth, and Alameth. All these are the sons of Becher.
- 9. And their reckoning, according to their genealogy by their generations, chiefs of the house of their fathers, mighty men of war, was twenty thousand two hundred.
- 10. And the sons of Jediael: Bilhan. And the sons of Bilhan: Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar.
- 11. All these were the sons of Jediael, according to the chiefs of *their* fathers, mighty men of war, seventeen thousand two hundred, who could go out with the army for battle.
- 12. And Shuppim and Huppim, the sons of Ir; Hushim, the sons of another.
- $\P 13.$  The sons of Naphtali: Jahaziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.
- ¶14. The sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom his Aramean concubine bore. She bore Machir, the father of Gilead.
- 15. And Machir took a wife for Huppim and Shuppim, and his sister's name was Maacah. And the name of the second was Zelophehad, and Zelophehad had daughters.

16. And Maacah, the wife of Machir, bore a son, and she called his name Peresh and the name of his brother, Sheresh, and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.

- 17. And the sons of Ulam: Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead ben-Machir, the son of Manasseh.
- 18. And his sister Hammolecheth bore Ishhod, Abiezer, and Mahlah.
- 19. And the sons of Shemida were Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.
- ¶20. And the sons of Ephraim: Shuthalah, Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eladah his son, Tahath his son,
- 21. Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, Ezer, and Elad, but the men of Gath who were born in the land killed them when they came down to take away their cattle.
- 22. And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him.
- 23. And he went in to his wife, and she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Beriah, because misfortune was in his house.
- 24. And his daughter was Sheerah, and she built the Lower and Upper Beth-horon and Uzzen-Sheerah.
- 25. And Rephah was his son, and Resheph, and Telah his son, Tahan his son,
- 26. Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,
- 27. Non his son, Jehoshua his son.
- 28. And their possessions and dwellings were: Bethel and its towns, and to the east Naaran, and to the west Gezer, with its towns, and Shechem and its towns, as far as Ayyah and its towns.
- 29. And along the borders of the children of Manasseh were Beth-shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph ben-Israel.
- ¶30. The children of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and Serah their sister.
- 31. And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel, who is the father of Birzoth.
- 32. And Heber fathered Japhlet, Shomer, Hotham, and Shua their sister.
- 33. And the sons of Japhlet: Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the children of Japhlet.
- 34. And the sons of Shamer: Ahi and Rohgah, Jehubbah and Aram.
- 35. And the sons of his brother Helem: Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.
- 36. The sons of Zophah: Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah,
- 37. Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera.
- 38. And the sons of Jether: Jephunneh, Pispah, and Ara.
- 39. And the sons of Ulla: Arah, Hanniel, and Rizya.
- 40. All these were the children of Asher, chiefs of their fathers' house, choice mighty men of war, chiefs of the princes. And their number reckoned by their genealogy for the service of war was twenty-six thousand men.

- ¶1. And Benjamin fathered Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, Aharah the third,
- 2. Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

- 3. And the sons of Bela were Addar, Gera, Abihud,
- 4. Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,
- 5. Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.
- 6. And these are the sons of Ehud: these are the chiefs of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba. And they exiled them to Manahath;
- 7. with Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera, he exiled them. Then he fathered Uzza, and Ahihud.
- 8. And Shaharaim fathered *children* in the country of Moab after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara were his wives.
- 9. And he fathered by Hodesh his wife Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcham,
- 10. Jeuz, Sachiah, and Mirmah. These were his sons, chiefs of the fathers.
- 11. And by Hushim, he fathered Abitub and Elpaal.
- 12. And the sons of Elpaal: Eber, Misham, and Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod, with its towns,
- 13. and Beriah and Shema who were chiefs of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon; they drove away the inhabitants of Gath.
- 14. And Ahyo, Shashak, Jeremoth,
- 15. Zebadiah, Arad, Ader,
- 16. Michael, Ishpah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah;
- 17. Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,
- 18. Ishmerai, Jizliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal;
- 19. Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,
- 20. Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,
- 21. Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of Shimei;
- 22. Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,
- 23. Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,
- 24. Hananiah, Elam, Anethothijah,
- 25. Iphediah, and Peniel, the sons of Shashak;
- 26. Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah,
- 27. Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham.
- 28. These were chiefs of the fathers, by their generations, chief men. These dwelt in Jerusalem.
- ¶29. And the father of Gibeon and his wife, whose name was Maacah, dwelt in Gibeon.
- 30. And his firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,
- 31. Gedor, Ahyo, and Zacher.
- 32. And Mikloth fathered Shimeah. Now, these also dwelt near their brothers in Jerusalem, with their kinsmen.
- 33. And Ner fathered Kish, and Kish fathered Saul, and Saul fathered Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal.
- 34. And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal. And Merib-baal fathered Micah.
- 35. And the sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz.

36. And Ahaz fathered Jehoaddah, and Jehoaddah fathered Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri, and Zimri fathered Moza.

- 37. And Moza fathered Binea. Rapha was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.
- 38. And Azel had six sons, and these were their names: Azrikam, Bocru, Ishmael, Sheariah, 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 war, archers, and they had many sons, and sons 'sons, one hundred and fifty. All these are the sons of Benjamin.

- ¶1. So, all Israel was reckoned by genealogy; and, behold, they were written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. They were carried away to Babylon for their transgression.
- 2. Now, the first who dwelt *again* in the cities of their possessions in Israel: the priests, the Levites, and the Nethinim.<sup>4</sup>
- 3. And in Jerusalem dwelt some of the children of Judah, some of the children of Benjamin, and some of the children of Ephraim and Manasseh:
- 4. Uthai ben-Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Benjamin, of the children of Pharez ben-Judah.
- 5. And of the Shilonites: Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons.
- 6. And of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.
- 7. And of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu ben-Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah,
- 8. Ibneiah ben-Jeroham, Elah ben-Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam ben-Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah,
- 9. and their brothers, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty-six. All these men were chiefs of the fathers in the house of their fathers.
- ¶10. And of the priests: Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, Jachin,
- 11. and Azariah ben-Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the church of God,
- 12. and Adaiah ben-Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchiah, and Maasai ben-Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer,
- 13. and their brothers, chiefs of the house of their fathers, one thousand seven hundred and sixty, mighty men capable of the work of the service of the church of God.
- ¶14. And of the Levites: Shemaiah ben-Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Numbers 3:9; 8:16, 19.

15. Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, Mattaniah ben-Mica, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph,

- 16. Obadiah ben-Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah ben-Asa, the son of Elkanah, who dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.
- ¶17. And the gatekeepers: Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their brothers. Shallum was the chief,
- 18. who until now *has been stationed* at the king's gate to the east. These were gatekeepers in the companies of the children of Levi.
- 19. And Shallum ben-Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brothers, of the house of his father, the Korhites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle; and their fathers, being over the host of Jehovah, were keepers of the entry.
- 20. And Phinehas ben-Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past. Jehovah was with him.
- 21. And Zechariah ben-Meshelemiah was the keeper of the entrance of the tent of meeting.
- 22. All these who were chosen to be keepers at the gates were two hundred and twelve. They were reckoned by their villages by their genealogy. They were appointed by David and Samuel the seer because of their faithfulness.
- 23. And they and their sons were over the gates of the church of Jehovah, the church of the tabernacle, by watches.
- 24. On four sides were the gatekeepers, east, west, north, and south.
- 25. (And their brothers in their villages came for seven days from time to time *to be* with them.)
- 26. For because of faithfulness, they were the four chief gatekeepers. They were Levites, and they were over the chambers and treasuries of the church of God.
- 27. And they lodged round about the church of God because that duty was on them, and they were in charge of the opening every morning.
- ¶28. Now, some of them had charge of the accourrements for the service, that they should bring them in by count and take them out by count.
- 29. And some of them were appointed over the accoutrements, all the accoutrements of the holy place, and over the fine flour, the wine, the oil, the frankincense, and the spices.
- 30. And some of the sons of the priests prepared the mixture for the sweet aromas.
- 31. And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korhite, was entrusted with the work of the griddles.
- 32. And some of the sons of the Kohathites, from their brothers, were over the row bread, to prepare it every Sabbath.
- ¶33. And they who were the singers, chiefs of the fathers of the Levites, *lived* in the chambers exempt *from other duties*, for day and night the service was upon them.
- 34. These were the chiefs of the fathers of the Levites; these were chiefs throughout their generations. They dwelt in Jerusalem.

¶35. And the father of Gibeon, Jeuel, and his wife, whose name was Maacah, dwelt in Gibeon.

- 36. And his firstborn son Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,
- 37. Gedor, Ahyo, Zechariah, and Mikloth.
- 38. And Mikloth fathered Shimeam. And they also dwelt with their brothers at Jerusalem, opposite their kinsmen.
- 39. And Ner fathered Kish, Kish fathered Saul, and Saul fathered Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal.
- 40. And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal. And Merib-baal fathered Micah.
- 41. And the sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, and Tahrea.
- 42. And Ahaz fathered Jarah, and Jarah fathered Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri, and Zimri fathered Moza,
- 43. and Moza fathered Binea, and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.
- 44. And Azel had six sons, and these were their names: Azrikam, Bocru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. These were the sons of Azel.

- ¶1. Now, the Philistines fought against Israel, and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.
- 2. And the Philistines followed hard after Saul and his sons, and the Philstines struck down Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchi-shuah, Saul's sons.
- 3. And the battle was hard against Saul, and the archers found him, and he was in agony because of the archers.
- 4. And Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword and run me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and deal ruthlessly with me!" But his armor-bearer could not because he was very afraid. So, Saul took the sword and fell on it.
- 5. When the armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on the sword and died.
- 6. So, Saul died with his three sons, and all his house died together.
- 7. Now, when all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they abandoned their cities and fled, and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.
- 8. And it came to pass the next day that the Philistines came to strip the slain, and they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.
- 9. And they stripped him and took his head and his armor, and they sent it all around the land of the Philistines to proclaim the good news to their idols and all the people.
- 10. And they put his armor in the church of their gods, but his head, they fastened to the church of Dagon.
- 11. When all Jabesh-Gilead heard of all that the Philistines had done to Saul,
- 12. all the valiant men rose up and took Saul's body, and the bodies of his sons, and they brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones beneath the terebinth tree in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13. So, Saul died because of his treachery which he committed against Jehovah, because of the word of Jehovah that he did not obey; yea, he even inquired of a medium for guidance

14. and did not inquire of Jehovah. Therefore, He killed him and turned the kingdom over to David ben-Jesse.

- ¶1. Then all Israel gathered together to David at Hebron, saying, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.
- 2. Even in times past, when Saul was king, it was you who led Israel out and brought them in, and Jehovah your God told you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will be prince over my people Israel.'"
- 3. So, all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them before Jehovah at Hebron, and they anointed David as king over Israel, according to the word of Jehovah by the hand of Samuel.
- 4. And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (that is, Jebus), but the Jebusites were there, the inhabitants of the land.
- 5. And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You cannot enter here." But David took the stronghold of Zion, which is the city of David.
- 6. For David had said, "Whoever strikes the Jebusites first shall be chief and commander." So, Joab ben-Zeruiah went up first, and he became chief.
- 7. And David dwelt in the stronghold; that is why they called it the city of David.
- 8. And he built the city all around, from Millo even round about. And Joab restored the rest of the city.
- 9. And David grew greater and greater, for Jehovah of Hosts was with him.
- ¶10. And these are the chiefs of David's mighty men, who stood 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 record of David's mighty men: Jashabeam ben-Hachmoni, chief of the Three, who lifted up his spear against three hundred whom he slew at one time.
- 12. And after him was Eleazar ben-Dodo, the Ahohite, who was among the three mighty ones.
- 13. He was with David at Pas-dammim, for the Philistines had gathered there for battle. And there was a plot of ground full of barley, and the people had fled before the Philistines.
- 14. But they took their stand in the middle of the plot and defended it, and struck down the Philistines, and Jehovah brought about a great victory.
- 15. And three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, to the cave of Adullam, and the camp of the Philistines was pitched in the Valley of the Rephaim.

16. And at that time, David was in the stronghold and the garrison of the Philistines was in Bethlehem.

- 17. And David had a yearning, and he said, "Who will give me drink from the water of the well in Bethlehem that is by the gate?"
- 18. And the three broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate. And they took and brought it to David, but David would not drink it, but poured it out to Jehovah.
- 19. And he said, "Far be it from me before my God, that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of these men, who put their lives at risk? For at the risk of their lives did they bring it." Therefore, he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.
- 20. And Abishai, the brother of Joab, was a chief among the three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred whom he killed, but he did not have a name among the Three.
- 21. He was honored among the second three and became their captain, but he did not attain to the Three.
- 22. Benaiah ben-Jehoiada, a valiant man from Kabzeel, did many deeds. He killed two lion-like men of Moab, and he went down and killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day.
- 23. He also killed an Egyptian man, a man of stature, five cubits tall. Now, in the hand of the Egyptian was a spear like a weavers' beam, but he went down to him with a staff and plucked the spear from the Egyptian's hand and slew him with his own spear.
- 24. These things did Benaiah ben-Jehoiada, and his name was with three of the mighty men.
- 25. Among the thirty, behold, he was honorable, but he did not attain to the Three. And David set him over his bodyguard.
- 26. And the mighty men of the forces were: Asahel, Joab's brother, Elhanan ben-Dodo of Bethlehem,
- 27. Shammoth the Haroite, Helez the Pelonite,
- 28. Ira ben-Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite,
- 29. Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite,
- 30. Mahrai the Netophathite, Heled ben-Baanah the Netophathite,
- 31. Ithai ben-Ribai of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,
- 32. Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,
- 33. Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalebonite,
- 34. of the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan ben-Shageh the Hararite,
- 35. Ahiam ben-Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal ben-Ur,
- 36. Hepher the Mecerathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,
- 37. Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai ben-Ezbai,
- 38. Joel, Nathan's brother, Mibhar ben-Hagri,
- 39. Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armor bearer of Joab ben-Zeruiah,
- 40. Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,
- 41. Uriah the Hittite, Zabad ben-Ahlai,
- 42. Adina ben-Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

- 43. Hanan ben-Maacah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite,
- 44. Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Juel, the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,
- 45. Jediael ben-Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,
- 46. Eliel of the Mahavites, Jeribai and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, Ithmah the Moabite,
- 47. Eliel, and Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaiah.

- ¶1. Now, these are those who came to David at Ziklag while he kept himself away from Saul ben-Kish. And they were among the mighty men who helped in battle,
- 2. armed with the bow, *able to sling* stones or shoot arrows with either right or left hand, Saul's kinsmen from Benjamin:
- 3. the chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite, and Jezuel and Pelet, 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, Jahaziel, Johanan, Jozabad the Gederathite,
- 5. Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, Shephatiah the Hariphite,
- 6. Elkanah, Isshiah, Azareel, Joezer, and Jashabe'am, the Korhites,
- 7. Joelah and Zebadiah, sons of Jeroham from Gedor.
- ¶8. And from the Gadites who separated themselves to David at the wilderness stronghold, mighty, valiant men of war for battle, expert with shield and spear, who had faces like the faces of a lion and were swift as gazelles on the mountains:
- 9. Ezer the first, 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, Macbannai the eleventh.
- 14. These of the sons of Gad were captains of the army, the least one equal to a hundred, and the greatest to a thousand.
- 15. These are they who crossed the Jordan in the first month when it overflows all its banks, and they put all those in the valleys to flight, to the east and to the west.
- ¶16. And some of the children of Benjamin and Judah came to David at the stronghold.
- 17. And David went out before them, and he answered them and said, "If you have come to me in peace to help me, my heart will be united with you, but if to betray me to my enemies when there is no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers see it and judge."
- 18. Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, a captain of the thirty, saying, "We are for you, David, and together with you, son of Jesse! Peace, peace be to you, and peace to your helpers, for your God has helped you." So, David received them and made them captains of the band.

¶19. And some from Manasseh fell away to David when he went with the Philistines to battle against Saul, but they did not help them because after counsel, the lords of the Philistines sent him away, saying, "With our heads will he fall away to his master Saul."

- 20. And as he was going to Ziklag, there fell away to him from Manasseh: Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of the thousands of Manasseh.
- 21. And they helped with David against the band *of raiders*, for all of them were mighty men of valor and were commanders in the army.
- 22. For at that time, day by 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 companies ready for war that came to David at Hebron, to turn over the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of Jehovah:
- 24. *of* the sons of Judah bearing shield and spear, six thousand eight hundred equipped for war;
- 25. of the sons of Simeon, mighty men of valor for war, seven thousand one hundred;
- 26. of the sons of Levi, four thousand six hundred;
- 27. and Jehoiada was the leader of Aaron, and with him were three thousand seven hundred;
- 28. and Zadok, a young man mighty in strength, and his father's house, twenty-two captains;
- 29. and of the sons of Benjamin, Saul's kinsmen, three thousand (for until then, the greater part of them had kept allegiance with the house of Saul);
- 30. and of the sons of Ephraim, twenty thousand eight hundred mighty men of valor, men of renown in the house of their fathers;
- 31. and of the half tribe of Manasseh, eighteen thousand who were designated by name to come to make David king;
- 32. and of the sons of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel should do, their chiefs, two hundred, and all their brothers under their command;
- 33. of Zebulun, those who went out for war, prepared for battle with all the weapons of war, fifty thousand, and who kept rank with an undivided heart;
- 34. and of Naphtali, a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear, thirty-seven thousand;
- 35. and of the Danites, prepared for battle, twenty-eight thousand six hundred;
- 36. and of Asher, those who went out for war prepared for battle, forty thousand.
- 37. And from the other side of the Jordan: of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, with all weapons of war for battle, one hundred and twenty thousand.
- 38. All these men of war, who could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron to make David king of all Israel; and likewise, all the rest of Israel were of one heart to make David king.

39. And they were there with David for three days, eating and drinking what their brothers had prepared for them.

40. And also those near to them, as far as Issachar, and Zebulun, and Naphtali, brought bread on donkeys, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, food: flour, cakes of figs, and clusters of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep in great abundance, for there was joy in Israel.

- ¶1. Then David took counsel with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with every leader.
- 2. And David said to the whole Assembly of Israel, "If it is good to you, and it be of Jehovah our God, let us send abroad to our brothers who remain throughout all the regions of Israel, and with them the priests and the Levites in the cities *and* their open fields, that they may gather with us.
- 3. Then let us bring the ark of our God to us, for we have not inquired at it since 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. And David assembled all Israel from Shihor of Egypt to the Entrance of Hamath to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-Jearim.
- 6. Then David, and all Israel, went up to Baalah, to Kirjath-Jearim, which belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, Jehovah, who dwells *between* the cherubim, where your name is called upon.
- 7. And they mounted the ark of God on a new cart at the house of Abinadab, and Uzzah and Ahyo were driving the cart.
- 8. And David and all the house of Israel played before God with all their strength, even with singing, and lyres, harps, timbrels, cymbals, and trumpets.
- 9. But when they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzzah put forth his hand to take hold of the ark because the oxen stumbled.
- 10. And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Uzzah, and He struck him down because he put his hand on the ark, and he died there before God.
- 11. And David's anger was kindled because Jehovah had made a breach against Uzzah. And that place is called Pharez-Uzzah to this day.
- 12. And David feared God that day, saying, "How shall I bring the ark of God to myself?"
- 13. So David did not take the ark to himself into the city of David, but he took it aside to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.
- 14. And the ark of God remained with the household of Obed-Edom in his house for three months. And Jehovah blessed the house of Obed-Edom, and all that he had.

¶1. And Hiram the king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and masons for walls, and carpenters to build a house for him.

- 2. And David understood that Jehovah had established him as king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high for the sake of His people Israel.
- ¶3. And David took more wives at Jerusalem, and David fathered more sons and daughters.
- 4. And these are the names of those born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,
- 5. Ibhar, Elishua, Elpalet,
- 6. Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,
- 7. Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphalet.
- 8. But the Philistines heard that David had been anointed as king over all Israel. Then all the Philistines came up to seek David, and when David heard of it, he went out to face them.
- 9. And the Philistines came and made a raid in the Valley of the Rephaim.
- 10. And David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand?" And Jehovah said to him, "Go up! For I will deliver them into your hand."
- 11. And they came up to Baal-Perazim, and David struck them down there. Then David said, "God has burst forth upon my enemies by my hand like a bursting forth of waters." Therefore, they called that place Baal-Perazim.
- 12. And they abandoned their gods there, and David commanded, and they were burned up with fire.
- $\P 13$ . And the Philistines yet again made a raid in the valley.
- 14. And David inquired again of God, and God said to him "Do not go up after them. Go around above them, and you shall come at them opposite the mulberry trees.
- 15. And it shall be, that when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall go forth to the battle, for God will have gone forth before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."
- 16. And David did as God commanded him, and they struck down the army of the Philistines from Gibeon even as far as Gazrah.
- 17. And the fame of David went out through all lands, and Jehovah put the fear of him on all the nations.

- 1. And *David* built houses for himself in the city of David, and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.
- 2. Then David said, "None should bear the ark of God but the Levites, for Jehovah chose them to bear the ark of Jehovah, and to minister to Him forever."
- 3. And David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Jehovah to its place which he had prepared for it.

- 4. Then David gathered the sons of Aaron and the Levites:
- 5. of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, with his brothers, one hundred and twenty;
- 6. of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, with his brothers, two hundred and twenty;
- 7. of the sons of Gershom, Joel the chief, with his brothers, one hundred and thirty;
- 8. of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, with his brothers, two hundred;
- 9. of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, with his brothers, eighty;
- 10. of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, with his brothers, one hundred and twelve.
- 11. And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab.
- 12. And he said to them, "You are the chiefs of the fathers of the Levites. Sanctify yourselves, you and your brothers, so that you may bring up the ark of Jehovah, the God of Israel, to the place I have prepared for it.
- 13. Because *y*ou did not do so the first time, Jehovah our God broke forth upon us, for we did not seek Him 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 sons of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles on them, just as Moses commanded according to the word of Jehovah.
- 16. And David spoke to the chiefs of the Levites to station their brothers, the singers, with musical instruments, harps, lyres, and cymbals, playing loudly to lift up a joyful sound.
- 17. And the Levites stationed Heman ben-Joel, and from his brothers, Asaph ben-Berechiah; and from the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan ben-Kushaiah.
- 18. And with them their brothers of the second *order*, Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel the gatekeepers.
- 19. And the singers were Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, sounding with the bronze cymbals,
- 20. and Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah with the harps upon Alamoth,<sup>5</sup>
- 21. and Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, with lyres to lead on the Sheminith.<sup>6</sup>
- 22. And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites over the music, directed the music because he was skillful.
- 23. And Berechiah and Elkanah were gatekeepers for the ark.
- 24. And Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethaneel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, blew with the trumpets before the ark of God, and Obed-Edom and Jehiah were gatekeepers for the ark.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ps. 46:1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Pss. 6:1; 12:1

25. So it was that David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains of thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah from the house of Obed-Edom with joy.

- 26. And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of Jehovah, that they slaughtered seven bullocks and seven rams.
- 27. And David was clothed with a robe of byssus, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah, the leader of the singers 'music. David also had on a linen ephod.
- 28. So, all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah with shouting, and with the sound of the shofar, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making music with harps and lyres.
- 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 down from a window, and she saw King David leaping and dancing, and she despised him in her heart.

- ¶1. And they brought in the ark of God and set it in the midst of the tent which David had pitched for it. And they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.
- 2. And when David finished making the burnt offering and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Jehovah.
- 3. And he distributed to all the people of Israel, both men and women, to each one a loaf of bread, and a portion *of meat*, and raisin-cakes.
- 4. And he appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of Jehovah, and to make remembrance, and to give thanks, and to praise Jehovah the God of Israel:
- 5. Asaph the chief, and next to him, Zechariah, Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel on instruments, harps and lyres, but Asaph sounded the cymbals,
- 6. with Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests on the trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.
- 7. It was on that day when David first appointed that thanksgiving be made to Jehovah by the hand of Asaph and his brothers.
- ¶8. Give thanks to Jehovah! Call on His name! Make His deeds known among the nations!
- 9. Sing to Him! Play for Him! Meditate on all His wonders!
- 10. Glory in His holy name! Let the heart of those who seek Jehovah rejoice!
- 11. Seek Jehovah and His strength! Seek His face always!
- 12. Remember His wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments of His mouth!
- 13. O seed of Israel, His servant! O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!
- 14. He is Jehovah our God! His judgments are in all the earth!
- 15. Be mindful always of His covenant, the word He commanded for a thousand generations,
- 16. which He made with Abraham, and his oath to Isaac,

- 17. and He confirmed it to Jacob as a statute for Israel, an everlasting covenant,
- 18. saying, "I will give you the land of Canaan as the lot of your inheritance."
- 19. When they were few in number, very few, and strangers in it,
- 20. when they wandered from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people,
- 21. He suffered no man to oppress them, and He rebuked kings for their sakes, saying,
- 22. "Do not touch my anointed ones, and do not harm my prophets."<sup>7</sup>
- 23. Sing to Jehovah all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day!
- 24. Declare His glory among the Gentiles, His wonders among all the nations,
- 25. for Jehovah is great, and greatly to be praised. And He is to be feared above all gods.
- 26. For all the gods of the nations are just idols, but Jehovah made the heavens.
- 27. Majesty and splendor are in His presence; strength and joy are in His place.
- 28. Ascribe to Jehovah, you families of nations, ascribe to Jehovah glory and strength!
- 29. Ascribe to Jehovah the glory of His name! Bring an offering and come before Him! Worship Jehovah in the beauty of holiness!
- 30. Dance before Him, all the earth! Yea, the world shall be established; it shall not be shaken.
- 31. The heavens will be glad, and the earth will rejoice! And say among the Gentiles, "Jehovah is King!"
- 32. The sea and its fullness will thunder! The field and all that is in it will exult!
- 33. Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy at the presence of Jehovah when He comes to judge the earth.<sup>8</sup>
- 34. Give thanks to Jehovah, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.<sup>9</sup>
- 35. And say, "Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us, and deliver us from among the nations so that we may give thanks to your holy name and boast in your praise."
- 36. Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" and "Praise Jehovah!" 10
- ¶37. And he left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah to minister before the ark continually, as each day required,
- and Obed-Edom and their brothers, sixty-eight, and Obed-Edom ben-Jedithun and Hosah as gatekeepers,
- 39. and Zadok the priest and his brothers the priests were before the tabernacle of Jehovah at the high place that was in Gibeon
- 40. to offer burnt offerings to Jehovah on the altar of burnt offering continually, morning and evening, and *to do* all that was written in the law of Jehovah which He had commanded Israel.

<sup>10</sup> Compare vv. 35–36 to Psalm 106:47–48.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Compare vv. 8–22 to Psalm 105:1–15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Compare vv. 23–33 to Psalm 96:2-13a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Compare v. 34 to Psalm 106:1.

41. And with them was Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest who had been chosen, who were appointed by name to give thanks to Jehovah, for His mercy is forever.

- 42. And with them were Heman and Jeduthun, sounding with trumpets, and cymbals, and the musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were gatekeepers.
- 43. And all the people went each one to his house, and David returned to bless his house.

- ¶1. And it came to pass as David sat in his house that he said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of Jehovah is under curtains."
- 2. Then Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you."
- 3. But that night it came to pass that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,
- 4. "Go, and say to David my servant, 'Thus says Jehovah: You, yourself, will not build the house for me to dwell in,
- 5. for I have not dwelt in a house from the day that I brought Israel up until this day, but I have been from tent to tent and from dwelling place to dwelling place.
- 6. In any place I went about with all Israel, have I ever spoken to one of the judges of Israel whom I commanded to shepherd my people, saying, "Why have *y*ou not built a house of cedar for me?"
- 7. And then say this to my servant, to David: 'Thus says Jehovah of Hosts: I took you out from the sheep pen, from following the flock, to be ruler over my people Israel.
- 8. And I have been with you everywhere you went, and I have cut off all your enemies before you, and I have made you a name like the name of the great men who are on the earth.
- 9. Furthermore, I appointed a place for my people Israel, and I planted him that he might dwell in it, and that he be troubled no more, and that unjust men would not again waste him as before.
- 10. And from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel, I have subdued all your enemies. And I tell you: Jehovah will build you a house.
- 11. And it will come to pass that when your days are fulfilled to go be with your fathers, then I will raise up your seed after you who will be one of your sons, and I will establish his kingdom.
- 12. He will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever.
- 13. I will be his father, and he will be my son, and I will not take away my mercy from him as I took it from him who was before you.
- 14. I will set him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne will be established forever."
- 15. According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak to David.

¶16. And David the king came in and sat before Jehovah, and he said, "Who am I, O Jehovah God, and what is my house that you have brought me this far?

- 17. But this was a small thing in your eyes, O God. You have also spoken of your servant's house for a great while to come, and you have considered me according to the exalted law<sup>11</sup> of the Man. O Jehovah God!
- 18. What more could David *say* to you concerning the honor of your servant? For you certainly know your servant.
- 19. O Jehovah, for your servant's sake, and according to your own heart, have you done all this greatness, to make known all these great things.
- 20. O Jehovah, there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
- 21. And who is like your people, Israel, the one nation on earth that God went to redeem to be His people, to make yourself a great and fearful name, by driving out nations before your people whom you redeemed from Egypt?
- 22. And you made your people Israel your own people forever, and you, O Jehovah, became their God.
- 23. And now, O Jehovah, let the thing that you have spoken concerning your servant and his house be established forever, and do as you have said
- 24. and let it be established. And let your name be magnified forever, saying, 'Jehovah of Hosts is the God of Israel Israel's God! and the house of David is established before you!'
- 25. You, O my God, have revealed to the ear of your servant that you will build a house for him; that is why your servant has dared to pray *this* before you.
- 26. And now, O Jehovah, you are God! And you have spoken this good thing concerning your servant.
- 27. And now, you have been pleased to bless the house of your servant that it may be before you forever, for you, O Jehovah, have blessed, and it shall be blessed forever."

- ¶1. And it came to pass after this, that David struck the Philistines and subdued them, and he took Gath and its villages from the hand of the Philistines.
- 2. He also struck Moab, and Moab became servants for David and brought tribute.
- 3. And David struck Hadadezer the king of Zobah near Hamath as he went to establish his dominion by the Euphrates River.
- 4. And David took from him one thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen. And David hamstrung all the chariot *horses*, but he left of them one hundred for chariots.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Hebrew uncertain, but compare to 2Samuel 7:19.

5. And when the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer the king of Zobah, David also struck down twenty-two thousand men of the Arameans.

- 6. Then David put *garrisons* in Syria, in Damascus, and Syria became David's servants, bringing tribute. And Jehovah helped David wherever he went.
- 7. And David took the gold shields that were with the servants of Hadadezer and brought them to Jerusalem.
- 8. And from Tibhath, and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took very much bronze. With it, Solomon made the bronze sea, and the pillars, and the bronze vessels.
- 9. And when To'u the king of Hamath heard that David had struck the whole army of Hadadezer the king of Zobah,
- 10. he sent Hadoram, his son, to King David, to beg peace of him, and to bless him with all manner of vessels of gold, and silver, and bronze because he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him down for Hadadezer had been a man at war with To'u.
- 11. Then, King David dedicated them to Jehovah, with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the nations, from Edom, Moab, the children of Ammon, the Philistines, and Amalek.
- 12. And Abishai ben-Zeruiah struck eighteen thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt.
- 13. And he put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became servants to David. And Jehovah gave victory to David wherever he went.
- 14. And David reigned over all Israel, and he executed judgment and righteousness for all his people.
- 15. And Joab ben-Zeruiah was over the army, and Jehoshaphat ben-Ahilud was the recorder.
- 16. And Zadok ben-Ahitub and Abimelech ben-Abiathar were the priests, and Shavsha was the scribe.
- 17. And Benaiah ben-Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and the sons of David were chiefs at the king's side.

- ¶1. And it came to pass after this, that Nahash, the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son became king in his stead.
- 2. And David thought, "I will show kindness to Hanun ben-Nahash, for his father showed kindness to me." So, David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants went into the land of the children of Ammon, to Hanun, to comfort him.
- 3. But the chiefs of the children of Ammon said to Hanun: "Do you think David is honoring your father because he has sent comforters to you? Have not his servants come to you to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?"

4. And so, Hanun took David's servants, and he shaved them, and cut off half of their garments up to their buttocks, and then sent them away.

- 5. And some came and told David about the men. And he sent *messengers* to meet them because the men were greatly humiliated. And the king said, "Stay at Jericho until *y*our beard grows, and then return."
- 6. And the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves a stench to David, so Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire for themselves chariots and horsemen from Aram-naharaim, and from Aram-Maacah, and from Zobah.
- 7. And they hired for themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people. And they came and camped before Medeba. And the children of Ammon were gathered from their cities and came for the battle.
- 8. And David heard of it, and he sent Joab and all the host of mighty men.
- 9. And the children of Ammon came out and set the battle in order at the entrance of the city, and the kings who had come were by themselves in the open country.
- 10. And Joab saw that the battle line against him was in front and behind, so he chose some of the choice men in Israel and set them in array against Aram.
- 11. And the rest of the people, he put in the hand of Abishai his brother, and they were arrayed against the children of Ammon.
- 12. And he said, "If Aram is stronger than I, then you shall be my help, but if the children of Ammon are stronger than you, then I will help you.
- 13. Be strong and courageous for our people and for the cities of our God, and Jehovah will do what is good in His eyes."
- 14. And Joab and the people who were with him drew near before Aram to the battle, and they fled before him.
- 15. When the children of Ammon saw that Aram had fled, then they also fled from before Abishai his brother, and entered the city. Then Joab went to Jerusalem.
- 16. But when the Arameans saw that they were beaten before Israel, they sent messengers and brought out Arameans who were beyond the river, and Shophach, the commander of the army of Hadadezer, went before them.
- 17. And it was reported to David, and he gathered all Israel and crossed over the Jordan, and he came to them and set *the battle* in order against them. And when David had set the battle in order against Aram, they fought against him.
- 18. And Aram fled before Israel, and David killed seven thousand Aramean chariot men and forty thousand footmen, and he put to death Shophach, the commander of the army.
- 19. And when the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and served him. And Aram would not help the children of Ammon anymore.

¶1. And it came to pass at the time of the turn of the year, when kings go out *to battle*, that Joab led forth the power of the army and ravaged the land of the children of Ammon, and he came and besieged Rabbah, but David remained in Jerusalem. And Joab struck Rabbah and overthrew it.

- 2. And David took the crown of their king off his head, and he found that it weighed a talent of gold, and in it was a precious stone, and it was set upon David's head. And he took a great abundance of spoil from the city.
- 3. And he brought forth the people who were in it, and put *them to work* with the saw, iron harrows, and axes. And David did thus to all the cities of the children of Ammon. Then David returned with all the people to Jerusalem.
- ¶4. And it came to pass after this that there arose a battle at Gezer with the Philistines. At that time, Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Sippai of the children of the Rephaim, and they were subdued.
- 5. And there was another battle with the Philistines, and Elhanan ben-Ja'ur killed Lahmi, the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.
- 6. And there was yet another battle at Gath, and there was a man of great stature and his fingers *and toes* were six and six, twenty-four, and he also was born of Rapha.
- 7. And when he defied Israel, Jonathan ben-Shimea, David's brother, killed him.
- 8. These were born to Rapha in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

- ¶1. And Satan stood up against Israel, and he provoked David to number Israel.
- 2. So, David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, "Go, number Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, and bring me *the report*, that I may know their number."
- 3. And Joab said, "May Jehovah add to His people one hundred times more than they are, but my lord the King, are they not all my lord's servants? Why does my lord require this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt to Israel?"
- 4. But the king's word prevailed against Joab, so Joab went about through all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.
- 5. And Joab gave the sum of the numbering of the people to David. And in all Israel were one million one hundred thousand men who drew the sword, and in Judah were four hundred and seventy thousand men who drew the sword,
- 6. but he did not count Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king's command was abhorrent to Joab.
- 7. Now, this thing was evil in the sight of God, and He struck Israel.
- 8. And David said to God, "I have sinned greatly because I did this thing. Yet, overlook now, I pray you, the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly."
- 9. Then Jehovah spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying,

10. "Go and speak to David, saying, 'Thus says Jehovah: I offer three things to you. You choose one of them, and I will do it to you."

- 11. So, Gad came to David and said to him, "Thus says Jehovah: Choose for yourself
- 12. either three years of famine, or three months of destruction before your adversaries while the sword of your enemies overtakes *you*, or three days of Jehovah's sword, even pestilence in the land, and the angel of Jehovah destroying throughout all the territory of Israel. So, decide now what word I shall bring back to Him who sent me."
- 13. And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let me fall now into the hand of Jehovah, for His mercies are abundant, but let me not fall into the hand of man."
- 14. So, Jehovah sent a plague throughout Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell.
- 15. And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it, but as he was destroying it, Jehovah saw, and He repented of the evil, and He said to the destroying angel, "Enough, stay your hand now." And the angel of Jehovah was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
- 16. And David lifted up his eyes, and he saw the angel of Jehovah standing between the earth and heaven, and in his hand his drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.
- 17. And David said to God, "Was it not I who said to number the people, and I who sinned and did great evil? But these sheep, what have they done? O Jehovah, my God, I pray you, let your hand be upon me, and on my father's house, and let not the plague be upon your people!"
- 18. Then the angel of Jehovah spoke to Gad to tell David that David should go up to raise an altar to Jehovah on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
- 19. And David went up at Gad's word, which he had spoken in the name of Jehovah.
- 20. And Ornan turned and saw the angel, and his four sons *who were* with him hid themselves. Now, Ornan was threshing wheat,
- 21. and as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and he went out from the threshing floor and did obeisance to David, *his* face to the ground.
- 22. And David said to Ornan, "Give me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar on it to Jehovah. Give it to me for the full price, so that the plague may be stayed from the people."
- 23. And Ornan said to David, "Take it for yourself, and let my lord the King do what is good in his eyes. Behold, I give the oxen for a burnt offering, and threshing sledges for the wood, and wheat for the grain offering. I give it all."
- 24. Then, King David said to Ornan, "No. I must buy it at full price, for I will not take what is yours for Jehovah or offer a burnt offering that costs me nothing."
- 25. So, David gave Ornan six hundred gold shekels by weight for the site.

26. And David built an altar there to Jehovah, and he offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And he called on Jehovah, and He answered him with fire from heaven upon the altar of burnt offering.

- 27. And Jehovah spoke to the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath.
- 28. From that time, when David saw that Jehovah had answered him at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he sacrificed there.
- 29. Now, the tabernacle of Jehovah which Moses built 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 because he was very afraid of the sword of the angel of Jehovah.

- ¶1. Then David said, "This will be the church of Jehovah God, and this will be the altar of burnt offering for Israel."
- 2. And David commanded to gather the foreigners who were in the land of Israel, and he appointed stonecutters to cut out hewn stones to build the church of God.
- 3. And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates and for the joints, and bronze in abundance, beyond weighing,
- 4. and cedar logs without number, for the Sidonians and the Tyrians brought cedar logs in abundance to David.
- 5. For David had said, "Solomon my son is young and tender, and the church that is to be built for Jehovah must be exceedingly great, for fame and for honor throughout all lands. Let me make preparation for it, I pray." And so, David prepared abundantly before his death.
- 6. And he summoned Solomon his son and charged him to build a church for Jehovah, the God of Israel.
- 7. And David said to Solomon his son, "As for me, it was in my heart to build a church for the name of Jehovah my God,
- 8. but the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and fought great battles. You shall not build a church for my name because you have shed much blood on the ground before me.
- 9. Behold, a son shall be born to you who will be a man of rest. And I shall give him rest from all his enemies round about, and Solomon<sup>12</sup> will be his name, for I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.
- 10. He shall build a church for my name, and he will be my son, and I will be his father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'
- 11. My son, Jehovah will be with you now, and you will succeed. So, build the church of Jehovah your God, just as He said concerning you.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Solomon's name means "peaceful".

12. Only, Jehovah give you insight and understanding, so that when He gives you command over Israel, you might keep the law of Jehovah your God.

- 13. Then, you will prosper, when you are careful to carry out the statutes and the judgments which Jehovah commanded Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid and do not be dismayed.
- 14. And behold, by my deprivation have I made preparation for the church of Jehovah a hundred thousand gold talents, and a million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond weighing, for it is in abundance. Also, I have prepared timber and stone, but you must add to them.
- 15. And with you are many workmen: stonecutters, lapidaries, woodworkers, and all manner of craftsmen in every kind of work.
- 16. Of gold, silver, bronze, and iron, there is no number. Arise, and work! And may Jehovah be with you."
- 17. David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son:
- 18. "Is not Jehovah your God with you? And has He not given you rest on every side? For He has delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before Jehovah, and before His people.
- 19. Set your heart and your soul now to seek Jehovah your God. Arise, therefore, and build the sanctuary of Jehovah God, that the ark of the covenant of Jehovah and the vessels of the holy place of God may be brought into the church that is to be built for the name of Jehovah."

- ¶1. When David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.
- 2. And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites.
- 3. And the Levites from the age of thirty years old and above were numbered, and their number of men, by their polls, was thirty-eight thousand.
- 4. Of these, *David said*, "Twenty-four thousand are to oversee the work of the church of Jehovah, six thousand are to be officers and judges,
- 5. four thousand are to be gatekeepers, and four thousand are to offer praise to Jehovah with the instruments that I have made for giving praise."
- 6. And David divided them into courses according to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
- 7. Of the Gershonites: Laadan and Shimei.
- 8. The sons of Laadan: Jehiel the chief, Zetham, and Joel, three.
- 9. The sons of Shimei: Shelomoth, Haziel, and Haran, three. These were chiefs of the fathers of Laadan.
- 10. And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, Jeush, and Beriah. These were the sons of Shimei, four.
- 11. And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah was the second, but Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons. Therefore, they were in one reckoning, according to their father's house.

- 12. The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.
- 13. The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses. But Aaron was set apart to consecrate him for the most holy things, he and his sons forever, to burn incense before Jehovah, to minister to Him, and to bless in His name forever.
- 14. As for Moses, the man of God, his sons were named among the tribe of Levi.
- 15. The sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer.
- 16. The sons of Gershom: Shebuel the chief.
- 17. And the sons of Eliezer: Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.
- 18. The sons of Izhar: Shelomith the chief.
- 19. The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekame'am 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 kinsmen, the sons of Kish, took them.
- 23. The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth, three.
- 24. These are the sons of Levi according to the house of their fathers, chiefs of the fathers. They were counted by number of names, by their polls, who did the work of the service of the church of Jehovah, from twenty years old and above.
- 25. For David said, "Jehovah, the God of Israel, has given rest to His people that they may dwell in Jerusalem forever.
- 26. And also concerning the Levites, they shall no longer bear the tabernacle, nor any of its accoutrements for its service."
- 27. For by the words of David (they were his last), the numbering of the sons of Levi was from twenty years old and above.
- 28. For their office was to be at the side of Aaron's sons for the service of the church of Jehovah, over the courts, and over the chambers, and over the purification of all that is holy, and the work of the service of the church of God,
- 29. and the row bread, and the fine flour for the grain offering, and the unleavened wafers, and the griddle, and the baked things, and all measurement and weight,
- 30. and to stand every morning to give thanks and praise to Jehovah, and the same in the evening,
- 31. and to offer all the burnt offerings to Jehovah on the Sabbaths, the new moons, and the appointed times by number according to the ordinance for them continually before Jehovah,
- 32. and that they should keep the charge of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brothers, for the service of the church of Jehovah.

¶1. And the sons of Aaron by their courses: the sons of Aaron were Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

- 2. But Nadab and Abihu died in the presence of their father, and they had no children. So, Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as priests.
- 3. And David divided them, even Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service.
- 4. And there were found more chief men from the sons of Eleazar than from the sons of Ithamar. And they divided them, of the sons of Eleazar sixteen chief men of the house of their fathers, and of the sons of Ithamar eight of the house of their fathers.
- 5. And they divided them by lots without distinction, for there were rulers of the sanctuary, even rulers of the gods, from the sons of Eleazar and the sons of Ithamar.
- 6. And Shemaiah ben-Nethaneel, the scribe, one of the Levites, made a record of them before the king, the princes, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech ben-Abiathar, and the chiefs of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one father's house being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar.
- 7. And the first lot came out for Jehoiarib, the second for Jedaiah,
- 8. the third for Harim, the fourth for Seorim,
- 9. the fifth for Malchiah, the sixth for Mijamin,
- 10. the seventh for Hakkoz, the eighth for Abijah,
- 11. the ninth for Jeshua, the tenth for Shechaniah,
- 12. the eleventh for Eliashib, the twelfth for Jakim,
- 13. the thirteenth for Huppah, the fourteenth for Jeshebab,
- 14. the fifteenth for Bilgah, the sixteenth for Immer,
- 15. the seventeenth for Hezir, the eighteenth for Happizzez,
- 16. the nineteenth for Pethahiah, the twentieth for Jehezekel,
- 17. the twenty-first for Jachin, the twenty-second for Gamul,
- 18. the twenty-third for Delaiah, the twenty-fourth for Maaziah.
- 19. These were their appointments for their service to come to the church of Jehovah, according to their ordinance by the hand of Aaron their father, as Jehovah, the God of Israel, commanded him.
- ¶20. And the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael. Of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah.
- 21. Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Isshiah.
- 22. Of the Izharite, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.
- 23. And the sons of *Hebron*:<sup>13</sup> Jeriah, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekame'am the fourth.
- 24. The sons of Uzziel: Micah. Of the sons of Micah, Shamur.
- 25. The brother of Micah was Isshiah. Of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See 1Chron, 23:19.

- 26. The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Jaaziah: Beno.
- 27. The sons of Merari by Jaaziah: Beno, Shoham, Zacchur, and Hebrew.
- 28. Of Mahli: Eleazar, but he had no sons.
- 29. Of Kish: the sons of Kish, Jerahmeel.
- 30. And the sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites by the house of their fathers.
- 31. And lots were also cast for them, just as for their brothers, the sons of Aaron, in the presence of David the king, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the chiefs of the fathers of the priests and Levites, fathers, the chief just as for his younger brother.

- ¶1. And David and the captains of the host separated for service the sons of Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, who prophesied with lyres, with harps, and with cymbals. And their number, workmen by their service was:
- 2. of the sons of Asaph: Zacchur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied, according to the king's orders;
- 3. of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a lyre to give thanks and praise to Jehovah;
- 4. of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti and Romamti-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 Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.
- 6. All these were under the direction of their fathers, Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman, for song in the church of Jehovah, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, for the service of the church of God, according to the king's orders.
- 7. And their number, with their kinsmen who were instructed in the songs of Jehovah, all who were skillful, was two hundred and eighty-eight.
- 8. And they cast lots, watch by watch, in order, for the lesser as for the greater, the teacher with the pupil.
- 9. And the first lot came out for Asaph to Joseph. The second for Gedaliah, he and his kinsmen and sons were twelve.
- 10. The third for Zacchur, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 11. The fourth for Izri, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 12. The fifth for Nethaniah, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 13. The sixth for Bukkiah, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 14. The seventh for Jesarelah, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 15. The eighth for Jeshaiah, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 16. The ninth for Mattaniah, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 17. The tenth for Shimei, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.

- 18. The eleventh for Azareel, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 19. The twelfth for Hashabiah, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 20. The thirteenth for Shubael, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 21. The fourteenth for Mattithiah, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 22. The fifteenth for Jeremoth, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 23. The sixteenth for Hananiah, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 24. The seventeenth for Joshbekashah, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 25. The eighteenth for Hanani, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 26. The nineteenth for Mallothi, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 27. The twentieth for Eliathah, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 28. The twenty-first for Hothir, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 29. The twenty-second for Giddalti, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 30. The twenty-third for Mahazioth, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.
- 31. The twenty-fourth for Romamti-ezer, his sons and his kinsmen, twelve.

- ¶1. For the courses of the gatekeepers from the Korhites: Meshelemiah ben-Kor'e, of the sons of Asaph.
- 2. And the sons of Meshelemiah: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,
- 3. Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elihoenai the seventh.
- 4. And the sons of Obed-edom: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth, Nethaneel the fifth,
- 5. Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth, for God blessed him.
- 6. And to his son Shemaiah were born sons, rulers of the house of their father, for they were mighty men of valor.
- 7. The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, Rephael, Obed, Elzabad, whose brothers were strong men, Elihu and Semaciah.
- 8. All these were of the sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their kinsmen, able men with strength for the service, were sixty-two from Obed-edom.
- 9. And Meshelemiah had sons and kinsmen, strong men, eighteen.
- 10. And Hosah, of the sons of Merari, had sons: Shimri the chief (for though he was not the firstborn, his father made him chief).
- 11. Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth. All the sons and kinsmen of Hosah were thirteen.
- 12. From these were the courses of the gatekeepers, from the chief men, having watches like those of their kinsmen, to minister in the church of Jehovah.
- 13. And they cast lots, for the lesser as for the greater, according to the house of their fathers, for each gate.
- 14. And the eastward lot fell to Shelemiah. And for Zechariah his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots, and his lot came out for the north.

- 15. For Obed-edom, south, and to his sons, the store-house.
- 16. For Shuppim and Hosah, west, with the Shallecheth gate, by the road of ascent, watch beside watch.
- 17. Eastward were six Levites, northward, four each day, southward, four each day, and for the store-house, two and two.
- 18. At the Parbar, westward, four at the highway, and two at the Parbar.
- 19. These are the courses of the porters from the sons of the Korhite and from the sons of Merari.
- 20. And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the church of God, even the treasures of holy things.
- 21. The sons of Laadan, the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Laadan, chiefs of the fathers of Laadan the Gershonite: Jehieli.
- 22. The sons of Jehieli: Zetham and Joel his brother, who were over the treasures of the church of Jehovah,
- 23. of the Amramites, the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites.
- 24. And Shebuel ben-Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler over the treasures.
- 25. And his kinsmen by Eliezer: Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiah his son, Joram his son, Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son.
- 26. This Shelomoth and his kinsmen were over all the treasures of holy things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the army, had dedicated.
- 27. From the spoils of battles, they had dedicated *these* to maintain the church of Jehovah.
- 28. And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul ben-Kish, and Abner ben-Ner, and Joab ben-Zeruiah had dedicated, all the dedicated things, were under the hand of Shelomith, and his kinsmen.
- 29. Of the Izharites: Chenaniah and his sons were *assigned to* outside duty concerning Israel, as officers and judges.
- 30. Of the Hebronites: Hashabiah and his kinsmen, men of valor, one thousand seven hundred, over the administration of Israel beyond the Jordan westward for all the work of Jehovah and the service of the king.
- 31. Of the Hebronites: Jerijah was the chief of the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of David's reign, they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valor in Jazer of Gilead.
- 32. And his kinsmen, men of ability, were two thousand seven hundred chiefs of their fathers, and King David appointed them over the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God and business of the king.

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¶1. And the heads of the fathers of the children of Israel by their number, even the captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers who ministered to the king in any matter

- pertaining to the courses, who came in and went out month by month, for each month of the year, one course was twenty-four thousand.
- 2. Over the first course for the first month was Jashobe'am ben-Zabdiel, and in his course were twenty-four thousand.
- 3. Of the children of Pharez was 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 over his course was Mikloth also the ruler, and in his course were twenty-four thousand.
- 5. The third captain of the host for the third month was Benaiah ben-Jehoiada the chief priest, and in his course were twenty-four thousand.
- 6. (This is Benaiah, a mighty man of the thirty, and over the thirty.) And in his course was Ammizabad his son.
- 7. The fourth, for the fourth month was Asahel, Joab's brother, 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 Izrach, and in his course were twenty-four thousand.
- 9. The sixth, for the sixth month was Ira ben-Ikkesh the Tekoite, and in his course were twenty-four thousand.
- 10. The seventh, for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim, and in his course were twenty-four thousand.
- 11. The eighth, for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites, and in his course were twenty-four thousand.
- 12. The ninth, for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjaminites, and in his course were twenty-four thousand.
- 13. The tenth, for the tenth month was Mahrai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites, and in his course were twenty-four thousand.
- 14. The eleventh, for the eleventh month was Benajah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim, and in his course were twenty-four thousand.
- 15. The twelfth, for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel, and in his course were twenty-four thousand.
- ¶16. And over the tribes of Israel: the ruler of the Reubenites, Eliezer ben-Zichri; of the Simeonites, Shephatiah ben-Maacah;
- 17. of Levi, Hashabiah ben-Kemuel; of Aaron, Zadok;
- 18. of Judah, Elihu, one of David's brothers; of Issachar, Omri ben-Michael;
- 19. of Zebulun, Ishmaiah ben-Obadiah; of Naphtali, Jerimoth ben-Azriel;
- 20. of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea ben-Azaziah; of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel ben-Pedaiah;
- 21. of the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo ben-Zechariah; of Benjamin, Jaasiel ben-Abner;
- 22. of Dan, Azareel ben-Jeroham. These were the princes of the tribes of Israel.

23. Now David did not take the number of them from twenty years old and under because Jehovah had said He would multiply Israel like the stars of heaven.

- 24. Joab ben-Zeruiah began to number *the people*, but he did not finish. And wrath came upon Israel because of this, and the number was not put into the account of the chronicles of King David.
- 25. And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth ben-Adiel. And over the storehouses in the country, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the towers was Jonathan ben-Uzziah.
- 26. And over those who did the work of the field, to labor on the land was Ezri ben-Chelub.
- 27. And over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite, and over the vintage for the wine stores was Zabdi the Shiphmite.
- 28. And over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the Shephelah was Baalhanan the Gederite. And over the oil storehouses was Joash.
- 29. And over the herds that pastured in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite, and over the herds in the valleys was Shaphat ben-Adlai.
- 30. And over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite, and over the she-asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite.
- 31. And over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite. All these were overseers of King David's substance.
- 32. And Jonathan, David's uncle was a counselor; he was a man of understanding and a scribe. And Jehiel ben-Hachmoni was with the sons of the king.
- 33. And Ahithophel was the king's counselor, and Hushai the Archite was the king's friend.
- 34. And after Ahithophel was Jehoiada ben-Benaiah, and Abiathar. And the commander of the king's army was Joab.

- ¶1. And David assembled all the rulers of Israel, the rulers of the tribes, and the chiefs of the courses who ministered to the king, and the captains over thousands, and the captains over hundreds, and the overseers over all the substance and cattle of the king and his sons, with the officers, and the mighty men, and all the men of valor to Jerusalem.
- 2. And King David rose to his feet, and he said, "Hear me, my brothers, and my people. I had it in my heart to build a place of rest for the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and for the footstool of our God, and I made preparations to build.
- 3. But God said to me, 'You shall not build a church for my name because you have been a man of war and have shed blood.'
- 4. Yet, Jehovah, the God of Israel, chose me from all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever. For He chose Judah to be the ruler, and in the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among my father's sons, He was pleased with me, to make me king over all Israel.

5. And from all my sons (for Jehovah gave me many sons), He has also chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of the kingdom of Jehovah over Israel.

- 6. And He said to me, 'Solomon your son, he shall build my church and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be a father to him.
- 7. And I will establish his kingdom forever if he resolutely keeps my commandments and my judgments, as at this day.'
- 8. So, in the sight of all Israel, the Assembly of Jehovah, and in the hearing of our God, keep now and seek after all the commandments of Jehovah your God, so that you may possess the good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever.
- 9. And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind, for Jehovah searches all hearts, and knows every intention of thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let Himself be found by you, but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.
- 10. Consider now, for Jehovah has chosen you to build the church for the sanctuary. Be strong and do it!"
- ¶11. Then David gave to Solomon his son: the pattern of the porch, and its buildings, and its treasuries, and its upper chambers, and its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy-seat,
- 12. and the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit for courts of the church of Jehovah, and for all the chambers round about, for the treasuries of the church of God, and for the treasuries of holy things,
- 13. and the courses of the priests and Levites, and for all the work for the service of the church of Jehovah, and for all the accourrements for the service of the church of Jehovah,
- 14. for the gold by weight, the gold for the accoutrements for each service, for all the accoutrements of silver by weight, for all the accoutrements of each service,
- 15. and weight for the gold menorahs and their gold lamps, by weight for each menorah and its lamps, and for the silver menorahs by weight, for a menorah and its lamps according to the service of each menorah,
- 16. and the gold by weight for the tables of the row *bread*, for each table, and silver for the silver tables,
- 17. and the meat-hooks, the basins, and the cups of pure gold, and for the gold bowls, by weight for each bowl, and for the silver bowls, by weight for each bowl,
- 18. and for the incense altar refined gold by weight, and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubim that spread *their wings* and covered the ark of the covenant of Jehovah."
- 19. "All this came in writing by the hand of Jehovah upon me," *said David*, "He gave me understanding of all the works of this pattern."

20. Then David said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do it. Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for Jehovah God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you until you finish all the work for the service of the church of Jehovah.

21. And behold, the courses of the priests and Levites are for all the service of the church of God, and with you for every manner of work is every willing and skillful man for all the service. And the rulers and all the people will be entirely at your command."

- ¶1. And King David said to all the Assembly, "Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen is young and tender, and the work is great, for the palace is not for man but for Jehovah, God.
- 2. And I have prepared with all my might for the church of my God gold for the gold, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron, wood for the wood, onyx stones, and settings for stones of antimony, and embroidery, and every precious stone, and alabaster in abundance.
- 3. And besides, out of my affection for the church of my God, from my own treasure, I have given gold and silver for the church of my God, over and above all that I prepared for the church of the sanctuary:
- 4. three thousand talents of gold, Ophirian gold, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the buildings,
- 5. gold for the gold, and silver for the silver, and for all manner of work by the hand of craftsmen. Who also is willing to consecrate his substance today to Jehovah?"
- 6. Then the chiefs of the fathers, and the rulers of the tribes of Israel, and the captains over thousands and over hundreds, and the overseers of the king's business offered willingly,
- 7. and they gave for the service of the church of God five thousand gold talents, a myriad of adarcons, ten thousand talents of silver, a myriad and eight thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.
- 8. And whoever possessed stones gave them into the treasury of the church of Jehovah by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.
- 9. And the people rejoiced because they offered willingly; yea, with a perfect heart, they offered willingly to Jehovah. And King David also rejoiced greatly.
- 10. And David blessed Jehovah in the sight of all the Assembly, and David said, "Blessed are you, O Jehovah, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.
- 11. O Jehovah, the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty is yours, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours, O Jehovah, the kingdom, and he who is exalted above all as Head!
- 12. Yea, riches and honor *come* from you, and you are ruling over all, and in your hand is power and might. And it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all.
- 13. And now, our God, we thank you and give praises to your glorious name!

14. But who am I, and who are my people that we should be able to offer willingly in this manner? For everything is yours, and we have given to you only what *came* from your hand.

- 15. For we are strangers before you, even sojourners, as were all our fathers. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope.
- 16. O Jehovah our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build a church for your holy name it is from your hand, and it is all yours.
- 17. And I know, my God, that you test the heart and take pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart, I have willingly offered all these things, and now, I have seen with joy your people who are present here offer willingly to you.
- 18. O Jehovah, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel our fathers, preserve this forever, the intention of the thoughts of your people, and establish their heart with you.
- 19. And give to Solomon my son a perfect heart to keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, yea, to observe it all, and to build the palace for which I have made provision."
- 20. And David said to all the Assembly, "Bless Jehovah your God now!" And all the Assembly blessed Jehovah, the God of their fathers, and they bowed and did obeisance to Jehovah and the king.
- 21. And they offered sacrifices to Jehovah and made burnt offerings to Jehovah the next day: a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, yea, sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.
- 22. And on that day, they are and drank before Jehovah with great gladness. And they made Solomon ben-David king the second time, and anointed him before Jehovah to be sovereign, and Zadok to be priest.
- ¶23. Then Solomon sat on the throne of Jehovah as king instead of David his father. And he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.
- 24. And all the rulers, and the mighty men, and all the sons of King David also submitted themselves to King Solomon.
- 25. And Jehovah magnified Solomon exceedingly in the eyes of all Israel, and He bestowed upon him royal majesty which had never been upon any king over Israel before him.
- ¶26. And David ben-Jesse reigned over all Israel.
- 27. And the days that he reigned over Israel were forty years. In Hebron, he reigned seven years, and in Jerusalem, he reigned thirty-three.
- 28. And he died at a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor. And Solomon his son reigned in his stead.
- 29. Now, the acts of King David, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the chronicles of Samuel the seer, and in the chronicles of Nathan the prophet, and in the chronicles of Gad the seer,
- 30. with all his reign, and his might, and the times that passed over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the lands.