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<sup>1</sup> Adam, Seth, Enosh,

<sup>2</sup> Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared,

<sup>3</sup> Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

<sup>4</sup> Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

<sup>5</sup> The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

<sup>6</sup> The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.

<sup>7</sup> The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim.

<sup>8</sup> The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

<sup>9</sup> The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raama, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.

<sup>10</sup> Cush was the father of Nimrod; he was the first heroic warrior on the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Mizraim was the father of the Ludites, Anamites, Lehabites, Naphtuhites,

<sup>12</sup> Pathrusites, Casluhites (from whom came the Philistines), and Caphtorites.

<sup>13</sup> Canaan was the father of Sidon his first-born, and Heth,

<sup>14</sup> and the Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites,

<sup>15</sup> Hivites, Arkites, Sinites,

<sup>16</sup> Arvadites, Zemarites, and Hamathites.

<sup>17</sup> The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.

<sup>18</sup> Arphaxad was the father of Shelah, and Shelah was the father of Eber.

<sup>19</sup> To Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

<sup>20</sup> Joktan was the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

<sup>21</sup> Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

<sup>22</sup> Ebal, Abimael, Sheba,

<sup>23</sup> Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.

<sup>24</sup> Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,

<sup>25</sup> Eber, Peleg, Reu,

<sup>26</sup> Serug, Nahor, Terah,

<sup>27</sup> Abram, that is, Abraham.

<sup>28</sup> The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael.

<sup>29</sup> These are their descendants: the first-born of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

<sup>30</sup> Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema,

<sup>31</sup> Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These were the sons of Ishmael.

<sup>32</sup> The sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bore Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan.

<sup>33</sup> The sons of Midian: Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

<sup>34</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel.

<sup>35</sup> The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.

<sup>36</sup> The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zephi, Gatam, Kenaz, and by Timna, Amalek.

<sup>37</sup> The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

<sup>38</sup> The sons of Seir: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.

<sup>39</sup> The sons of Lotan: Hori, and Homam. Timna was Lotan's sister.

<sup>40</sup> The sons of Shobal: Alian, Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, Onam. The sons of Zibeon: Aiah, Anah.

<sup>41</sup> The sons of Anah: Dishon. The sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Keran.

<sup>42</sup> The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Jaakan. The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

<sup>43</sup> Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, before any king ruled over the Israelites: Bela the son of Beor; the name of his city was Dinhabah.

<sup>44</sup> When Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.

<sup>45</sup> When Jobab died, Husham from the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.

<sup>46</sup> When Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Avith.

<sup>47</sup> When Hadad died, Samlah from Masrekah reigned in his place.

<sup>48</sup> When Samlah died, Shaul from Rehoboth by the river reigned in his place.

<sup>49</sup> When Shaul died, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place.

<sup>50</sup> When Baal-hanan died, Hadad reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Pai: his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-zahab.

<sup>51</sup> Then Hadad died. The tribal chiefs of Edom were: chief Timna, chief Aliah, chief Jetheth,

<sup>52</sup> chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon,

<sup>53</sup> chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar,

<sup>54</sup> chief Magdiel, and chief Iram. These are the tribal chiefs of Edom.

<sup>1</sup> These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,

<sup>2</sup> Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

<sup>3</sup> The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah. These three were born to him by Bathshua, a Canaanite woman. Er, Judah's first-born, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; so he killed him.

<sup>4</sup> Tamar, Judah's daughter-in-law bore him Perez and Zerah. Judah had five sons in all. <sup>5</sup> The sons of Perez: Hezron and Hamul.

<sup>6</sup> The sons of Zerah: Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara--five in all.

<sup>7</sup> The sons of Carmi: Achar, the troubler of Israel, who trespassed by taking what was to be devoted to God.

<sup>8</sup> The son of Ethan: Azariah.

<sup>9</sup> The sons born to Hezron: Jerahmeel, Ram, and Caleb.

<sup>10</sup> Ram was the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab was the father of Nahshon, prince of the sons of Judah.

<sup>11</sup> Nahshon was the father of Salma, and Salma was the father of Boaz.

<sup>12</sup> Boaz was the father of Obed, and Obed was the father of Jesse.

<sup>13</sup> Jesse was the father of his first-born Eliab, Abinadab the second, Shimea the third,

<sup>14</sup> Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

<sup>15</sup> Ozem the sixth, and David the seventh.

<sup>16</sup> Their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. The three sons of Zeruiah: Abishai, Joab, Asahel.

<sup>17</sup> Abigail bore Amasa; and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.

<sup>18</sup> Caleb the son of Hezron fathered children by his wife Azubah, and by Jerioth; and these were her sons: Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon.

<sup>19</sup> After Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur.

<sup>20</sup> Hur was the father of Uri, and Uri was the father of Bezalel.

<sup>21</sup> Afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Makir, the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was sixty years old. She bore him Segub.

<sup>22</sup> Segub was the father of Jair, who had twenty-three villages in the land of Gilead.

<sup>23</sup> Geshur and Aram took the towns of Jair from them, along with Kenath, and its sixty villages. All these were the sons of Makir the father of Gilead.

<sup>24</sup> After the death of Hezron in Caleb Ephrathah, then Abijah, Hezron's wife, bore him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.

<sup>25</sup> The sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were Ram, the first-born, Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.

<sup>26</sup> Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

<sup>27</sup> The sons of Ram, the first-born of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.

<sup>28</sup> The sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. The sons of Shammai: Nadab and Abishur.

<sup>29</sup> The name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail; and she bore him Ahban and Molid.

<sup>30</sup> The sons of Nadab: Seled and Appaim; but Seled died without children.

<sup>31</sup> The son of Appaim: Ishi. The son of Ishi: Sheshan. The son of Sheshan: Ahlai.

<sup>32</sup> The sons of Jada, the brother of Shammai: Jether and Jonathan. Jether died without children.

<sup>33</sup> The sons of Jonathan: Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

<sup>34</sup> Now Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha.

<sup>35</sup> Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to marry; and she bore him Attai.

<sup>36</sup> Attai was the father of Nathan, and Nathan was the father of Zabad.

<sup>37</sup> Zabad was the father of Ephlal, and Ephlal was the father of Obed.

<sup>38</sup> Obed was the father of Jehu, and Jehu was the father of Azariah.

<sup>39</sup> Azariah was the father of Helez, and Helez was the father of Eleasah.

<sup>40</sup> Eleasah was the father of Sismai, and Sismai was the father of Shallum.

<sup>41</sup> Shallum was the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah was the father of Elishama.

<sup>42</sup> The sons of Caleb, the brother of Jerahmeel, were Mesha his first-born, who was the father of Ziph; and his second son Mareshah, the father of Hebron.

<sup>43</sup> The sons of Hebron: Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.

<sup>44</sup> Shema was the father of Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem was the father of Shammai.

<sup>45</sup> The son of Shammai was Maon. Maon was the father of Beth-zur.

<sup>46</sup> Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez. Haran was the father of Gazez.

<sup>47</sup> The sons of Jahdai: Regem, Jothan, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

<sup>48</sup> Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.

<sup>49</sup> She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibea. The daughter of Caleb was Achsah.

<sup>50</sup> These were the sons of Caleb, the son of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim,

<sup>51</sup> Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

<sup>52</sup> Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, half of the Manahathites.

<sup>53</sup> The families of Kiriath-jearim: the Ithrites, Puthites, Shumathites, and the Mishraites; from whom came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.

<sup>54</sup> The sons of Salma: Beth-lehem, the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab, and half of the Manahathites, and the Zorites.

<sup>55</sup> The families of scribes that dwelt at Jabez: the Tirathites, Shimeathites, and Sucathites. These are the Kenites who came from Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

<sup>1</sup> These were the sons of David that were born to him in Hebron: The first-born, Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, by Abigail from Carmel;

<sup>2</sup> the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah, the son of Haggith;

 $^{3}$  the fifth, Shephatiah by Abital; the sixth, Ithream by his wife Eglah.

<sup>4</sup> Six were born to him in Hebron, where he reigned seven years and six months. He reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

<sup>5</sup> These were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, four, by Bathsheba the daughter of Ammiel.

<sup>6</sup> Then there was Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet,

<sup>7</sup> Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

<sup>8</sup> Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine in all.

<sup>9</sup> All these were sons of David, not including the sons of the concubines; and Tamar was their sister.

<sup>10</sup> Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abijah his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

<sup>11</sup> Jehoram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,

<sup>12</sup> Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son,

<sup>13</sup> Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,

<sup>14</sup> Amon his son, Josiah his son.

<sup>15</sup> The sons of Josiah: the first-born Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, and the fourth Shallum.

<sup>16</sup> The sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah [Jehoiachin] his son, and Zedekiah his son.

<sup>17</sup> The sons of Jeconiah, the captive were: Shealtiel his son,

<sup>18</sup> Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

<sup>19</sup> The sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei. The sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam, Hananiah; and their sister Shelomith.

<sup>20</sup> Five others were: Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-hesed.

<sup>21</sup> The sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah and Jeshaiah. Jeshaiah's son Rephaiah, whose son was Arnan, whose son was Obadiah, whose son was Shecaniah.

<sup>22</sup> The son of Shecaniah: Shemaiah. The sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat, six in all.

<sup>23</sup> The sons of Neariah: Elioenai, Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three in all.

<sup>24</sup> The sons of Elioenai: Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani, seven in all.

<sup>1</sup> The sons of Judah: Perez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.

<sup>2</sup> Reaiah the son of Shobal was the father of Jahath; and Jahath was the father of Ahumai and Lahad. These were the families of the Zorathites.

<sup>3</sup> These were the sons of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister was Hazzelelponi.

<sup>4</sup> Penuel was the father of Gedor, and Ezer was the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah, the father of Bethlehem.

<sup>5</sup> Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

<sup>6</sup> Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hepher, Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah.

<sup>7</sup> The sons of Helah were Zereth, Izhar, Ethnan,

<sup>8</sup> and Koz was the father of Anub, Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

<sup>9</sup> Jabez was more honorable than his brothers; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him with such pain."

<sup>10</sup> Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm, so that I will not suffer pain!" God granted him what he requested.

<sup>11</sup> Kelub, the brother of Shuhah was the father of Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.

<sup>12</sup> Eshton was the father of Beth-rapha, Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir-nahash. These were the men of Recah.

<sup>13</sup> The sons of Kenaz: Othniel and Seraiah. The sons of Othniel: Hathath and Meonothai.

<sup>14</sup> Meonothai was the father of Ophrah; and Seraiah was the father of Joab the father of Ge-harashim; for they were craftsmen.

<sup>15</sup> The sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam. The son of Elah and Kenaz.

<sup>16</sup> The sons of Jehallelel: Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.

<sup>17</sup> The sons of Ezrah: Jether, Mered, Epher, and Jalon. Mered's wife Bithiah bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah, the father of Eshtemoa.

<sup>18</sup> His Judean wife bore Jered the father of Gedor, Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. These were the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered married.

<sup>19</sup> The sons of the wife of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, were the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maacathite.

<sup>20</sup> The sons of Shimon: Amnon, Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. The sons of Ishi: Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.

<sup>21</sup> The sons of Shelah the son of Judah: Er the father of Lecah, Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of those who make fine linen at Beth-Ashbea;

<sup>22</sup> Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had ruled in Moab, and Jashubi Lehem. These are from the ancient records.

<sup>23</sup> These were the potters, and the inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah; they lived there with the king in his service.

<sup>24</sup> The sons of Simeon: Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul;

<sup>25</sup> his sons were Shallum, Mibsam, and Mishma.

<sup>26</sup> The sons of Mishma: Hammuel, Zaccur, and Shimei.

<sup>27</sup> Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers did not have many children, so their whole family was not as numerous as the descendants of Judah.

<sup>28</sup> They livet at Beersheba, Moladah, Hazar-shual,

<sup>29</sup> Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,

<sup>30</sup> Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,

<sup>31</sup> Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susim, Beth-biri, and Shaaraim. These were their cities until the reign of David.

<sup>32</sup> Their villages were Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Token, and Ashan,--five towns.

<sup>33</sup> and all their villages surrounding these same towns, as far as the town of Baal. These were their settlements. They have their genealogical records.

<sup>34</sup> Meshobab, Jamlech, Joshah the son of Amaziah,

<sup>35</sup> Joel, Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

<sup>36</sup> Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah,

<sup>37</sup> Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah --

<sup>38</sup> these mentioned by name were leaders in their families, and their clans increased greatly.
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<sup>39</sup> They went to the entrance of Gedor, even to the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

<sup>40</sup> They found good lush pasture, and the land was spacious, quiet, and peaceable; for they that lived there before were descendants of Ham.

<sup>41</sup> These recorded by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and attacked their tents, and the Meunim who were found there. They totally destroyed them to this day, and settled in their place, because there was pasture there for their flocks.

<sup>42</sup> Some of them, 500 from the tribe of Simeon, went to mount Seir, under the leadership of Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.

<sup>43</sup> They destroyed the survivors of the Amalekites who had escaped, and live there to this day.

<sup>1</sup> The sons of Reuben, the first-born of Israel (for he was the first-born; but because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel instead; so the genealogy is not reckoned in the normal birth order.

<sup>2</sup> For Judah prevailed over his brothers, and from him came the ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's.)

<sup>3</sup> The sons of Reuben, the first-born of Israel: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

<sup>4</sup> The sons of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,

<sup>5</sup> Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son,

<sup>6</sup> Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pileser king of Assyria carried into exile; he was a tribal chief of the Reubenites.

<sup>7</sup> His brothers by their families, as listed in the genealogical records: Jeiel was the chief, then Zechariah,

<sup>8</sup> and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who lived in Aroer, to Nebo and Baal-meon.

<sup>9</sup> To the east he settled as far as the entrance of the wilderness from the Euphrates River, because their cattle had multiplied in the land of Gilead.

<sup>10</sup> In the days of Saul, they made war with the Hagrites, who fell by their hand; and they lived in their tents throughout all the area east of Gilead.

<sup>11</sup> The descendants of Gad lived next to them, in the land of Bashan to Salecah.

<sup>12</sup> Joel was the chief, Shapham the second-in-command, Janai and Shaphat were in Bashan.

<sup>13</sup> Their relatives by their clans were: Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia, and Eber, seven in all.

<sup>14</sup> These were the sons of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz.

<sup>15</sup> Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, was chief of their clans.

<sup>16</sup> They lived in Gilead in Bashan, and in its villages, and in all the pasturelands of Sharon, as far as their borders.

<sup>17</sup> All these were listed in genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

<sup>18</sup> The sons of Reuben, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, had 44,760 valiant warriors, men able to carry a shield and sword, and to shoot a bow. They were skilful in warfare, who were able to go out to battle.

<sup>20</sup> They received divine aid them, and the Hagrites were delivered into their hand, and all their allies; for they cried to God in the battle, and he answered them, because they put their trust in him.

<sup>21</sup> They carried off their cattle; 50,000 of their camels, and 250,000 sheep, 2,000 donkeys, and 100,000 men.

<sup>22</sup> For many were killed, because the war was of God. And they lived in their place until the exile.

<sup>23</sup> Half-tribe of Manasseh lived in the land. They increased from Bashan to Baal-hermon,
 Senir and Mount Hermon.
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<sup>24</sup> These were the heads of their clans: Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty warriors, heroes, heads of their clans.
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<sup>25</sup> They rebelled against the God of their fathers, and prostituted themselves after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God destroyed before them.

<sup>26</sup> The God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, that is, the spirit of Tilgath-pileser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, including the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and to the river of Gozan, to this day.

<sup>1</sup> The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

<sup>2</sup> The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

<sup>3</sup> The children of Amram: Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

- <sup>4</sup> Eleazar was the father of Phinehas, Phinehas was the father of Abishua.
- <sup>5</sup> Abishua was the father of Bukki, Bukki was the father of Uzzi.
- <sup>6</sup> Uzzi was the father of Zerahiah, and Zerahiah was the father of Meraioth.
- <sup>7</sup> Meraioth was the father of Amariah, Amariah was the father of Ahitub.
- <sup>8</sup> Ahitub was the father of Zadok, and Zadok was the father of Ahimaaz.
- <sup>9</sup> Ahimaaz was the father of Azariah, and Azariah was the father of Johanan.
- <sup>10</sup> Johanan was the father of Azariah, (he was the one who served as priest in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem).
- <sup>11</sup> Azariah was the father of Amariah, and Amariah was the father of Ahitub.
- <sup>12</sup> Ahitub was the father of Zadok, and Zadok was the father of Shallum.
- <sup>13</sup> Shallum was the father of Hilkiah, and Hilkiah was the father of Azariah.
- <sup>14</sup> Azariah was the father of Seraiah, and Seraiah was the father of Jehozadak.
- <sup>15</sup> Jehozadak went into exile, when the LORD sent Judah and Jerusalem into exile by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

<sup>16</sup> The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.

<sup>17</sup> These are the names of the sons of Gershom: Libni and Shimei.

<sup>18</sup> The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

<sup>19</sup> The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the clans of the Levites according to their ancestral families.

<sup>20</sup> Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,

- <sup>21</sup> Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son.
- <sup>22</sup> The sons of Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,
- <sup>23</sup> Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, Assir his son,
- <sup>24</sup> Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son.
- <sup>25</sup> The sons of Elkanah: Amasai and Ahimoth.
- <sup>26</sup> Elkanah his son, Zophai his son, Nahath his son,
- <sup>27</sup> Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son.
- <sup>28</sup> The sons of Samuel: Joel, the first-born and Abijah the second.

<sup>29</sup> The sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son,

<sup>30</sup> Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, and Asaiah his son.

<sup>31</sup> These are the men David put over the service of music in the house of the LORD, after the ark came to rest there.

<sup>32</sup> They ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, until Solomon built the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem. They performed their function according to their order.

<sup>33</sup> These are those who served, and their sons:

From the sons of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, son of Joel, son of Samuel,

- <sup>34</sup> son of Elkanah, son of Jeroham, son of Eliel, son of Toah,
- <sup>35</sup> son of Zuph, son of Elkanah, son of Mahath, son of Amasai,
- <sup>36</sup> son of Elkanah, son of Joel, son of Azariah, son of Zephaniah,
- <sup>37</sup> son of Tahath, son of Assir, son of Ebiasaph, son of Korah,
- <sup>38</sup> son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, son of Israel.

<sup>39</sup> His brother Asaph, who stood at his right hand, namely, Asaph the son of Berechiah, son of Shimea,

- <sup>40</sup> son of Michael, son of Baaseiah, son of Malkijah,
- <sup>41</sup> son of Ethni, son of Zerah, son of Adaiah,
- <sup>42</sup> son of Ethan, son of Zimmah, son of Shimei,
- <sup>43</sup> son of Jahath, son of Gershom, son of Levi.

<sup>44</sup> On the left hand their brothers the sons of Merari: Ethan son of Kishi, son of Abdi, son of Malluch,

- <sup>45</sup> son of Hashabiah, son of Amaziah, son of Hilkiah,
- <sup>46</sup> son of Amzi, son of Bani, son of Shemer,
- <sup>47</sup> son of Mahli, son of Mushi, son of Merari, son of Levi.

<sup>48</sup> Their brothers the Levites were appointed for all the service of the tabernacle, the house of God.

<sup>49</sup> But Aaron and his sons offered on the altar of burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, doing all the work of the most holy place, and making atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

<sup>50</sup> These are the sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,

- <sup>51</sup> Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,
- <sup>52</sup> Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,
- <sup>53</sup> Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

<sup>54</sup> These are their dwellings according to their settlements in their borders: to the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites for theirs was the first allotment,

<sup>55</sup> To them was allotted Hebron in the land of Judah, and its surrounding pasturelands;

<sup>56</sup> but the fields of the town, and its villages they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

<sup>57</sup> To the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge: Hebron, Libnah also with its pasturelands, Jattir, Eshtemoa with its pasturelands,

<sup>58</sup> Hilen with its pasturelands, Debir with its pasturelands,

<sup>59</sup> Ashan with its pasturelands, and Beth-shemesh with its pasturelands.

<sup>60</sup> From the tribe of Benjamin: Geba with its pasturelands, and Allemeth with its pasturelands, and Anathoth with its pasturelands. All their towns throughout their clans were thirteen towns.

<sup>61</sup> To the rest of the Kohathites were given by lot ten towns, from the clans of the half-tribe of Manasseh.

<sup>62</sup> To the Gershomites were allotted thirteen towns, according to their clans, from the tribes of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and Manasseh in Bashan.

<sup>63</sup> To the sons of Merarites were given by lot twelve towns, according to their clans, from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun.

<sup>64</sup> So the Israelites gave to the Levites these towns with their pasturelands.

<sup>65</sup> They gave by lot out of the tribes of the Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin, these towns which are listed above by name.

<sup>66</sup> Some of the clans of the Kohathites had towns of their territory from the tribe of Ephraim.

<sup>67</sup> They gave them the cities of refuge, Shechem with its pasturelands in the hill-country of Ephraim; Gezer with its pasturelands,

<sup>68</sup> and Jokmeam with its pasturelands, and Beth-horon with its pasturelands,

<sup>69</sup> Aijalon with its pasturelands, Gath-rimmon with its pasturelands;

<sup>70</sup> from the half-tribe of Manasseh, Aner with its pasturelands, and Bileam with its pasturelands, for the rest of the Kohathites.

<sup>71</sup> To the Gershomites were given, from the clans of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its pasturelands, and Ashtaroth with its pasturelands;

 $\frac{72}{73}$  from the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh with its pasturelands, Daberath with its pasturelands,

 $^{73}$  Ramoth with its pasturelands, and Anem with its pasturelands;

<sup>74</sup> from the tribe of Asher, Mashal with its pasturelands, Abdon with its pasturelands,

<sup>75</sup> Hukok with its pasturelands, and Rehob with its pasturelands;

<sup>76</sup> from the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its pasturelands, Hammon with its pasturelands, and Kiriathaim with its pasturelands.

<sup>77</sup> To the rest of Merarites, were given from the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmono with its pasturelands, and Tabor with its pasturelands;

<sup>78</sup> From across the Jordan River opposite Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, they were allotted from the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with its pasturelands, and Jahzah with its pasturelands,

<sup>79</sup> Kedemoth with its pasturelands, and Mephaath with its pasturelands;

<sup>80</sup> and from the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its pasturelands, and Mahanaim with its pasturelands,

<sup>81</sup> Heshbon with its pasturelands, and Jazer with its pasturelands.

<sup>1</sup> The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four in all.

<sup>2</sup> The sons of Tola: Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, Shemuel, heads of their ancestral clans, namely of Tola; mighty warriors in their generations, their number in the days of David was 22,600.

<sup>3</sup> The son of Uzzi: Izrahiah. The sons of Izrahiah: Michael, Obadiah, Joel, and Isshiah, five in all; all of them chiefs.

<sup>4</sup> With them, from their genealogical records of their fathers' houses, were units of troops for war, 36,000; for they had many wives and sons.

<sup>5</sup> Their relatives among all the families of Issachar, mighty warriors, listed by genealogical records, were 87,000.

<sup>6</sup> The sons of Benjamin: Bela, Beker, and Jediael, three in all.

<sup>7</sup> The sons of Bela: Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri, five in all; heads of ancestral clans, mighty warriors; and they were reckoned by genealogical records at 22,034.

<sup>8</sup> The sons of Beker: Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah,

Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were the sons of Beker.

<sup>9</sup> They were reckoned by genealogical records, after their generations, heads of ancestral clans, mighty warriors, 20,200.

<sup>10</sup> The sons of Jediael: Bilhan. The sons of Bilhan: Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar.

<sup>11</sup> All these were sons of Jediael, according to the heads of their ancestral clans, mighty warriors, 17,200, who were able to go out along with the troops for war.

<sup>12</sup> Shuppim and Huppim were the sons of Ir. Hushim the sons of Aher.

<sup>13</sup> The descendants of Naphtali: Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

<sup>14</sup> The sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom his Aramean concubine bore; she bore Makir the father of Gilead:

<sup>15</sup> Makir took a wife for Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name was Maacah; and the name of the second was Zelophehad; and Zelophehad had only daughters.

<sup>16</sup> Maacah the wife of Makir bore a son, and she named him Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.

<sup>17</sup> The son of Ulam: Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh.

<sup>18</sup> His sister Hammoleketh bore Ishhod, Abiezer, and Mahlah.

<sup>19</sup> The sons of Shemida: Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.

<sup>20</sup> The sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eleadah his son, Tahath his son,

<sup>21</sup> Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son. Ezer and Elead were killed by the men of Gath who were born in the land, because they came down to steal their cattle.

<sup>22</sup> Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him.

<sup>23</sup> He went in to his wife, and she conceived, and bore a son, and he called his name Beriah, because of the tragedy that had come on his house.

<sup>24</sup> His daughter was Sheerah, who built Upper and Lower Beth-horon, and Uzzensheerah.

<sup>25</sup> Rephah was his son, Resheph his son, Telah his son, and Tahan his son,

<sup>26</sup> Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,

<sup>27</sup> Nun his son, and Joshua his son.

<sup>28</sup> Their possessions and settlements were Bethel and its villages, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with its villages; Shechem and its villages, as far as Ayyah and its villages.

<sup>29</sup> On the borders of Manasseh were Beth-shean and its villages, Taanach and its villages, Megiddo and its villages, and Dor and its villages. This is where the descendants of Joseph the son of Israel lived.

<sup>30</sup> The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and Serah their sister.

<sup>31</sup> The sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith.

<sup>32</sup> Heber was the father of Japhlet, Shomer, Hotham, and Shua their sister.

<sup>33</sup> The sons of Japhlet: Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the sons of Japhlet.

<sup>34</sup> The sons of Shomer: Ahi, Rohgah, Hubbah, and Aram.

<sup>35</sup> The sons of Helem his brother: Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.

<sup>36</sup> The sons of Zophah: Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah,

<sup>37</sup> Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera.

<sup>38</sup> The sons of Jether: Jephunneh, Pispa, and Ara.

<sup>39</sup> The sons of Ulla: Arah, Hanniel, and Rizia.

<sup>40</sup> All these were the descendants of Asher, heads of the ancestral clans, choice and mighty warriors, chief of the princes. The number of them reckoned by genealogical records for service in war was 26,000.

<sup>1</sup> Benjamin was the father of Bela his first-born, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third,

<sup>2</sup> Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

<sup>3</sup> Bela had sons: Addar, Gera, Abihud,

<sup>4</sup> Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,

<sup>5</sup> Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.

<sup>6</sup> These were the sons of Ehud, these are the heads of ancestral clans of the inhabitants of Geba, and they were exiled to Manahath.

<sup>7</sup> Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera exiled them. Gera was the father of Uzza and Ahihud.

<sup>8</sup> Shaharaim fathered children in Moab, after he divorced his wives Hushim and Baara.

<sup>9</sup> By his wife Hodesh he fathered: Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, and Malcam,

<sup>10</sup> Jeuz, Shakia, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of their ancestral clans.

<sup>11</sup> By Hushim he fathered: Abitub and Elpaal.

<sup>12</sup> The sons of Elpaal: Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod, with its villages.

<sup>13</sup> Beriah and Shema, were heads of ancestral clans of the inhabitants of Aijalon, and drove out the inhabitants of Gath.

<sup>14</sup> Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth,

<sup>15</sup> Zebadiah, Arad, Eder,

<sup>16</sup> Michael, Ishpah, and Joha, were the sons of Beriah,

<sup>17</sup> Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,

<sup>18</sup> Ishmerai, Izliah, Jobab, were the sons of Elpaal,

<sup>19</sup> Jakim, Zikri, Zabdi,

<sup>20</sup> Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,

<sup>21</sup> Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath, were the sons of Shimei.

<sup>22</sup> Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,

<sup>23</sup> Abdon, Zikri, Hanan,

<sup>24</sup> Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah,

<sup>25</sup> Iphdeiah, Penuel, were the sons of Shashak.

<sup>26</sup> Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah,

<sup>27</sup> Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zikri, were the sons of Jeroham.

<sup>28</sup> These were heads of the ancestral clans listed in their generalogical records. They lived in Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> Jeiel, the father of Gibeon, lived in Gibeon. His wife's name was Maacah.

<sup>30</sup> His first-born son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,

<sup>31</sup> Gedor, Ahio, Zeker, and

<sup>32</sup> Mikloth, who was the father of Shimeah. They also lived with their relatives in Jerusalem.

<sup>33</sup> Ner was the father of Kish; Kish was the father of Saul; and Saul was the father of Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Esh-baal.

<sup>34</sup> The son of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and Merib-baal was the father of Micah.

<sup>35</sup> The sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz.

<sup>36</sup> Ahaz was the father of Jehoaddah; Jehoaddah was the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri was the father of Moza.

<sup>37</sup> Moza was the father of Binea; Raphah was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

<sup>38</sup> Azel had six sons, their names were: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel.

<sup>39</sup> The sons of his brother Eshek: Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third.

<sup>40</sup> The sons of Ulam were mighty warriors and archers. They had many sons, and grandsons, a hundred and fifty total. All these were of the descendants of Benjamin.

<sup>1</sup> So all Israel was listed by genealogical records; they are written in the scroll of the kings of Israel. Judah was carried away into exile to Babylon for their unfaithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> Now the first exiles to resettle their territory in their towns were some Israelites, priests, Levites, and temple servants.

<sup>3</sup> In Jerusalem, some of the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim and Manasseh resettled.

<sup>4</sup> Uthai son of Ammihud, son of Omri, son of Imri, son of Bani, from the descendants of Perez the son of Judah.

<sup>5</sup> From the Shilonites: Asaiah the firstborn and his sons.

<sup>6</sup> From the sons of Zerah: Jeuel. Their relatives, 690.

<sup>7</sup> From the sons of Benjamin: Sallu son of Meshullam, son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah,

<sup>8</sup> Ibneiah son of Jeroham, Elah son of Uzzi, son of Mikri, and Meshullam son of Shephatiah, son of Reuel, son of Ibnijah.

<sup>9</sup> Their relatives, according to their genealogical records, 956. All these men were heads of ancestral clans by their fathers' houses.

<sup>10</sup> From the priests: Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, Jachin,

<sup>11</sup> Azariah son of Hilkiah, son of Meshullam, son of Zadok, son of Meraioth, son of Ahitub, the head official of the house of God.

<sup>12</sup> Adaiah son of Jeroham, son of Pashhur, son of Malchijah, and Maasai son of Adiel, son of Jahzerah, son of Meshullam, son of Meshillemith, son of Immer;

<sup>13</sup> Their relatives, heads of their ancestral clans, 1,760; competent men for the work of the service of the house of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Levites: Shemaiah son of Hasshub, son of Azrikam, son of Hashabiah, from the desendants of Merari;

<sup>15</sup> Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and Mattaniah son of Mica, son of Zikri, son of Asaph,

<sup>16</sup> Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, son of Galal, son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah son of Asa, son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.

<sup>17</sup> The gatekeepers: Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their brothers (Shallum was the chief),

<sup>18</sup> who before this served in the king's gate on the east. They were the gatekeepers for the camp of the Levites.

<sup>19</sup> Shallum son of Kore, son of Ebiasaph, son of Korah, and his brothers, of his ancestral clan, the Korahites, were in charge of the work of the service, guardians of the thresholds of the tent, as their fathers had been over the camp of the LORD, guardians of the entrance.

 $^{20}$  Phinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them in former times, and the LORD was with him.

<sup>21</sup> Zechariah son of Meshelemiah was the gatekeeper at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

<sup>22</sup> All these who were chosen to be gatekeepers at the entrances were 212. These were listed in the genealogical records in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer appointed to their trusted office.

 $^{23}$  So they and their descendants had the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, when the house was a tent.

<sup>24</sup> The gatekeepers were stationed at the four sides--east, west, north, and south.

<sup>25</sup> Their relatives in their villages came for a seven-day stint from time to time to serve with them;

<sup>26</sup> for the four chief gatekeepers, who were Levites, were in an office of trust over the chambers and treasuries in the house of God.

<sup>27</sup> They would spend the night at their posts around the house of God, because it was assigned to them; and they were in charge of opening it every morning.

<sup>28</sup> Some of them were in charge of the utensils of service; for they were to be counted when they were brought in and taken out.

<sup>29</sup> Some of them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all the utensils of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour, wine, olive oil, incense, and spices.

<sup>30</sup> Some of the sons of the priests helped prepare in the mixing of the spices.

<sup>31</sup> Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, was in charge of baking the bread used in the offerings.

<sup>32</sup> Some of their brothers, from the sons of the Kohathites, were over the sacred bread, to prepare it every Sabbath.

<sup>33</sup> These are the singers, heads of ancestral clans of the Levites, who lived in the temple chambers and were free from other responsibilities; for they were on duty day and night.

<sup>34</sup> These were heads of the ancestral clans of the Levites, as recorded in their genealogical records, chief men. They lived in Jerusalem.

<sup>35</sup> Jeiel, the father of Gibeon, lived in Gibeon, his wife's name was Maacah.

<sup>36</sup> His firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,

<sup>37</sup> Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.

<sup>38</sup> Mikloth was the father of Shimeam. They also lived with their relatives in Jerusalem, with their relatives.

<sup>39</sup> Ner was the father of Kish; and Kish was the father of Saul; and Saul was the father of Jonathan, Malki-shua, Abinadab, and Esh-baal.

<sup>40</sup> The son of Jonathan: Merib-baal; Merib-baal was the father of Micah.

<sup>41</sup> The sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, and Ahaz.

<sup>42</sup> Ahaz was the father of Jarah; and Jarah was the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri was the father of Moza.

<sup>43</sup> Moza was the father of Binea; and Rephaiah was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

<sup>44</sup> Azel had six sons, these are their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan; these were the sons of Azel.

<sup>1</sup> Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines, and were killed on Mount Gilboa.

<sup>2</sup> The Philistines bore down on Saul and his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, Abinadab, Malki-Shua, the sons of Saul.

<sup>3</sup> The battle grew fierce against Saul; and the archers overtook him and wounded him.

<sup>4</sup> Then Saul told his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword, and stab me with it, so that these uncircumcised enemies may not come and abuse me." But his armor-bearer would not do it; because he was terrified. So Saul took his own sword, and fell on it.

<sup>5</sup> When his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died. <sup>6</sup> So Saul and his three sons died, and his entire household died together.

<sup>7</sup> When all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that the army had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their towns, and fled. The Philistines came and occupied their towns.

<sup>8</sup> The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, they found Saul and his sons dead on Mount Gilboa.

<sup>9</sup> They stripped him, and took his head and his armor, and sent messengers throughout the land of the Philistines, to report the news to their idols, and to the people.

<sup>10</sup> They put his armor in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

<sup>11</sup> But when all Jabesh-gilead heard everything that the Philistines had done to Saul,

<sup>12</sup> all the valiant warriors got up, and rescued the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons, and brought them back to Jabesh. They buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

<sup>13</sup> So Saul died for his unfaithfulness that he committed against the LORD, because he did not obey the word of that LORD; and also because he asked counsel from a spiritual medium to seek guidance.

<sup>14</sup> He did not inquire of the LORD. So he killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse.

<sup>1</sup> Then all Israel gathered together before David at Hebron, saying, "We are your flesh and bone.

<sup>2</sup> In times past, even when Saul was king, it was you who led Israel's army out and back. The LORD your God said to you, 'You will be shepherd of my people Israel, and you will be ruler over my people Israel.'"

<sup>3</sup> So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron. David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD given by Samuel.

<sup>4</sup> David and all Israel went to take Jerusalem, that is, Jebus. The Jebusites, who were the original inhabitants, were living there.

<sup>5</sup> The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You cannot come in here." Nevertheless David took the fortress of Zion; that is now called, the city of David.

<sup>6</sup> David said, "Whoever smites the Jebusites first will be chief and commander." So Joab, the son of Zeruiah, went up first, and became chief.

<sup>7</sup> David lived in the fortress; which is why they called it the city of David.

<sup>8</sup> He built up the city around it, from the Millo terraces to the surrounding walls; Joab repaired the rest of the city.

<sup>9</sup> David grew greater and greater; for the LORD of hosts was with him.

<sup>10</sup> Now these are the chief of David's mighty warriors, who showed their strong support for his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

<sup>11</sup> This is the listing of David's mighty warriors: Jashobeam, a Hachmonite, was the chief of the Three; he lifted up his spear against 300 and killed them in a single battle.

<sup>12</sup> Next to him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, from Ahoh. He was one of the Three special forces.

<sup>13</sup> He was with David at Pas-dammim, when the Philistines were gathered together for battle. There was a plot of ground full of barley; and the army fled before the Philistines. <sup>14</sup> They made their stand in the middle of the field, and defended it. They killed the

Philistines; and the LORD rescued them in a great victory.

<sup>15</sup> Three of the thirty chiefs went down to David at the rock by the cave of Adullam; and the Philistines troops were camped in the Valley of Rephaim.

<sup>16</sup> David was then in the stronghold, and a Philistine garrison was then occupying Bethlehem.

<sup>17</sup> David longed and said, "O that someone would get me water to drink from the well by the gate of Bethlehem!"

<sup>18</sup> So the Three broke through the Philistines forces, and drew water out of the well by the gate of Bethlehem, and brought it back to David. But David would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD.

<sup>19</sup> He said, "God forbid that I should do this. Could I drink the blood of these men who have risked their lives?" Because they had risked their lives to get it for him. So he would not drink it. These types of exploits were what the three mighty warriors did.

<sup>20</sup> Abishai, the brother of Joab, was chief over the Three. He lifted up his spear against 300 and killed them, and was famous among the Three.

<sup>21</sup> Over the three, he was given double honor, and was made their commander, although he was not officially one of the Three.

<sup>22</sup> Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, was a valiant warrior from Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, he slew the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day.

 $^{23}$  He killed a tall Egyptian, who stood seven and a half feet tall. The Egyptian had in his hand a spear like a weaver's beam; and Benaiah attacked him with a club, ripped the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.

<sup>24</sup> These were the exploits of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. He was as famous as the Three mighty warriors.

<sup>25</sup> He was more famous than the others of the Thirty, but he was not one of the Three elite force. David put him over his bodyguards.

<sup>26</sup> The mighty warriors of the armies were:

Asahel the brother of Joab,

Elhanan son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

- <sup>27</sup> Shammoth from Harod, Helez from Pelon.
- <sup>28</sup> Ira son of Ikkesh from Tekoa, Abiezer from Anathoth,
- <sup>29</sup> Sibbecai from Hushah, Ilai from Ahoh,
- <sup>30</sup> Maharai from Netophah,

Heled son of Baanah the Netophahite,

- <sup>31</sup> Ithai son of Ribai of Gibeah in the territory of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,
- <sup>32</sup> Hurai from the wadis of Gaash,
- Abiel from Arabah,
- <sup>33</sup> Azmaveth from Baharum, Eliahba from Shaalbon.
- <sup>34</sup> the sons of Hashem from Gizon,
  - Jonathan the son of Shagee from Harar,
- <sup>35</sup> Ahiam son of Sacar from Harar, Eliphal son of Ur,
- <sup>36</sup> Hepher from Mecherah,
- Ahijah the Pelonite, <sup>37</sup> Users the Correction
- <sup>37</sup> Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai son of Ezbai,

38	Joel the brother of Nathan,
	Mibhar son of Hagri,
39	Zelek the Ammonite,
	Naharai from Beeroth, the armorbearer of Joab son of Zeruiah,
40	Ira from Jattir,
	Gareb from Jattir,
41	Uriah the Hittite,
	Zabad son of Ahlai,
42	Adina son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites,
	and thirty warriors with him,
43	Hanan son of Maacah,
	Joshaphat from Mithna,
44	Uzzia from Ashteroth,
	Shama and Jeiel, the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,
45	Jediael son of Shimri,
	Joha, his brother, from Tiz,
46	Eliel from Mahavah,
	Jeribai and Joshaviah, sons of Elnaam,
45	Ithmah the Moabite,
47	Eliel, Obed,
	and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

<sup>1</sup> These were those who came to David at Ziklag, while he was hiding from Saul son of Kish. They were among the mighty men who helped in war.

<sup>2</sup> They were armed with bows and could shoot arrows and sling stones both with their right and left hands. They were Saul's kinsmen from Benjamin.

<sup>3</sup> The chief was Ahiezer; then Joash, the sons of Shemaah from Gibeah; Jeziel and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; Beracah and Jehu from Anathoth,

<sup>4</sup> Ishmaiah from Gibeon, a mighty warrior among the Thirty, and over the Thirty;

Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, Jozabad from Gederah,

<sup>5</sup> Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah and Shephatiah from Haruph,

<sup>6</sup> Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites;

<sup>7</sup> Joelah and Zebadiah, sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

<sup>8</sup> From the Gadites who joined with David at the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty warriors, trained for war, who could handle shield and spear, whose faces were as fierce as lions, and as swift as the gazelles on the mountains.

<sup>9</sup> Ezer was the chief, Obadiah the second in command, Eliab the third,

<sup>10</sup> Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

<sup>11</sup> Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

<sup>12</sup> Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

<sup>13</sup> Jeremiah the tenth, and Machbannai was the eleventh.

<sup>14</sup> These Gadites were officers of the army, the least led a hundred, and the greatest was over a thousand.

<sup>15</sup> These are those who went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks. They put to flight all those living in the valleys, both to the east and west.

<sup>16</sup> There came some from Benjamin and Judah to the stronghold of David.

<sup>17</sup> David went out to meet them, and told them, "If you have come to me in peace to help me, my heart will be bound to you; but if you have come to betray me to my enemies, seeing my hands have done no wrong, may the God of our fathers look on it, and judge you."

you." <sup>18</sup> Then the Spirit came on Amasai, who was chief of the Thirty, and he said, "We are yours, David. We are on your side, O son of Jesse. Peace, peace to you, and peace be to the ones helping you. For your God is helping you." Then David received them and made them commanders over the troops.

<sup>19</sup> Some from Manasseh deserted to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle. But they did not help them, for the lords of the Philistines after consulting sent him away, saying, "He will switch loyalties back to his master Saul at the cost of our heads."

<sup>20</sup> As he returned to Ziklag, he was joined by some from Manasseh: Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, commanders of thousands in Manasseh.

<sup>21</sup> They helped David against gangs of raiders, for they were all mighty warriors, and were commanders in the army.

<sup>22</sup> Day after day others came to David to help him, until there was a large army, like the army of God.

<sup>23</sup> These are the numbers of the those who were armed for war, who came to David at Hebron, to offer the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD.

<sup>24</sup> From Judah there were 6,800 who bore the shield and spear armed for war.

<sup>25</sup> From Simeon there were 7,100 mighty warriors.

 $^{26}$  From the Levites there were 4,600.

<sup>27</sup> Jehoiada was the leader of the house of Aaron, accompanied by 3,700.

<sup>28</sup> Zadok, a young warrior, and 22 officers from his father's house joined their ranks.

<sup>29</sup> From Benjamin, the relatives of Saul, 3,000. The greatest part of them had been loyal to the house of Saul.

<sup>30</sup> From Ephraim there were 20,800 mighty warriors, renowed in their ancestral clans.

<sup>31</sup> From the half tribe of Manasseh 18,000 joined, who were mentioned by name, to come and make David king.

<sup>32</sup> From Issachar, men who understood the times, who knew what Israel ought to do; there were 200 leaders; and all their relatives were under their command.

<sup>33</sup> From Zebulun, 50,000 who were equipped for battle and prepared for war, with all types of weapons, to help David with undivided loyalty.

<sup>34</sup> From Naphtali 1,000 commanders, along with 37,000 armed with shields and spears.

<sup>35</sup> From the Danites prepared for battle, 28,600.

<sup>36</sup> From Asher, 40,000 who were combat ready.

<sup>37</sup> From the Reubenites, Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, from other side of the Jordan River, with all types of weapons of war, 120,000.

<sup>38</sup> All these were warriors, who were ready for battle, came to Hebron with the sole intent to make David king over all Israel. All the rest of Israel were united to make David king. <sup>39</sup> They were there with David three days, eating and drinking; for their relatives had

supplied provisions for them.

<sup>40</sup> Also their neighbors, as far away as Issachar, Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on donkeys, camels, mules, and oxen. There were supplies of flour, cakes of figs, clusters of raisins, wine, olive oil, oxen, and sheep in abundance, for there was joy in Israel.

<sup>1</sup> David consulted with all the commanders of thousands and hundreds, in fact, with every leader.

 $^2$  David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is the will of the LORD our God, let us send out everywhere to our brothers who are left in all the land of Israel, including the priests and Levites who are in their towns with pasturelands, inviting them to join us.

<sup>3</sup> Let us bring again the ark of our God to us; for we did not make inquires of it in the days of Saul."

<sup>4</sup> All the assembly agreed to do this; for it seemed right in the eyes of all the people.

<sup>5</sup> So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor River of Egypt up to Lebo Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim.

<sup>6</sup> David and all Israel, went up to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath-jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, that is called by his name, the LORD, who sits between the cherubim.

<sup>7</sup> They hauled the ark of God up on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab. Uzzah and Ahio drove the cart.

<sup>8</sup> David and all Israel celebrated before God with all their might, singing songs, with harps, lyres, tambourines, cymbals and trumpets.

<sup>9</sup> When they came to the threshing floor of Kidon, Uzzah reached out his hand to grab hold of the ark, because the oxen stumbled.

<sup>10</sup> Then LORD was furious with Uzzah, and he killed him, because he reached out his hand to touch the ark. So he died there before God.

<sup>11</sup> David was angry, because the LORD had broken out on Uzzah; and he called that place Perez-uzzah [meaning "Broken out on Uzzah"] to this day.

<sup>12</sup> Then David was afraid of God that day and asked, "How can I bring the ark of God to be with me?"

<sup>13</sup> So David did not bring the ark to him in the city of David, but left it in the house of Obed-edom from Gath.

<sup>14</sup> The ark of God stayed with the family of Obed-edom in his house for three months. The LORD blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

<sup>1</sup> Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, along with cedar trees, masons, and carpenters, to build him a palace.

<sup>2</sup> David understood that the LORD had established him king over Israel; for he had highly exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

<sup>3</sup> Then David took more wives in Jerusalem and David fathered more sons and daughters.

<sup>4</sup> These are the names of the children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

<sup>5</sup> Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet,

<sup>6</sup> Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

<sup>7</sup> Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

<sup>8</sup> When the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. David heard about it and went out against them. <sup>9</sup> Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the valley of Rephaim.

<sup>10</sup> David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?" The LORD replied, "Go up; for I will hand them over to you."

<sup>11</sup> So they went up to Baal-perazim, and David defeated them there. David said, "God has broken my enemies by my hand, like the water bursts out." So they called the name of that place Baal-perazim ["the Lord bursts out"].

<sup>12</sup> They abandoned their gods there, and David gave orders and they were burned up. <sup>13</sup> But again the Philistines raided the valley.

<sup>14</sup> David inquired again of God. God told him, "You should not go up after them; circle around them, and come up against them in front of the balsam trees.

<sup>15</sup> When you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balasam trees, then go out and attack. For God is going out before you to strike down the Philistine army."

<sup>16</sup> David did just as God had commanded him. They struck down the Philistine army from Gibeon to Gezer.

<sup>17</sup> The fame of David spread into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him on all nations.

<sup>1</sup> David built buildings for himself in the city of David. He prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.

<sup>2</sup> Then David said, "No one except the Levites ought to carry the ark of God, for the LORD has chosen them to carry the ark of God, and to minister to him forever."

<sup>3</sup> David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD to the place he had prepared for it.

<sup>4</sup> David gathered together the sons of Aaron and the Levites:

<sup>5</sup> From the sons of Kohath, Uriel was the chief, and 120 of his relatives.

<sup>6</sup> From the sons of Merari, Asaiah was the chief, and 120 of his relatives.

<sup>7</sup> From the sons of Gershom, Joel was the chief, and 130 of his relatives.

<sup>8</sup> From the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah was the chief, and 200 of his relatives.

<sup>9</sup> From the sons of Hebron, Eliel was the chief, and 80 of his relatives.

<sup>10</sup> From the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab was the chief, and 112 of his relatives.

<sup>11</sup> David summoned Zadok and Abiathar the priests, along with the Levites: Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab.

<sup>12</sup> He told them, "You are the heads of the Levitical families. Consecrate yourselves, both you and your relatives, so that you may bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the place I have prepared for it.

<sup>13</sup> Because you did not carry it up the first time, the LORD our God's anger burst out on us because we did not ask him how to carry it in the proper way."

<sup>14</sup> So the priests and Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel.

<sup>15</sup> The Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD.

<sup>16</sup> David directed the chief of the Levites to appoint their relatives as the singers, with musical instruments: lyres, harps, and cymbals; to raise loud music with joy.

<sup>17</sup> So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel, and of his brothers; Asaph the son of Berechiah; and the sons of Merari and their brothers, Ethan son of Kushaiah;

<sup>18</sup> and with them their brothers of the second order: Zechariah, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers.

<sup>19</sup> So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were to sound aloud with bronze cymbals. <sup>20</sup> Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, were to play the harps according to Alamoth.

<sup>21</sup> Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, were to lead with the lyres according to Sheminith.

<sup>22</sup> Kenaniah, chief of the Levites, was the music director, for he was instructed and skillful in music.

<sup>23</sup> Berekiah and Elkanah were gatekeepers for the ark.

<sup>24</sup> Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, were to blow the trumpets before the ark of God. Obed-edom and Jehiah were guardians of the ark.

<sup>25</sup> So David and the elders of Israel, and the commanders of the thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obed-edom with celebration. <sup>26</sup> God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, so they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams.

<sup>27</sup> David was dressed in a fine linen robe, and all the Levites who bore the ark, and the singers, and Kenaniah the choir director, as well as David, wore a linen vest-like ephod.
<sup>28</sup> So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, with the blowing of rams' horns, trumpets, and cymbals, playing with harps and lyres.
<sup>29</sup> As the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out a window. She saw king David dancing and celebrating, and she despised him in her heart.

<sup>1</sup> They brought in the ark of God, and set it in the middle of the tent that David had pitched for it. They offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.

 $^{2}$  When David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> He gave to every one of Israel, both men and women alike, a loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and a raisin cake.

<sup>4</sup> He appointed certain of the Levites to serve before the ark of the LORD, and to celebrate and to thank and praise the LORD, the God of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> Asaph was the chief, and second to him Zechariah, Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel, with harps and lyres; and Asaph sounding the cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests regularly blew the trumpets before the ark of the covenant of God.

<sup>7</sup> Then on that day David first gave to Asaph and his associates this song of thanks to the LORD:

<sup>8</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,

make known his deeds among the peoples.

<sup>9</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his awesome works.

<sup>10</sup> Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

<sup>11</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his face constantly.

<sup>12</sup> Remember the awesome works he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments of his mouth,

<sup>13</sup> O descendants of Israel, his servant, you offspring of Jacob, his chosen ones.

<sup>14</sup> He is the LORD our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

<sup>15</sup> Remember his covenant forever,

the word he commanded to a thousand generations.

<sup>16</sup> The covenant that he made with Abraham,

and his oath to Isaac.

<sup>17</sup> He confirmed it to Jacob as a statute,

to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

<sup>18</sup> saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan, as a portion of your inheritance." <sup>19</sup> When they were but few in number, yes, very few, and sojourners in the land; <sup>20</sup> they went about from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another. <sup>21</sup> He permitted no one to oppress them; he even reproved kings for their sakes, <sup>22</sup> saying, "Do not touch my anointed ones, and do my prophets no harm." <sup>23</sup> Sing to the LORD, all the earth, proclaim his salvation from day to day. <sup>24</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his awesome works among all the peoples. <sup>25</sup> For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, he is to be feared above all gods. <sup>26</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. <sup>27</sup> Honor and majesty are before him; Strength and joy are in his place. <sup>28</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>29</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name, bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the LORD in his spectacular holiness. <sup>30</sup> Tremble before him, all the earth, the world is established by him and it cannot be moved. <sup>31</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. Let them proclaim among the nations, "The LORD reigns." <sup>32</sup> Let the sea roar, and everything in it. Let the field and everything in them celebrate. <sup>33</sup> Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. <sup>34</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>35</sup> Plead, "Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together and rescue us from the nations. to give thanks to your holy name, and to triumph in your praise.

<sup>36</sup> Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Then all the people said, "Amen," and praised the LORD.

<sup>37</sup> So David left Asaph and his associates there, before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to serve before the ark continually, as every day's work required,

<sup>38</sup> including Obed-edom with sixty-eight of his associates. Obed-edom, the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah were the gatekeepers.

<sup>39</sup> Zadok the priest, and his associates, the priests, served before the tabernacle of the LORD at the high place that was in Gibeon.

<sup>40</sup> They offered burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of burnt offering regularly every morning and evening, according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel.

<sup>41</sup> With them were Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest who were chosen, specifically by name, to give thanks to the LORD, for his loyal love endures forever.

<sup>42</sup> Heman and Jeduthun were in charge of those sounding the trumpets and cymbals, along with instruments for the sacred songs. The sons of Jeduthun were assigned to guard the gate.

<sup>43</sup> All the people departed every one to his home, and David went home to bless his family.

<sup>1</sup> After David had lived awhile in his house, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Look, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under a tent." <sup>2</sup> Nathan replied to David, "Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you."

<sup>3</sup> That same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

<sup>4</sup> "Go, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says, You are not to build me a house to dwell in.

<sup>5</sup> for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day, but have moved from one tent setup to another in a tabernacle tent.

<sup>6</sup> Wherever I have moved with all Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people, asking, Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'

<sup>7</sup> So now, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD of armies says, I took you from the pasture, from tending sheep, so that you would be ruler over my people Israel.

<sup>8</sup> I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies before you. I will make your name, as famous as any of the great ones who have ever lived on the earth.

<sup>9</sup> I will provide a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and not be shuffled around any more. The wicked will not oppress them any more, as they have done in the past,

<sup>10</sup> from the time when I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. I will subdue all your enemies. Furthermore, I tell you that the LORD himself will build you a house.

<sup>11</sup> When your days are fulfilled that you must go to be with your forefathers, I will raise up one of your descendants after you, who will be one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom.

<sup>12</sup> He will build me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.

<sup>13</sup> I will be his father, and he will be my son. I will not take my loyal love away from him, as I took it from him who ruled before you.

<sup>14</sup> but I will confirm him over my house and over my kingdom forever. His throne will be established forever."

<sup>15</sup> Nathan told David all these words and the entire vision.

<sup>16</sup> Then David the king went in, and sat before the LORD, and replied, "Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my house, that you have brought me this far?

<sup>17</sup> Even if this was a small thing in your eyes, O God; you have spoken about your servant's house well into the future, and have treated me as though I were a person of high rank, O LORD God.

<sup>18</sup> What more can David say to you for the way in which you have honored your servant? For you know your servant.

<sup>19</sup> O LORD, for your servant's sake, and according to your own heart, you have done this great thing and made known all these incredible things.

 $^{20}$  O LORD, there is no one like you, there is no other God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

<sup>21</sup> Who is like your people Israel, one nation in the earth whom God went to redeem as a people for himself. You made a name for yourself by great and awesome deeds when you drove out nations before your people, whom you redeemed out of Egypt?

<sup>22</sup> For you made your people Israel, your own people, forever; and you, O LORD, became their God.

<sup>23</sup> Now, O LORD, let the word that you have promised concerning your servant, and concerning his dynastic house, be established forever. Do as you have promised.

<sup>24</sup> Let your name be established and magnified forever, by saying, "The LORD of armies is God of Israel, is Israel's God; and the house of David your servant is established before you.

<sup>25</sup> For you, O my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build him a dynastic house. Therefore your servant has found courage to pray before you.

<sup>26</sup> Now, O LORD, you are God, and have promised this good thing to your servant.

<sup>27</sup> Now it has pleased you to bless the dynastic house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you. For you, O LORD, have blessed it, and it will be blessed forever."

<sup>1</sup> After this David defeated the Philistines, and subdued them. He took Gath and its towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

<sup>2</sup> He defeated Moab. The Moabites became subject to David, and brought tribute.

<sup>3</sup> David defeated Hadarezer king of Zobah as far as Hamath, as he went to establish his rule up to the Euphrates River.

<sup>4</sup> David took from him 1,000 chariots, 7,000 horsemen, and 20,000 foot soldiers. He hamstrung all the chariot horses except enough for a hundred chariots.

<sup>5</sup> When the Arameans of Damascus came to the aid of Hadarezer king of Zobah, David killed 22,000 of the Arameans.

<sup>6</sup> Then David put garrisons in the Aramean territory of Damascus. The Arameans became subject to David, and brought tribute. The LORD gave victory to David wherever he went.

<sup>7</sup> David took the gold shields carried by the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

<sup>8</sup> From Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadarezer, David took a large quantity of bronze, from which Solomon made the bronze sea, the pillars, and the vessels of bronze.

<sup>9</sup> When Tou king of Hamath heard that David had defeated the entire army of Hadarezer king of Zobah,

<sup>10</sup> he sent Hadoram his son to king David, to greet him, and to congratulate him, because he also had fought against Hadarezer and defeated him, (for Tou had been at war with Hadarezer). He sent all kinds of vessels of gold, silver, and bronze.

<sup>11</sup> King David dedicated these to the LORD, with the silver and gold that he carried off from all the nations: Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, and Amalek.

<sup>12</sup> Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah killed 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

<sup>13</sup> He put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became subject to David. The LORD gave victory to David wherever he went.

<sup>14</sup> So David reigned over all Israel; and he did what was just and fair for all his people.
 <sup>15</sup> Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was

court recorder;

<sup>16</sup> Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were priests; Shavsha was scribe;

<sup>17</sup> Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Kerethites and Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief officials around the king.

<sup>1</sup> Some time later, Nahash the king of the Ammonties died, and his son succeeded him. <sup>2</sup> David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father's death. David's servants came into the land of the Ammonites to Hanun, to offer condolences.

<sup>3</sup> But the Ammonite officials said to Hanun, "Do you really think that David is honoring your father, by sending men to express sympathy to you? Are his servants not come to you to search, explore, and spy out the land?"

<sup>4</sup> So Hanun took David's servants, shaved them, cut off their garments in the middle, exposing their buttocks, and sent them away.

<sup>5</sup> Then someone came and told David how the men were mistreated. He sent messengers to meet them; for they were absolutely humiliated. The king said, "Stay at Jericho until your beards have regrown, and then return."

<sup>6</sup> When the Ammonites saw that they had made themselves repugnant to David, Hanun and the Ammonites sent a 1,000 talents [75,000 pounds] of silver to hire chariots and horsemen from Aram Naharaim, Aram-maacah, and Zobah.

<sup>7</sup> So they hired 32,000 chariots, and the king of Maacah and his army, who came and camped before Medeba. The Ammonites assembled from their towns and came to battle.

<sup>8</sup> When David heard about it, he sent Joab, and all the army of the mighty men.

<sup>9</sup> The Ammonites came out, and deployed their battle lines at the gate of the city, and the mercenary kings who had come were by themselves in the open fields.

<sup>10</sup> Now when Joab saw that the battle was going against him in front and behind, he chose all the elite forces of Israel, and deployed them against the Arameans.

<sup>11</sup> The rest of the people he put under the command of Abishai his brother; and they deployed against the Ammonites.

<sup>12</sup> He said, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you should come to my rescue; but if the Ammonites are too strong for you, then I will come to your rescue.

<sup>13</sup> Be courageous! Let us fight bravely for our people, and for the cities of our God; and may the LORD do what seems good to him."

<sup>14</sup> So Joab and the people who were with him advanced against the Arameans for the battle; and they fled before him.

<sup>15</sup> When the Ammonites saw that the Areameans had fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and retreated into the city. Then Joab returned to Jerusalem.

<sup>16</sup> When the Arameans saw that they were routed before Israel, they sent messengers, and got reinforcements from the Arameans who were beyond the Euphrates River, with Shophach, the commander of the army of Hadarezer at their head.

<sup>17</sup> David was told about it; so he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan River, and came on them, and advanced against them. So when David had advanced against the Arameans, they fought with him.

<sup>18</sup> The Arameans fled before Israel; and David killed 7,000 Aramean charioteers, and 40,000 foot soldiers. He also killed Shophach the commander of the army.

<sup>19</sup> When the subjects of Hadarezer saw that they were defeated before Israel, they made peace with David, and served him. After that the Arameans would not help Ammonites anymore.

<sup>1</sup> In the spring, at the time when kings normally go out to war, Joab led the army, and attacked the country of the Ammonites, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed in Jerusalem. Joab defeated Rabbah, and destroyed it.

<sup>2</sup> David took the crown of their king off his head, its weight was a talent of gold [75 pounds], and it was set with precious stones. It was set on David's head and he took a huge amount of plunder from the city.

<sup>3</sup> He brought out the people that were in it, and put them to forced labor with saws, iron picks, and axes. David did this to all the towns of the Ammonites. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> After this, war arose at Gezer with the Philistines. Then Sibbecai from Hushah killed Sippai, one of the descendants of the Rephaim; so the Philistines were subdued.

<sup>5</sup> Again there was war with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath of Gath, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

<sup>6</sup> There was another war with Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had twenty-four fingers and toes, six on each hand and foot. He too was a descendant of the giant Rapha.

<sup>7</sup> When he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him.

<sup>8</sup> These were descendants of Rapha of Gath; and they fell by the hand of David and his servants.

<sup>1</sup> Satan stood up against Israel, and incited David to number Israel.

<sup>2</sup> David said to Joab and to the commanders of the army, "Go, number Israel, from Beersheba to Dan; and bring back a report, so that I may know their total number."

<sup>3</sup> But Joab objected, "The LORD make his people a hundred times as many as they are. O my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? Why does my lord require this? Why will he bring guilt on Israel?"

<sup>4</sup> But the king's word prevailed against Joab. So Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and then returned to Jerusalem.

<sup>5</sup> Joab reported the census total of the people to David. There were in Israel 1,100,000 men who could wield a sword. Judah had 470,000 who could wield a sword.
<sup>6</sup> But Joab had not included Levi and Benjamin in the census; for the king's word was repulsive to Joab.

<sup>7</sup> God was displeased with this thing, therefore he struck Israel because of it.

<sup>8</sup> Then David confessed to God, "I have sinned greatly, by doing this thing. But now, please take away the guilt of your servant; for I have acted very foolishly."

<sup>9</sup> The LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying,

<sup>10</sup> "Go, tell David, 'This is what the LORD says: I offer you three options: choose one of them, so that I may inflict it on you.'"

<sup>11</sup> So Gad came to David, and told him, "This is what the LORD says, 'Take your pick: <sup>12</sup> either three years of famine; or three months of devastation by your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or three days of the sword of the LORD, that is, pestilence in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all of Israel's territory. Now decide what answer I should give to him who sent me."

<sup>13</sup> David replied to Gad, "I am in a great quandry: Please let me fall into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are very great; but let me not fall into human hands."

<sup>14</sup> So the LORD sent a plague on Israel; and 70,000 men of Israel died.

<sup>15</sup> God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. But as he was about to destroy, the LORD saw it and he relented of the calamity, and said to the destroying angel, "It is enough; stop your hand." And the angel of the LORD was standing at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

<sup>16</sup> David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD standing between heaven and earth, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.

<sup>17</sup> David pleaded with God, "Was it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? It is not I who have sinned and done this great wickedness; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand, O LORD my God, be against me, and against my father's house; but not against your people, but spare them of this plague."

<sup>18</sup> Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to tell David, that David should go up, and build an altar to the LORD at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

<sup>19</sup> So David went up at the direction of Gad, which he spoke in the name of the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons that were with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.

<sup>21</sup> As David approached Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and came off the threshing floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground.

<sup>22</sup> Then David said to Ornan, "Sell me this threshing floor, that I may build on it an altar to the LORD. I will pay full price for it, so that the plague may be stopped from the people."

<sup>23</sup> Ornan replied to David, "It's yours! Let my lord the king do whatever seems right in his eyes. I am giving you the oxen for burnt offerings, the threshing instruments for wood, and wheat for the grain offering. I will give it all to you."

<sup>24</sup> Then king David said to Ornan, "No; I insist on paying full price for it. I will not take what is yours for the LORD, or offer a burnt offering that cost me nothing."

<sup>25</sup> So David paid Ornan six hundred shekels of gold for the site.

<sup>26</sup> David built an altar to the LORD there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the LORD. He answered him from heaven by sending fire on the altar of burnt offering.

<sup>27</sup> Then the LORD commanded the angel; and he put his sword back into its sheath.

<sup>28</sup> At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he sacrificed there.

<sup>29</sup> For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering, were at that time at the high place of Gibeon.

<sup>30</sup> But David could not go before it to inquire of God; for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> Then David said, "This is where the house of the LORD God will be, and this is the place for the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

<sup>2</sup> David commanded to gather together the foreigners that were in the land of Israel. He got stonecutters to prepare dressed stones to build the house of God.

<sup>3</sup> David prepared large amounts of iron for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the clamps; so much bronze it could not be weighed;

<sup>4</sup> and cedar logs without number, for the Sidonians and those from Tyre brought a vast number of cedar logs to David.

<sup>5</sup> David said, "Solomon my son is young and inexpereienced, and the house that is to be built for the LORD must be absolutely magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all nations. I will therefore make preparation for it. So David procured a tremendous amount of materials before his death.

<sup>6</sup> Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> David said to Solomon, "My son, as for me, it was in my heart to build a house for the name of the LORD my God.

<sup>8</sup> But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed a lot of blood, and have made great wars. You shall not build a house for my name, because you have shed so much blood on the earth in my sight.

<sup>9</sup> But look, you will have a son, who will be a man of peace; and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side; for his name will be Solomon [sounds like "peace"], and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.

<sup>10</sup> He will build a house 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.'

<sup>11</sup> Now, my son, the LORD be with you; and prosper you, and may you build the house for the LORD your God, as he has spoken concerning you.

<sup>12</sup> Only the LORD give you discretion and understanding, when he puts you in charge of Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God.

<sup>13</sup> Then you will prosper, if you observe to do the statutes and regulations that the LORD commanded Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or be overwhelmed.

<sup>14</sup> I have made every effort to prepare for the house of the LORD a hundred thousand talents of gold [4,000 tons], and a million talents of silver [40,000 tons], and of bronze and iron beyond weighing; for there is so much of it. Timber also and stone have I prepared; and you may add even more.

<sup>15</sup> There are a large number of skilled craftsmen: stonecutters, masons and carpenters, and all kinds of artisans skilful in all types of work

<sup>16</sup> in gold, silver, bronze, and iron, craftsmen beyond numbering. Get up and get at the work, and the LORD be with you."

<sup>17</sup> David also commanded all the officials of Israel to help his son Solomon.

<sup>18</sup> "Is not the LORD your God with you? 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 the LORD, and before his people.

<sup>19</sup> Now set your heart and soul to seek the LORD your God. Get up and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God into the house that is to be built for the name of the LORD."

<sup>1</sup> Now David was old and full of days; and he made Solomon his son king over Israel.

<sup>2</sup> David gathered together all the leaders of Israel, along with the priests and Levites. <sup>3</sup> The Levite much and from thirts are ald and alder and their total areas to

<sup>3</sup> The Levites were numbered from thirty years old and older and their total came to 38,000 men.

<sup>4</sup> "Of these, 24,000," David said, "were to oversee the work of the temple of the LORD; and 6,000 were officials and judges.

<sup>5</sup> 4,000 were gatekeepers; and 4,000 praised the LORD with the instruments which I made for the purpose of praise."

<sup>6</sup> David divided them into groups according to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

<sup>7</sup> From the Gershonites: Ladan and Shimei.

<sup>8</sup> The sons of Ladan: Jehiel the chief, Zetham and Joel, three in all.

<sup>9</sup> The sons of Shimei: Shelomoth, Haziel, and Haran, three in all. These were the heads of the families of Ladan.

<sup>10</sup> The sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei.

<sup>11</sup> Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second, but Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons, therefore they were counted as a single family with only one assigned duty.

<sup>12</sup> The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four in all.

<sup>13</sup> The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses. Aaron was set apart so that he and his descendants could consecrate the most holy things forever, to make offerings before the LORD, to serve him, and to pronounce blessings in his name forever.

<sup>14</sup> But as for Moses the man of God, his sons were included as part of the tribe of Levi.

<sup>15</sup> The sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer.

<sup>16</sup> The sons of Gershom: Shebuel the chief.

<sup>17</sup> The sons of Eliezer: Rehabiah the chief. Eliezer had no other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were numerous.

<sup>18</sup> The sons of Izhar: Shelomith the chief.

<sup>19</sup> The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

<sup>20</sup> The sons of Uzziel: Micah the chief and Isshiah the second.

<sup>21</sup> The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish.

<sup>22</sup> Eleazar died, and had no sons, but only daughters. Their cousins, the sons of Kish, married them.

<sup>23</sup> The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth, three in all.

<sup>24</sup> These were the sons of Levi after their ancestoral families, even the heads of the families of those who were counted individually, who did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from twenty years old and up.

<sup>25</sup> For David said, "The LORD, the God of Israel, has given rest to his people; and he has taken up residence in Jerusalem forever.

<sup>26</sup> Now the Levites will no longer need to carry the tabernacle and all its vessels for its service."

<sup>27</sup> For by the final instructions of David the sons of Levi were numbered, from twenty years old and up.

<sup>28</sup> For their job was to assist the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts and chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and other duties in the service of the house of God.

<sup>29</sup> They were to assist also with the bread set on the table, and with the fine flour for the grain offerings, the unleavened wafers, the baked offering, mixing in the olive oil, and all the measuring of quantity and size.

<sup>30</sup> They were to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and also in the evening

<sup>31</sup> and to offer all burnt offerings to the LORD, on Sabbaths, on new moons, and at the designated feasts, according to the set number required by ordinance concerning them, regularly before the LORD.

<sup>32</sup> So the Levites were in charge of the tent of meeting and the holy place, under the supervision of the descendants of Aaron their kinsmen, for the service at the house of the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> The divisions of the descendants of Aaron were these:

The sons of Aaron: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

<sup>2</sup> But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no sons; so Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests.

<sup>3</sup> David with the help of Zadok from the descendants of Eleazar, and Ahimelech from the descedants of Ithamar, divided them according to their designated duties in their service.

<sup>4</sup> There were more chief men found among the sons of Eleazar than among the sons of Ithamar; so they were divided up accordingly: the sons of Eleazar had sixteen family leaders; while the sons of Ithamar had only eight family leaders.

<sup>5</sup> They were divided up by lot, with officials for the sanctuary, and officials for God, from both the descendants of Eleazar and Ithamar.

<sup>6</sup> Shemaiah the son of Nethanel, a Levite, who was a scribe, recorded their names in the presence of the king, and the officials, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech son of Abiathar, and the family leaders of the priests and Levites; one family being chosen by lot for Eleazar, and one chosen for Ithamar.

<sup>7</sup> Now the first lot fell to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

<sup>8</sup> the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

<sup>9</sup> the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

<sup>10</sup> the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,

<sup>11</sup> the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

<sup>12</sup> the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

<sup>13</sup> the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,

<sup>14</sup> the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

<sup>15</sup> the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzez,

<sup>16</sup> the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel,

<sup>17</sup> the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul,

<sup>18</sup> the twenty-third to Delaiah, and the twenty-fourth to Maaziah.

<sup>19</sup> This was the designated order of their service, to enter the house of the LORD

according to the regulations established for them by Aaron their father, as the LORD, the God of Israel, had commanded him.

<sup>20</sup> As for the rest of the sons of Levi: Shubael from the sons of Amram, Jehdeiah from the sons of Shubael.

<sup>21</sup> Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the chief.

<sup>22</sup> Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.

<sup>23</sup> The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

<sup>24</sup> The sons of Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of Micah, Shamir.

<sup>25</sup> The brother of Micah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

<sup>26</sup> The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi; the sons of Jaaziah: Beno.

<sup>27</sup> The sons of Merari: of Jaaziah, Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.

- <sup>28</sup> Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.
- <sup>29</sup> Of Kish, the son of Kish: Jerahmeel.

<sup>30</sup> The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites listed by their ancestral families.

<sup>31</sup> These likewise cast lots just as their relatives the sons of Aaron did in the presence of David the king, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the families of the priests and Levites, the ancestral families from the oldest son down to those of the youngest.

<sup>1</sup> David and the commanders of the army set apart for service some of the sons of Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, who prophesied with harps, lyres, and cymbals. The following men were designated for the work and their duties:

<sup>2</sup> From the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah. The sons of Asaph, under the oversight of Asaph, who prophesied under the direction of the king.

- <sup>3</sup> From Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six in all, under the oversight of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with the harp, giving thanks and praising the LORD.
- <sup>4</sup> From Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth.

<sup>5</sup> All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer. God had promised to exalt him giving Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

<sup>6</sup> All these were under the oversight of their fathers for the music in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, for the service of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman being under the direction of the king.

 $^{7}$  The number of them and their relatives who were trained and skilled in singing to the LORD, was 288.

<sup>8</sup> They cast lots for their duties, both young and old, the teacher as well as the student.

<sup>9</sup> Now the first lot fell to Asaph's son Joseph and his sons and relatives, twelve in all; the second to Gedaliah and his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>10</sup> the third to Zaccur, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>11</sup> the fourth to Izri, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>12</sup> the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>13</sup> the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>14</sup> the seventh to Jesharelah, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>15</sup> the eighth to Jeshaiah, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>16</sup> the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>17</sup> the tenth to Shimei, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>18</sup> the eleventh to Azarel, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>19</sup> the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>20</sup> for the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>21</sup> for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>22</sup> for the fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>23</sup> for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>24</sup> for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>25</sup> for the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>26</sup> for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

<sup>27</sup> for the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;

- <sup>28</sup> for the twenty-first to Hothir, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;
  <sup>29</sup> for the twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;
  <sup>30</sup> for the twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and relatives, twelve in all;
  <sup>31</sup> for the twenty-fourth to Romanti-ezer, his sons and relatives, twelve in all.

<sup>1</sup> The division of the gatekeepers:

From the Korahites, Meshelemiah son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.

<sup>2</sup> Meshelemiah had sons:

Zechariah the firstborn,

Jediael the second,

Zebadiah the third,

Jathniel the fourth,  $^{3}$ 

Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, and

Eliehoenai the seventh.

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<sup>4</sup> Obed-edom had sons:

Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third,

Sacar the fourth,

Nethanel the fifth,

Ammiel the sixth,

Issachar the seventh, and

Peullethai the eighth; for God blessed Obed-edom.

<sup>6</sup> His son Shemaiah had sons, who were leaders over the house of their father; for they were men of great ability.

<sup>7</sup> The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad. His brothers, Elihu and Semachiah, were capable men.

<sup>8</sup> All these were descendants of Obed-edom; they and their sons and their relatives, were competent men capable of fulfilling their duties. There were 62 descendants of Obed-edom.

<sup>9</sup> Meshelemiah had sons and relatives, capable men, eighteen in all.

<sup>10</sup> Hosah, one of the descendants of Merari, had sons: Shimri the chief, (for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him chief),

<sup>11</sup> Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brothers of Hosah were thirteen in all.

<sup>12</sup> These divisions of the gatekeepers, corresponding to their chief men, were assigned duties just like their relatives, to minister in the house of the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> They cast lots, both young and old, according to their ancestral families, for every gate.

<sup>14</sup> The lot for east gate fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counselor, they cast lots and his lot came out for the north gate.

<sup>15</sup> To Obed-edom the lot fell for the south gate; and his sons were assigned to the storehouse.

<sup>16</sup> To Shuppim and Hosah the lot for the west gate, along with the Shallecheth gate, by the road that goes up, each watch equally divided.

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<sup>17</sup> On the east there were six Levites posted every day, four on north, four on the south, and two at a time at the storehouse.

<sup>18</sup> At the court to the west, four were posted on the road, and two at the court.

<sup>19</sup> These were the divisions of the gatekeepers; from the descedants of Korah, and from the descendants of Merari.

<sup>20</sup> From the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasuries of the house of God, and over the treasuries of the dedicated gifts.

<sup>21</sup> The descendants of Ladan, the descendants of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, the heads of the ancestral families belonging to Ladan the Gershonite: Jehieli.

<sup>22</sup> The sons of Jehieli: Zetham and his brother Joel, were over the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

<sup>23</sup> Of the Amramites, Izharites, Hebronites, and Uzzielites:

<sup>24</sup> Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was the supervisor of the treasuries.

<sup>25</sup> His relatives: from Eliezer were Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiah his son, Joram his son, Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son.

<sup>26</sup> This Shelomoth and his brothers were in charge over all the treasuries of the dedicated gifts donated by David the king, the heads of the ancestral families, the commanders over the thousands and hundreds, and the commanders of the army.

<sup>27</sup> Out of the spoil won in battles they dedicated some of it to repair the house of the LORD.

<sup>28</sup> All that Samuel the seer, Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated, whoever else had dedicated anything, it was under the care of Shelomoth, and of his relatives.

<sup>29</sup> From the Izharites, Kenaniah and his sons were assigned duties outside the temple as officers and judges for Israel.

<sup>30</sup> From the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brothers, 1,700 capable men, had the oversight of Israel west of the Jordan River, for all the work of the LORD, and for the service of the king.

<sup>31</sup> From the Hebronites, Jerijah was the chief of the Hebronites according to their genealogical records by ancestral families. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they searched the records, and there were found among them capable men at Jazer of Gilead.

<sup>32</sup> Jeriah had 2,700 capable relatives who were heads of ancestral families, whom king David appointed overseers over the Reubenites, Gadites, and half-tribe of the Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and for the affairs of the king.

<sup>1</sup> This is the list of the Israelite heads of families, the commanders of thousands and hundreds, and their officers who served the king, in all the matters of the dvisions that came on and off duty month by month throughout the year. Each division had 24,000 men.

<sup>2</sup> Jashobeam son of Zabdiel was over the first division for the first month.

There were 24,000 in his division.

- <sup>3</sup> He was a descendant of Perez, the chief of all the commanders of the army for the first month.
- <sup>4</sup> Dodai the Ahohite was over the division for the second month, Mikloth was chief officer of his division. There were 24,000 in his division.
- <sup>5</sup> Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the priest was the third commander of the army for the third month, he was the chief of his division. There were 24,000 in his division.
- <sup>6</sup> This is the Benaiah, who was a mighty man among the Thirty, and over the Thirty; his son Ammizabad was chief officer of his division.

<sup>7</sup> Asahel the brother of Joab was the fourth commander for the fourth month. Zebadiah his son succeeded him. There were 24,000 in his division.

- <sup>8</sup> The fifth commander for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite. There were 24,000 in his division.
- <sup>9</sup> The sixth commander for the sixth month was Ira son of Ikkesh from Tekoa. There were 24,000 in his division.
- <sup>10</sup> The seventh commander for the seventh month was Helez from Pelon, an Ephraimite. There were 24,000 in his division.
- <sup>11</sup> The eighth commander for the eighth month was Sibbecai from Hushah, a Zerahite. There were 24,000 in his division.
- <sup>12</sup> The ninth commander for the ninth month was Abiezer from Anathoth, a Benjamite. There were 24,000 in his division.
- <sup>13</sup> The tenth commander for the tenth month was Maharai from Netophah, a Zerahite. There were 24,000 in his division.
- <sup>14</sup> The eleventh commander for the eleventh month was Benaiah from Pirathon, an Ephraimite. There were 24,000 in his division.
- <sup>15</sup> The twelfth commander for the twelfth month was Heldai from Netophah, a descendant of Othniel. There were 24,000 in his division.

<sup>16</sup> Over the tribes of Israel:

for the Reubenites, Eliezer son of Zikri was the tribal leader;

for the Simeonites, Shephatiah son of Maacah;

- <sup>17</sup> for Levi, Hashabiah son of Kemuel;
- for Aaron's descendants, Zadok;
- <sup>18</sup> for Judah, Elihu, one of David's brothers; for Issachar, Omri son of Michael;

- <sup>19</sup> for Zebulun, Ishmaiah son of Obadiah;
- for Naphtali, Jeremoth son of Azriel:
- <sup>20</sup> for Ephraimites, Hoshea son of Azaziah; for the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel son of Pedaiah:
- <sup>21</sup> for the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo son of Zechariah; for Benjamin, Jaasiel son of Abner;
- <sup>22</sup> for Dan, Azarel son of Jeroham.

These were the commanders of the tribes of Israel.

<sup>23</sup> But David did not count those twenty years old and under, because the LORD had promised he would increase Israel as the stars of heaven.

<sup>24</sup> Joab the son of Zeruiah began to count them, but did not finish because wrath came on Israel on account of this census. The number was not entered into the records of the annals of King David.

<sup>25</sup> Azmaveth the son of Adiel was over the king's treasuries. Jonathan son of Uzziah was over the treasuries in the fields, in the cities, in the villages, and in the towers.

<sup>26</sup> Ezri the son of Chelub was over the farmers who tilled the ground.

<sup>27</sup> Shimei from Ramah was over the vineyards. Zabdi from Shepham was over the produce of the vineyards put in the wine cellars.
<sup>28</sup> Baal-hanan from Geder was over the olive and sycamore trees that were in the

<sup>28</sup> Baal-hanan from Geder was over the olive and sycamore trees that were in the Shephelah foothills. Joash was over the olive oil storehouses.

<sup>29</sup> Shitrai from Sharon was over the herds that grazed in Sharon. Shaphat the son of Adlai was over the herds in the valleys.

<sup>30</sup> Obil the Ishmaelite was over the camels. Jehdeiah from Meronoth was over the donkeys.

<sup>31</sup> Jaziz from Hagrite was over the flocks. All these were the officials overseeing King David's possessions.

<sup>32</sup> Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a man of understanding and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was responsible for caring for the king's sons.

<sup>33</sup> Ahithophel was the king's counselor. Hushai the Archite was the king's friend.

<sup>34</sup> After Ahithophel was Jehoiada son of Benaiah and Abiathar. Joab was the commander of the king's army.

<sup>1</sup> David assembled to Jerusalem all the officials of Israel, the officials of the tribes, and the commanders of the divisions that served the king, and the commanders of thousands and hundreds, and the officials over all the property and livestock of the king and of his sons, the palace officials, the elite forces, and all the warriors.

<sup>2</sup> Then David the king rose to his feet, and said, "Hear me, my brothers and my people. I wanted to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God; and I began preparations for building it.

<sup>3</sup> But God told me, 'You shall not build a house for my name, because you are a man of war, and have shed blood.'

<sup>4</sup> Yet the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me out of all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever. He has chosen Judah to rule, and from the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among my father's sons he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel.

<sup>5</sup> From all my sons, for the LORD has given me many sons, he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

<sup>6</sup> He said to me, 'Solomon your son is the one who will build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.

<sup>7</sup> I will establish his kingdom forever, if he remains faithful to do my commandments and my regulations, as is happening today.'

<sup>8</sup> Now therefore in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, observe and pursue all the commandments of the LORD your God; that you may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you forever.

<sup>9</sup> And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and serve him with a whole heart and a willing mind, for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every motive of one's thoughts. If you seek him, you will find him; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.

<sup>10</sup> Be careful now; for the LORD has chosen you to build a Temple for his sanctuary. Be strong, and do it."

<sup>11</sup> Then David gave to Solomon his son the plans for the temple porch, its buildings, its treasuries, its upper rooms, its inner chambers, and the place for the mercy seat.

<sup>12</sup> He gave him the plans for all that he had in mind, for the courts of the Temple of the LORD, all the surrounding chambers, for the treasuries of the Temple of God, and for the treasuries of the dedicated gifts.

<sup>13</sup> He gave him directions for the divisions of the priests and Levites, and for all the work of the service of the Temple of the LORD, and for all the vessels used in service in the Temple of the LORD.

<sup>14</sup> He specified the weight of gold for the golden vessels, for all vessels of every kind of service; and the weight of silver for all the silver vessels, for all vessels of every kind of service;

<sup>15</sup> the weight for the golden lampstands, and for its gold lamps, including the weight for every lampstand and its lamps; and the weight for every silver lampstand and for its lamps, according to the use of each lampstand;

<sup>16</sup> and the gold by weight for each of the tables of showbread, and silver for the silver tables;

<sup>17</sup> and pure gold for the meat hooks, basins, and cups; and for the golden bowls specifying the weight for each bowl; as well as the weight for each of the silver bowls;

<sup>18</sup> and the weight of refined gold for the altar of incense. He also gave him his design plans for the gold chariot, with the cherubim, that spread out their wings and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

<sup>19</sup> "All this," David said, "I have put in writing from the hand of the LORD, that he gave me insight in the design patterns for all the works."

<sup>20</sup> David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and courageous, and do it. Do not fear, or be dismayed; for the LORD God, even my God, is with you. He will not fail you, or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.

<sup>21</sup> Here are the divisions of the priests and Levites, for all the service of the Temple of God. There will be joining you every one willing and capable in every skilled craft for any kind of service. The officials and all the people will be totally at your command."

<sup>1</sup> King David said to all the assembly, "My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is yet young and inexperienced, and the work is great; for this Temple is not for man, but for the LORD God.

<sup>2</sup> So I have made every effort to provide for the temple of my God, the gold for what will be made of gold, silver for what will be made of silver, bronze for what will be made of bronze, iron for what will be made of iron, and wood for what will be made of wood; onyx stones, and settings of antimony and other stones of many colors, and all types of precious stones, and marble in abundance.

<sup>3</sup> Now because of my commitment to the house of my God, I now donate my own personal treasure of gold and silver to the temple of my God, over and above all that I have collected for this holy temple:

<sup>4</sup> 3,000 talents [112 tons] of gold from Ophir, and 7,000 talents [262 tons] of refined silver for overlaying the walls of the buildings;

<sup>5</sup> gold for what is made of gold, and silver for what is made of silver, and for all the work to be made by the craftsmen. Who else will donate willingly consecrating himself this day to the LORD?"

<sup>6</sup> Then the leaders of the ancestral families, and the tribal leaders of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and hundreds, with the officials over the king's work gave willingly.

<sup>7</sup> They gave for the service of the temple of God 5,000 talents [188 tons] and 10,000 daric coins of gold, and 10,000 talents [375 tons] of silver, 18,000 talents [675 tons] of bronze and 100,000 talents [3,750 tons] of iron.

<sup>8</sup> Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD, under the oversight of Jehiel the Gershonite.

<sup>9</sup> Then the people rejoiced over their voluntary donations, because they had wholeheartedly and voluntarily contributed to the LORD. King David also was delighted. <sup>10</sup> Then David praised the LORD before the entire assembly. David said, "May you be

praised, O LORD, God of our father Israel, forever and ever. <sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

<sup>12</sup> Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might. It is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all.

<sup>13</sup> Now, our God, we thank you, and praise your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup> But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to voluntarily contribute so much? For all things come from you, and we have only given back what is yours.

<sup>15</sup> For we are sojourners and aliens in your presence, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are a mere shadow and there is nothing lasting.

<sup>16</sup> O LORD our God, all this wealth that we have provided to build a house for your holy name comes of your hand and already belongs to you.

<sup>17</sup> I know also, my God, that you search the heart, and have pleasure in integrity. As for me, with the uprightness of my heart I have willingly donated all these things. Now I have seen with joy your people, who are present here, willingly contribute to you.

<sup>18</sup> O LORD, the God our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, preserve forever the purposes and motives of your people, and direct their hearts to you.

<sup>19</sup> Give my son Solomon a wholehearted desire to keep your commands, laws, and decrees, and to do everything required to build the temple, for which I have made provision."

<sup>20</sup> Then David said to all the assembly, "Now praise the LORD your God." So all the assembly praised the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king.

<sup>21</sup> The next day they made sacrifices to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings to the LORD. They offered: 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams, and 1,000 lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

 $^{22}$  They ate and drank before the LORD on that day with great celebration. They made Solomon, David's son king the second time, anointing him to be the leader before the LORD, and Zadok to be priest.

<sup>23</sup> Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of his father David. He prospered and all Israel obeyed him.

<sup>24</sup> All the officials and mighty men, along with all King David's sons pledged their allegiance to King Solomon.

<sup>25</sup> The LORD exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him such royal majesty as had never been on any king before him in Israel.

<sup>26</sup> David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

<sup>27</sup> He ruled forty years over Israel; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
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<sup>29</sup> Now the acts of King David, from first to last, they are recorded in *The Annals of* Samuel the Seer, The Annals of Nathan the Prophet, and The History of Gad the Seer.

<sup>30</sup> They record all his reign and his might, and everything that happened to him and Israel, and all the surrounding kingdoms.