

Chronicles I

¹ ADAM, Seth, Enosh, ² and Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, ³ Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, ⁴ Noah: the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth.

⁵ The sons of Japheth, Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Elisa, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. ⁶ And the sons of Gomer, Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. ⁷ And the sons of Javan, Elishah, and Tarshish, the Kittim, and Rodanim.

⁸ And the sons of Ham, Cush, and Mizraim, Put and Canaan. ⁹ And the sons of Cush, Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabteca: and the sons of Raamah, Sheba, and Dedan. ¹⁰ And Cush begot Nimrod: he began to be a mighty hunter on the earth.

¹⁷ The sons of Shem, Elam, and Asshur, ²⁴ and Arpachshad, Shelah, ²⁵ Eber, Peleg, Reu, ²⁶ Serug, Nahor, Terah, ²⁷ Abraham.

²⁸ And the sons of Abraham, Isaac, and Ishmael. ²⁹ And these *are* their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth, and Kedar, Abdeel, Mibsam, ³⁰ Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, ³¹ Jetur, Naphish, Kedemah: these *are* the sons of Ishmael.

³² And the sons of Keturah Abraham's concubine—and she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, Shuah: and the sons of Jokshan; Dedan, and Sheba; ³³ and the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoah, and Abida, and Eldaah; all these *were* the sons of Keturah.

³⁴ And Abraham begot Isaac: and the sons of Isaac *were* Jacob, and Esau. ³⁵ The sons of Esau, Eliphaz, and Reuel, and Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. ³⁶ The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, and Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek. ³⁷ And the sons of Reuel, Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. ³⁸ The sons of Seir, Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. ³⁹ And the sons of Lotan, Hori, and Hemam; and the sister of Lotan *was* Timna. ⁴⁰ The sons of Shobal; Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam: and the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah. ⁴¹ The sons of Anah, Dishon: and the sons of Dishon; Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. ⁴² And the sons of Ezer, Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan: the sons of Dishan, Uz, and Aran.

⁴³ And these *are* their kings, Bela the son of Beor; and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah. ⁴⁴ And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. ⁴⁵ And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. ⁴⁶ And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad reigned in his stead, who smote Midian in the plain of Moab: and the name of his city *was* Getthaim. ⁴⁷ And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. ⁴⁸ And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead. ⁴⁹ And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan son of Achbor reigned in his stead. ⁵⁰ And Baal-hanan died, and Hadad son of Barad reigned in his stead; and the name of his city *was* Pai.

⁵¹ The princes of Edom: prince Timna, prince Alvah, prince Jetheth, ⁵² prince Oholibamah, prince Elah, prince Pinon, ⁵³ prince Kenaz, prince Teman, prince Mibzar, prince Magdiel, ⁵⁴ prince Zaphoin. These *are* the princes of Edom.

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¹ These *are* the names of the sons of Israel; ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, Asher.

³ The sons of Judah; Er, Onan, Shelah. *These* three were born to him of the daughter of Shua the Canaanitish woman: and Er, the firstborn of Judah, *was* wicked before the Lord, and he slew him. ⁴ And Tamar his daughter-in-law bore to him Perez, and Zerah: all the sons of Judah *were* five.

⁵ The sons of Perez, Hezron, and Hamul. ⁶ And the sons of Zerah, Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara, *in* all five.

⁷ And the sons of Carmi; Achan the troubler of Israel, who was disobedient in the accursed thing. ⁸ And the sons of Ethan; Azariah, ⁹ and the sons of Hezron who were born to him; Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai.

¹⁰ And Ram begot Amminadab, and Amminadab begot Nahshon, chief of the house of Judah. ¹¹ And Nahshon begot Salmon, and Salmon begot Boaz, ¹² and Boaz begot Obed, and Obed begot Jesse. ¹³ And Jesse begot his firstborn Eliab, Abinadab *was* the second, Shimea the third, ¹⁴ Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, ¹⁵ Ozem the sixth, David the seventh. ¹⁶ And their

sister *was* Zeruah, and *another* Abigail: and the sons of Zeruah *were* Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three. ¹⁷ And Abigail bore Amasa: and the father of Amasa *was* Jether the Ishmaelite.

¹⁸ And Caleb the son of Hezron took Azubah to wife, and Jerioth: and these *were* her sons; Jeshur, and Shobab, and Ardon. ¹⁹ And Azubah died; and Caleb took to himself Ephrath, and she bore to him Hur. ²⁰ And Hur begot Uri, and Uri begot Bezalel. ²¹ And after this Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, and he took her when he was sixty-five years old; and she bore him Segub. ²² And Segub begot Jair, and he had twenty-three cities in Gilead. ²³ And he took Geshur and Aram, the towns of Jair from them; *with* Kenath and its towns, sixty cities. All these *belonged to* the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. ²⁴ And after the death of Hezron, Caleb came to Ephrathah; and the wife of Hezron *was* Abia; and she bore him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.

²⁵ And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron *were*, the firstborn Ram, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem his brother. ²⁶ And Jerahmeel had another wife, and her name *was* Atarah: she is the mother of Onam. ²⁷ And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. ²⁸ And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada: and the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur. ²⁹ And the name of the wife of Abishur *was* Abihail, and she bore him Ahban, and Molid. ³⁰ And the sons of Nadab; Seled and Appaim; and Seled died without children. ³¹ And

the sons of Appaim, Ishi; and the sons of Ishi, Sheshan; and the sons of Sheshan, Dadai. ³² And the sons of Dadai, Achisamas, Jether, Jonathan: and Jether died childless. ³³ And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

³⁴ And Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had an Egyptian servant, and his name *was* Jarha. ³⁵ And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bore him Attai. ³⁶ And Attai begot Nathan, and Nathan begot Zabad, ³⁷ and Zabad begot Ephlal, and Ephlal begot Obed. ³⁸ And Obed begot Jehu, and Jehu begot Azariah, ³⁹ and Azariah begot Helez, and Helez begot Eleasah, ⁴⁰ and Eleasah begot Sismai, and Sismai begot Shallum, ⁴¹ and Shallum begot Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begot Elishama, and Elishama begot Ismael.

⁴² And the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel *were*, Mareshah his firstborn, he *is* the father of Ziph—and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. ⁴³ And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema. ⁴⁴ And Shema begot Raham the father of Jorkeam: and Jorkeam begot Shammai. ⁴⁵ And his son *was* Maon: and Maon *is* the father of Beth-zur. ⁴⁶ And Ephah the concubine of Caleb bore Haran, and Moza, and Gazez. ⁴⁷ And the sons of Jahdai *were* Regem, and Jotham, and Sogar, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph. ⁴⁸ And Caleb's concubine Maacah bore Sheber, and Tirhanah. ⁴⁹ She bore also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, and Sheva the father of

Machbenah, and the father of Gibeah: and the daughter of Caleb *was* Achsah. ⁵⁰ These were the sons of Caleb.

The sons of Hur the firstborn of Ephrathah; Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim, ⁵¹ Salma the father of Baetha, Lammon the father of Bethlehem, and Hareph the father of Beth-gader. ⁵² And the sons of Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim were Haroeh, and Aesi, and Ammanith, ⁵³ and Umasphae, cities of Jair; Ithrites, and Puthites, and Shumathites, and Mishraitites; from these went forth the Zorathites, and the sons of Eshtaol. ⁵⁴ The sons of Salma; Bethlehem, the Netophathite, Ataroth of the house of Joab, and half of the family of Manahath, Esari. ⁵⁵ The families of the scribes dwelling in Jabez; Tirathites, and Shimeathites, and Sucathites, these *are* the Kenites that came of Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

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¹ Now these were the sons of David that were born to him in Hebron; the firstborn Amnon, *born* of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess. ² 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, *the son* of Abital; the sixth, Ithream, *born* of Eglah his wife. ⁴ Six were born to him in Hebron; and he reigned there seven years and six months: and he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ⁵ And these were born to him in Jerusalem; Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon; four *of*

Bathsheba the daughter of Ammiel: ⁶ and Ibhar, and Elishama, and Eliphelet, ⁷ and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, ⁸ and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. ⁹ *All these were* the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and *there was also* Tamar their sister.

¹⁰ The sons of Solomon; Rehoboam, Abijah his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son, ¹¹ Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son, ¹² Amaziah his son, Uzziah his son, Jotham his son, ¹³ Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, ¹⁴ Amon his son, Josiah his son. ¹⁵ And the sons of Josiah; the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum. ¹⁶ And the sons of Jehoiakim; Jechoniah his son, Zedekiah his son. ¹⁷ And the sons of Jechoniah; Asir, Shealtiel his son, ¹⁸ Malchiram, and Pedaiah, and Shenazzar, and Jekamiah, and Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

¹⁹ And the sons of Pedaiah; Zerubbabel, and Shimei: and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith *was* their sister. ²⁰ And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, and Jushab-hesed, five.

²¹ And the sons of Hananiah, Pelatiah, and Jeshaiah his son, Rephaiah his son, Arnan his son, Obadiah his son, Shecaniah his son. ²² And the son of Shecaniah; Shemaiah: and the sons of Shemaiah; Hattush, and Igal, and Bariah and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

²³ And the sons of Neariah: Elioenai, and Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three.

²⁴ And the sons of Elioenai; Hodaviah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

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¹ And the sons of Judah; Perez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, Shobal, ² and Reaiah his son; and Shobal begot Jahath; and Jahath begot Ahumai, and Lahad: these *are* the generations of the Zorathites. ³ And these *are* the sons of Etam; Jezreel and Ishma, and Idbash: and their sister's name *was* Hazzelelponi. ⁴ And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah: these *are* the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, the father of Bethlehem.

⁵ And Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Aoda and Thoada. ⁶ And Aoda bore to him Ochaia, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari: all these *were* the sons of Aoda. ⁷ And the sons of Thoada; Zereth, and Izhar, and Ethnan. ⁸ And Koz begot Anub, and Zobebah, and the progeny of the brother of Rechab, the son of Jarin. ⁹ And Jabez was more famous than his brethren; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, I have born as a sorrowful one. ¹⁰ And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, O that thou wouldest indeed bless me, and enlarge my coasts, and that thy hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest make me know that thou wilt not grieve me! And God granted him all that he asked.

¹¹ And Chelub the father of Ascha begot Mehir; he *was* the father of Eshton. ¹² He begot Bethrapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the founder

of the city of Nahash the brother of Eselom the Kenizzite: these *were* the men of Recah. ¹³ And the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and the sons of Othniel; Hathath. ¹⁴ And Meonothai begot Ophrah: and Seraiah begot Jobab, the father of Ageaddair, for they were artificers. ¹⁵ And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah, Kenaz. ¹⁶ And the sons of Jehallelel, Ziph, and Ziphah, and Tiria, and Asarel. ¹⁷ And the sons of Esrah; Jether, Mered, and Ephher, and Jalon: and Jether begot Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa. ¹⁸ And his wife, that is Adia, bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah: and these *are* the sons of Betthia the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mored took. ¹⁹ And the sons of the wife of Hodiah the sister of Naham the father of Keilah; Garmi, and Eshtemoa the Maacathite. ²⁰ And the sons of Shimon; Amnon, and Rinnah the son of Hanan, and Tilon: and the sons of Ishi, Zoheth, and the sons of Zoheth.

²¹ The sons of Shelah the son of Judah; Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the offspring of the family of Ephrathabac *belonging to* the house of Ashbea. ²² And Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who dwelt in Moab, and he changed their names to Abederin and Athukiim. ²³ These *are* the potters who dwelt in Netaim and Gederah with the king: they grew strong in his kingdom, and dwelt there.

²⁴ The sons of Simeon; Nemuel, and Jamin,

Jarib, Zerah, Shaul: ²⁵ Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son: ²⁶ Hammuel his son, Sabud his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son. ²⁷ Shimei *had* sixteen sons, and six daughters; and his brethren had not many sons, neither did all their families multiply as the sons of Judah. ²⁸ And they dwelt in Beersheba, and Moladah, and in Hazar-shaul, ²⁹ and in Bilhah, and in Ezem, and in Tolad, ³⁰ and in Bethuel, and in Hormah, and in Ziklag, ³¹ and in Bethmarcaboth, and Hazar-susim, and the house of Biri-shaaraim: these *were* their cities until *the time of* King David. ³² And their villages *were* Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities. ³³ And all their villages *were* round about these cities, as far as Baal: this *was* their possession, and their distribution. ³⁴ And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah; ³⁵ and Joel, and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel; ³⁶ and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah; ³⁷ and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah. ³⁸ These went by the names of princes in their families, and they increased abundantly in their fathers' households.

³⁹ And they went till they came to Gedor, to the east of Gai, to seek pasture for their cattle. ⁴⁰ And they found abundant and good pastures, and the land before them *was* wide, and *there was* peace and quietness; for *there were* some of the children of Ham who dwelt there before. ⁴¹ And

these who are written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and they smote the people's houses, and the Meunites whom they found there, and utterly destroyed them until this day: and they dwelt in their place, because *there was* pasture there for their cattle. ⁴² And some of them, *even* of the sons of Simeon, went to Mount Seir, *even* five hundred men; and Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, sons of Ishi, *were* their rulers. ⁴³ And they smote the remnant that were left of Amalek, until this day.

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¹ And the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (for he *was* the firstborn; but because of his going up to his father's couch, *his father* gave his blessing to his son Joseph, *even* the son of Israel; and he was not reckoned as firstborn; ² for Judah *was* very mighty even among his brethren, and one was to be a ruler out of him: but the blessing *was* Joseph's). ³ The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel; Hanoah, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. ⁴ The sons of Joel; Shemaiah, and Benaiah his son: and the sons of Gog the son of Shemaiah. ⁵ His son *was* Micah, his son Reaiah, his son Baal, ⁶ his son Beerah, whom Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria carried away captive: he *is* the chief of the Reubenites.

⁷ And his brethren in his family, in their distribution according to their generations; the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah. ⁸ And Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel: he

dwelt in Aroer, and even to Nebo, and Baalmeon. ⁹ And he dwelt eastward to the borders of the wilderness, from the river Euphrates: for they had much cattle in the land of Gilead. ¹⁰ And in the days of Saul they made war upon the sojourners *in the land*; and they fell into their hands, all of them dwelling in their tents eastward of Gilead.

¹¹ The sons of Gad dwelt over against them in the land of Bashan even to Salecah. ¹² Joel the firstborn, and Shapham the second, and Janai the scribe in Bashan. ¹³ And their brethren according to the houses of their fathers; Michael, Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jacan, and Zia, and Eber, seven. ¹⁴ These *are* the sons of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Idai, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz, ¹⁵ *who was* the brother of the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, *he was* chief of the house of their families. ¹⁶ They dwelt in Gilead, in Bashan, and in their villages, and *in* all the country round about Sharon to the border. ¹⁷ The enumeration of *them* all took place in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

¹⁸ The sons of Reuben and Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, of mighty men, bearing shields and sword, and bending the bow, and skilled in war, *were* forty and four thousand and seven hundred and sixty, going forth to battle. ¹⁹ And they made war with the Hagrites, and Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab, ²⁰ and they prevailed against them: and the Hagrites

were given into their hands, *they* and all their tents: for they cried to God in the battle, and he hearkened to them, because they trusted on him. ²¹ And they took captive their store; five thousand camels, and two hundred and fifty thousand sheep, two thousand asses, and a hundred thousand men. ²² For many fell slain, because the war *was* of God. And they dwelt in their place until the captivity.

²³ And the half-tribe of Manasseh dwelt from Bashan to Baal-hermon, and Senir, and *to* the Mount Hermon: and they increased in Lebanon.

²⁴ And these were the heads of the houses of their families; Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valor; men of renown, heads of the houses of their families.

²⁵ But they rebelled against the God of their fathers, and went a-whoring after the gods of the nations of the land, whom God cast out from before them. ²⁶ And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and carried away Reuben and Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, and Habor, and to the river Gozan, until this day.

²⁷ The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ²⁸ And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. ²⁹ And the sons of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam: and the sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ³⁰ Eleazar begot Phinehas, Phinehas begot Abishua; ³¹ Abishua begot Bukki, and Bukki begot Uzzi; ³² Uzzi begot Zeremiah,

Zerahiah begot Meraioth; ³³ and Meraioth begot Amariah, and Amariah begot Ahitub; ³⁴ and Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot Ahimaaz; ³⁵ and Ahimaaz begot Azariah, and Azariah begot Johanan; ³⁶ and Johanan begot Azariah: he ministered as priest in the house which Solomon built in Jerusalem. ³⁷ And Azariah begot Amariah, and Amariah begot Ahitub; ³⁸ and Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot Shallum; ³⁹ and Shallum begot Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begot Azariah; ⁴⁰ and Azariah begot Seraiah, and Seraiah begot Jehozadak. ⁴¹ And Jehozadak went into captivity with Judah and Jerusalem under Nebuchadnezzar.

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¹ The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari. ² And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershom; Libni, and Shimei. ³ The sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. ⁴ The sons of Merari; Mahli and Mushi: and these *are* the families of Levi, according to their families. ⁵ To Gershom—to Libni his son—*were born* Jahath his son, Zimmah his son, ⁶ Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son. ⁷ The sons of Kohath; Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son; ⁸ Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his son, Assir his son: ⁹ Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uziah his son, Shaul his son. ¹⁰ And the sons of Elkanah; Amasai, and Ahimoth. ¹¹ Elkanah his son, Zophai his son, Nahath his son; ¹² Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son. ¹³ The sons of Samuel; the firstborn Sani, and Abijah. ¹⁴ The sons of Merari;

Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son; ¹⁵ Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

¹⁶ And these *were the men* whom David set over the service of the singers in the house of the Lord when the ark was at rest. ¹⁷ And they ministered in front of the tabernacle of witness *playing* on instruments, until Solomon built the house of the Lord in Jerusalem; and they stood according to their order for their services.

¹⁸ And these *were the men* that stood, and their sons, of the sons of Kohath: Heman the psalm singer, son of Joel, the son of Samuel, ¹⁹ the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah, ²⁰ the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, ²¹ the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah, ²² the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, ²³ the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel. ²⁴ And his brother Asaph, who stood at his right hand; Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea, ²⁵ the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah, ²⁶ the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, ²⁷ the son of Adaiah, the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, ²⁸ the son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi. ²⁹ And the sons of Merari their brethren on the left hand: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, ³⁰ the son of Hashabiah, ³¹ the son of Amaziah, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer, ³² the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi. ³³ And their brethren

according to the houses of their fathers, *were* the Levites who were appointed to all the work of ministrations of the tabernacle of the house of God.

³⁴ And Aaron and his sons *were* to burn incense on the altar of whole burnt offerings, and on the altar of incense, for all the ministry *in* the holy of holies, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all things that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded. ³⁵ And these *are* the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, ³⁶ Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerariah his son, ³⁷ Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son, ³⁸ Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

³⁹ And these *are* their residences in their villages, in their coasts, to the sons of Aaron, to their family the Kohathites: for they had the lot. ⁴⁰ And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and its suburbs round about it. ⁴¹ But the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. ⁴² And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, *even* Hebron, and Libnah and her suburbs round about, and Hilen and her suburbs, and Eshtemoa and her suburbs, ⁴³ and Jattir and her suburbs, and Debir and her suburbs, ⁴⁴ and Ashan and her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh and her suburbs: ⁴⁵ and of the tribe of Benjamin Gibeon and her suburbs, and Alemeth and her suburbs, and Anathoth and her suburbs: all their cities *were* thirteen cities according to their families.

⁴⁶ And to the sons of Kohath that were left of their families, *there were given* out of the tribe,

namely, out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities. ⁴⁷ And to the sons of Gershom according to their families *there were given* thirteen cities of the tribe of Issachar, of the tribe of Asher, of the tribe of Naphtali, of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan. ⁴⁸ And to the sons of Merari according to their families *there were given*, by lot, twelve cities of the tribe of Reuben, of the tribe of Gad, *and* of the tribe of Zebulun. ⁴⁹ So the children of Israel gave to the Levites the cities and their suburbs. ⁵⁰ And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities which they call by name.

⁵¹ And *to the members* of the families of the sons of Kohath there were also given the cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim. ⁵² And they gave them the cities of refuge, Shechem and her suburbs in Mount Ephraim, and Gezer and her suburbs, ⁵³ and Jokmeam and her suburbs, and Beth-horon and her suburbs, ⁵⁴ and Aijalon and her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon and her suburbs: ⁵⁵ and of the half-tribe of Manasseh Aner and her suburbs, and Bileam and her suburbs, to the sons of Kohath that were left, according to *each several* family.

⁵⁶ To the sons of Gershom from the families of the half-tribe of Manasseh *they gave* Golan of Bashan and her suburbs, and Ashtaroth and her suburbs. ⁵⁷ And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh and her suburbs, and Daberath and her suburbs, and Dabor and her suburbs, ⁵⁸ and Ramoth, and Anem and her suburbs. ⁵⁹ And of

the tribe of Asher; Mashal and her suburbs, and Abdon and her suburbs, ⁶⁰ and Hukok and her suburbs, and Rehob and her suburbs. ⁶¹ And of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee and her suburbs, and Hammon and her suburbs, and Kiriathaim and her suburbs.

⁶² To the sons of Merari that were left, *they gave out* of the tribe of Zebulun Rimmono and her suburbs, and Tabor and her suburbs: ⁶³ out of *the country* beyond Jordan; Jericho westward of Jordan: out of the tribe of Reuben; Bezer in the wilderness and her suburbs, and Jahzah and her suburbs, ⁶⁴ and Kedemoth and her suburbs, and Mephaath and her suburbs. ⁶⁵ Out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth-gilead and her suburbs, and Mahanaim and her suburbs, ⁶⁶ and Heshbon and her suburbs, and Jazer and her suburbs.

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¹ And *as to* the sons of Issachar, *they were* Tola, and Puah, and Jashub, and Shimron, four.

² And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Ibsam, and Shemuel, chiefs of their fathers' houses *belonging to* Tola, men of might according to their generations; their number in the days of David *was* twenty and two thousand and six hundred. ³ And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, Obadiah, and Joel, and Isshiah, five, all rulers.

⁴ And with them, according to their generations, according to the houses of their families, *were men* mighty to set *armies* in array for war, thirty and six thousand, for they had multiplied

their wives and children. ⁵ And their brethren among all the families of Issachar, also mighty men, *were* eighty-seven thousand—*this was* the number of them all.

⁶ The sons of Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three. ⁷ And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of houses of families, mighty men; and their number *was* twenty and two thousand and thirty-four. ⁸ And the sons of Becher; Zemirah, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jeremoth, and Abijah, and Anathoth, and Alemeth: all these *were* the sons of Becher. ⁹ And their number according to their generations (*they were* chiefs of their fathers' houses, men of might), *was* twenty thousand and two hundred. ¹⁰ And the sons of Jediael; Bilhan: and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tarshish, and Ahishahar. ¹¹ All these *were* the sons of Jediael, chiefs of their families, men of might, seventeen thousand and two hundred, going forth to war with might. ¹² And Shuppim, and Huppim, and the sons of Ir, Hushim, whose son *was* Aher.

¹³ The sons of Naphtali; Jahziel, Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, his sons, Bilhah his son.

¹⁴ The sons of Manasseh; Asriel, whom his Syrian concubine bore; and she bore to him also Machir the father of Gilead. ¹⁵ And Machir took a wife for Huppim and Shuppim, and his sister's name was Maacah; and the name of the second *son* was Zelophehad; and to Zelophehad were born daughters. ¹⁶ And Maacah the wife of

Machir bore a son, and called his name Peresh; and his brother's name *was* Sheresh; his sons *were* Ulam, and Rakem. ¹⁷ And the sons of Ulam; Bedan. These *were* the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. ¹⁸ And his sister Hammolecheth bore Ishhod, and Abiezer, and Mahlah. ¹⁹ And the sons of Shemida were, Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

²⁰ And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, Eleadah his son, Tahath his son, ²¹ and Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead: and the men of Gath who were born in the land slew them, because they went down to take their cattle. ²² And their father Ephraim mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. ²³ And he went in to his wife, and she conceived, and bore a son, and he called his name Beriah, because, *said he*, He was afflicted in my house. ²⁴ And his daughter *was* Sheerah, and he was among them that were left, and he built Beth-horon the upper and the lower. And the descendants of Uzen *were* Sheerah, ²⁵ and Raphah his son, Resheph and Telah his sons, Tahan his son. ²⁶ To Ladan his son *was born his* son Ammihud, his son Elishama, *his son* ²⁷ Nun, *his son* Joshua, *these were* his sons.

²⁸ And their possession and their dwelling *were* Bethel and her towns, to the east Naaran, westward Gezer and her towns, and Shechem and her towns, as far as Gaza and her towns. ²⁹ And as far as the borders of the sons of Manasseh, Beth-shean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and

her towns. In this the children of Joseph the son of Israel dwelt.

³⁰ The sons of Asher; Imnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. ³¹ And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel; he *was* the father of Birzaith. ³² And Heber begot Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. ³³ And the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath: these *are* the sons of Japhlet. ³⁴ And the sons of Shemer; Achir, and Rohgah, and Jehubbah, and Aram. ³⁵ And the sons of Helem his brother; Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. ³⁶ The sons of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah, ³⁷ and Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera. ³⁸ And the sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara. ³⁹ And the sons of Ulla; Arah, Hanniel, and Rizia.

⁴⁰ All these *were* the sons of Asher, all heads of families, choice, mighty men, chief leaders: their number for battle array—their number *was* twenty-six thousand men.

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¹ Now Benjamin begot Bela his firstborn, and Ashbel his second *son*, Aharah the third, Nohah the fourth, ² and Rapha the fifth. ³ And the sons of Bela were, Addar, and Gera, and Abihud, ⁴ and Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, ⁵ and Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram. ⁶ These *were* the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of families to them that dwell in Geba, and they removed them to Manahath: ⁷ and Naaman, and Ahijah

and Gera, he removed them, and he begot Uzza, and Ahihud.

⁸ And Shaharaim begot *children* in the plain of Moab, after that he had sent away Hushim and Baara his wives.

⁹ And he begot of his wife Hodesh, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcam, ¹⁰ and Jeuz, and Sachia, and Mirmah: these *were* heads of families. ¹¹ And of Hushim he begot Abitub, and Elpaal. ¹² And the sons of Elpaal; Eber, Misham, Shemed: he built Ono, and Lod, and its towns: ¹³ and Beriah, and Shema; these *were* heads of families among the dwellers in Aijalon, and they drove out the inhabitants of Gath. ¹⁴ And his brethren *were* Shashak, and Jeremoth, ¹⁵ and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Eder, ¹⁶ and Michael, and Ishpah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah: ¹⁷ and Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hizki, and Heber, ¹⁸ and Ishmerai, and Izliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal: ¹⁹ and Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, ²⁰ and Elienai, and Zillethai, ²¹ and Eliel, and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, sons of Shimei: ²² and Ishpan, and Eber, and Eliel, ²³ and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, ²⁴ and Hananiah, and Ambri, and Elam, *and* Anthothijah, ²⁵ and Jathin, and Iphdeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak: ²⁶ and Shamsheraï, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, ²⁷ and Jareshiah, and Elijah, and Zichri, son of Jeroham. ²⁸ These *were* heads of families, chiefs according to their generations: these dwelt in Jerusalem.

²⁹ And the father of Gibeon dwelt in Gibeon; and his wife's name was Maacah. ³⁰ And her firstborn son was Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and

Baal, and Nadab, and Ner, ³¹ and Gedor and his brother, and Zecher, and Mikloth. ³² And Mikloth begot Shimeah: for these dwelt in Jerusalem in the presence of their brethren with their brethren. ³³ And Ner begot Kish, and Kish begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. ³⁴ And the son of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begot Micah. ³⁵ And the sons of Micah; Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz. ³⁶ And Ahaz begot Jehoaddah, and Jehoaddah begot Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza; ³⁷ and Moza begot Binea: Raphah, *was* his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

³⁸ And Azel *had* six sons, and these *were* their names; Azrikam his firstborn, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan, and Asa: all these *were* the sons of Azel. ³⁹ And the sons of Eshek his brother; Ulam his firstborn, and Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third. ⁴⁰ And the sons of Ulam were mighty men, bending the bow, and multiplying sons and grandsons, a hundred *and* fifty. All these *were* of the sons of Benjamin.

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¹ And *this is* all Israel, *even* their enrollment: and these *are* written down in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah, with the *names of them* that were carried away to Babylon for their transgressions. ² And they that dwelt before in their possessions in the cities of Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the appointed ones.

³ And there dwelt in Jerusalem some of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh. ⁴ And Uthai, and the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, son of the sons of Perez, the son of Judah. ⁵ And of the Shilonites; Asaiah his firstborn, and his sons. ⁶ Of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.

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

¹⁰ And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin, ¹¹ and Azariah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God; ¹² and Adaiyah 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; ¹³ and their brethren, chiefs of their families, a thousand seven hundred and sixty, mighty *men* for the work of the ministration of the house of God.

¹⁴ And of the Levites; Shemaiah son of Hashub, son of Azrikam, son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari. ¹⁵ And Bakbakkar, and Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah son of Mica, son of Zichri, son of Asaph; ¹⁶ and Obadiah, son of

Shemaiah, son of Galal, son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah son of Asa, son of Elkanah—who dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites. ¹⁷ The doorkeepers; Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren; Shallum *was* the chief; ¹⁸ and *he waited* hitherto in the king's gate eastward: these *are* the gates of the companies of the sons of Levi. ¹⁹ And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren belonging to the house of his father, the Korahites *were* over the works of the service, keeping the watches of the tabernacle, and their fathers over the camp of the Lord, keeping the entrance.

²⁰ And Phinehas son of Eleazar was head over them before the Lord, and these *were* with him. ²¹ Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah *was* keeper of the door of the tabernacle of witness. ²² All the chosen porters in the gates *were* two hundred and twelve, these *were* in their courts, *this was* their distribution: these David and Samuel the seer established in their charge. ²³ And these and their sons *were* over the gates in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the tabernacle, to keep watch. ²⁴ The gates were toward the four winds, eastward, westward, northward, southward. ²⁵ And their brethren *were* in their courts, to enter in weekly from time to time with these. ²⁶ For four strong *men* have the charge of the gates; and the Levites were over the chambers, and they keep watch over the treasures of the house of God. ²⁷ For the charge *was* upon them, and these *were* charged with the keys to open the doors of the temple every

morning.

²⁸ And *some* of them *were appointed* over the vessels of service, that they should carry them in by number, and carry them out by number.

²⁹ And *some* of them *were appointed* over the furniture, and over all the holy vessels, and over the fine flour, the wine, the oil, the frankincense, and the spices.

³⁰ And some of the priests were makers of the ointment, and *appointed to prepare* the spices.

³¹ And Mattithiah of the Levites (he *was* the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite), *was set* in charge over the sacrifices of meat offering of the pan belonging to the high priest.

³² And Banaias the Kohathite, from among their brethren, *was set* over the showbread, to prepare it every Sabbath.

³³ And these *were* the singers, heads of families of the Levites, *to whom were* established daily courses, for they were employed in the services day and night.

³⁴ These *were* the heads of the families of the Levites according to their generations; these chiefs dwelt in Jerusalem.

³⁵ And Jeiel the father of Gibeon dwelt in Gibeon; and his wife's name *was* Maacah.

³⁶ And his firstborn son *was* Abdon, and *he had* Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,

³⁷ and Gedor and *his* brother, and Zecher, and Mikloth.

³⁸ And Mikloth begot Shimeam: and these dwelt in the midst of their brethren in Jerusalem, *even* in the midst of their brethren.

³⁹ And Ner begot Kish, and Kish begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

⁴⁰ And the son of

Jonathan *was* Merib-baal: and Merib-baal begot Micah. ⁴¹ And the sons of Micah *were* Pithon and Melech, and Tahrea. ⁴² And Ahaz begot Jarah: and Jarah begot Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza. ⁴³ And Moza begot Binea, and Rephaiah *was* his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. ⁴⁴ And Azel had six sons, and these *were* their names; Azrikam his firstborn, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan, and Asa: these *were* the sons of Azel.

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¹ Now the Philistines warred against Israel; and they fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in Mount Gilboa. ² And the Philistines pursued after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines smote Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, sons of Saul. ³ And the battle prevailed against Saul, and the archers hit him with bows and arrows, and they were wounded of the bows. ⁴ And Saul said to his armor bearer, Draw thy sword, and pierce me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and mock me. But his armor bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid: so Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. ⁵ And his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, and he also fell upon his sword. ⁶ So Saul died, and his three sons on that day, and all his family died at the same time. ⁷ And all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, and they left their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

⁸ And it came to pass on the next *day* that the Philistines came to strip the slain, and they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. ⁹ And they stripped him, and took his head, and his armor, and sent them into the land of the Philistines round about, to proclaim the glad tidings to their idols, and to the people. ¹⁰ And they put their armor in the house of their god, and they put his head in the house of Dagon.

¹¹ And all the dwellers in Gilead heard of all that the Philistines had done to Saul and to Israel. ¹² And all the mighty men rose up from Gilead, and they took the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. ¹³ So Saul died for his transgressions, wherein he transgressed against God, against the word of the Lord, forasmuch as he kept *it* not, because Saul inquired of a wizard to seek *counsel*, and Samuel the prophet answered him: ¹⁴ and he sought not the Lord: so he slew him, and turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

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¹ And all Israel came to David in Hebron, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bones and thy flesh. ² And heretofore when Saul was king, thou wast he that led Israel in and out, and the Lord of Israel said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be for a ruler over Israel. ³ And all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord: and they

anointed David to be king over Israel, according to the word of the Lord by Samuel.

⁴ And the king and his men went to Jerusalem, this *is* Jebus; and there the Jebusites the inhabitants of the land said to David, ⁵ Thou shalt not enter in hither. But he took the stronghold of Zion: this *is* the city of David. ⁶ And David said, Whoever first smites the Jebusite, even he shall be chief and captain. And Joab the son of Zeruah went up first, and became chief. ⁷ And David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore he called it the city of David. ⁸ And he fortified the city round about. ⁹ And David continued to increase, and the Lord Almighty *was* with him. ¹⁰ And these *are* the chiefs of the mighty men, whom David had, who strengthened *themselves* with him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the Lord concerning Israel.

¹¹ And this *is* the list of the mighty *men* of David; Jashobeam, son of Hachmon, first of the thirty: he drew his sword once against three hundred whom he slew at one time. ¹² And after him Eleazar son of Dodai, the Ahohite: he was among the three mighty men. ¹³ He was with David in Pas-dammim, and the Philistines were gathered there to battle, and *there was* a portion of the field full of barley; and the people fled before the Philistines. ¹⁴ And he stood in the midst of the portion, and rescued it, and smote the Philistines; and the Lord wrought a great deliverance.

¹⁵ And three of the thirty chiefs went down to

the rock to David, to the cave of Adullam, and the camp of the Philistines *was* in the giants' valley. ¹⁶ And David *was* then in the hold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then in Bethlehem. ¹⁷ And David longed, and said, Who will give me water to drink of the well of Bethlehem, that is in the gate? ¹⁸ And the three broke through the camp of the Philistines, and they drew water out of the well that was in Bethlehem, which was in the gate, and they took it, and came to David: but David would not drink it, and poured it out to the Lord, and said, ¹⁹ God forbid that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men with their lives? for with *the peril of* their lives they brought it. So he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty *men*.

²⁰ And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of three: he drew his sword against three hundred slain at one time, and he had a name among the *second* three. ²¹ He was more famous than the two *others* of the three, and he was chief *over* them; yet he reached not to the *first* three.

²² And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was the son of a mighty man: many *were* his acts for Kabzeel: he smote two lionlike men of Moab, and he went down and smote a lion in a pit on a snowy day. ²³ And he smote an Egyptian, a wonderful man five cubits *high*; and in the hand of the Egyptian *there was* a spear like a weavers' beam; and Benaiah went down to him with a staff, and took the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. ²⁴ These

things did Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and his name *was* among the three mighties. ²⁵ He was distinguished beyond the thirty, yet he reached not to the *first* three: and David set him over his family.

²⁶ And the mighty *men* of the forces *were*, Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, ²⁷ Shammoth the Harodite, Helez the Pelonite, ²⁸ Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite, ²⁹ Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, ³⁰ Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, ³¹ Ithai the son of Ribai of the hill of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, ³² Hurai of Nachali Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite, ³³ Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, ³⁴ the son of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shagee the Hararite, ³⁵ Ahiam the son of Sachar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Thyrophar ³⁶ the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, ³⁷ Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai, ³⁸ Joel the son of Nathan, Mibhar son of Hagri, ³⁹ Zelek the son of Ammoni, Naharai the Beerothite, armor bearer to the son of Zeruiah, ⁴⁰ Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, ⁴¹ Uriah the Hittite, Zabad son of Ahlai, ⁴² Adina son of Shiza, a chief of Reuben, and thirty with him, ⁴³ Hanan the son of Maacah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, ⁴⁴ Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel sons of Hotham the Aroerite, ⁴⁵ Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother the Tizite, ⁴⁶ Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah his son, Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, ⁴⁷ Eliel, and Obed, and

Jaasiel of Mezoba.

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¹ And these *are* they that came to Ziklag, when he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish; and these *were* among the mighty, aiding *him* in war, ² and *using* the bow with the right hand and with the left, and slingers with stones, and *shooters* with bows. Of the brethren of Saul of Benjamin, ³ the chief *was* Ahiezer, and Joash son of Shemaah the Gibeathite, and Jeziel and Pelet, sons of Azmaveth, and Beracah, and Jehu of Anathoth, ⁴ and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; ⁵ and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad of Gederah, ⁶ Eluzai and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah of Haruphite, ⁷ Elkanah, and Isshiah, and Azarel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, and the Korahites, ⁸ and Joelah and Zebadiah, sons of Jeroham, and the *men* of Gedor.

⁹ And from Gad these separated themselves to David from the wilderness, strong mighty men of war, bearing shields and spears, and their faces *were as* the face of a lion, and they were nimble as roes upon the mountains in speed. ¹⁰ Ezer the chief, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, ¹¹ Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, ¹² Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, ¹³ Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, ¹⁴ Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh. ¹⁵ These *were* chiefs of the army of the sons of Gad, the least one commander of a hundred, and the greatest

one of a thousand. ¹⁶ These *are* the *men* that crossed over Jordan in the first month, and it had overflowed all its banks; and they drove out all the inhabitants of the valleys, from the east to the west.

¹⁷ And there came *some* of the sons of Benjamin and Judah to the assistance of David.

¹⁸ And David went out to meet them, and said to them, If ye are come peaceably to me, let my heart be at peace with you: but if *ye are come* to betray me to my enemies unfaithfully, the God of your fathers look upon it, and reprove it. ¹⁹ And the Spirit came upon Amasai, a captain of the thirty, and he said,

Go, David, son of Jesse,
Thou and thy people,
Peace, peace be to thee,
And peace to thy helpers,
For thy God has helped thee.

And David received them, and made them captains of the forces.

²⁰ And *some* came to David from Manasseh, when the Philistines came against Saul to war: and he helped them not, because the captains of the Philistines took counsel, saying, With the heads of those men will he return to his master Saul. ²¹ When David was going to Ziklag, there came to him of Manasseh, Adnah and Jozabad, and Jediahel, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai: *these* are the captains of thousands of Manasseh. ²² And they fought on the side of David against a troop, for they *were* all men of might; and they were commanders in the army,

because of their might. ²³ For daily men came to David, *till they amounted* to a great force, as the force of God.

²⁴ And these *are* the names of the commanders of the army, who came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him according to the word of the Lord. ²⁵ The sons of Judah, bearing shields and spears, six thousand and eight hundred mighty in war. ²⁶ Of the sons of Simeon mighty for battle, seven thousand and a hundred. ²⁷ Of the sons of Levi, four thousand and six hundred. ²⁸ And Jehoiada the chief *of the family* of Aaron, and with him three thousand and seven hundred. ²⁹ And Zadok, a young *man* mighty in strength, and *there were* twenty-two leaders of his father's house. ³⁰ And of the sons of Benjamin, the brethren of Saul, three thousand: and still the greater part of them kept the guard of the house of Saul. ³¹ And of the sons of Ephraim, twenty thousand and eight hundred mighty men, famous in the houses of their fathers. ³² And of the half-tribe of Manasseh, eighteen thousand, even *those* who were named by name, to make David king. ³³ And of the sons of Issachar having wisdom with regard to the times, knowing what Israel should do, two hundred; and all their brethren with them.

³⁴ And of Zebulun they that went out to battle, with all weapons of war, *were* fifty thousand to help David, not weakhanded. ³⁵ And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them *men* with shields and spears, thirty-seven thousand. ³⁶ And of the Danites *men* ready for war twenty-eight

thousand and eight hundred. ³⁷ And of Asher, they that went out to give aid in war, forty thousand. ³⁸ And from the country beyond Jordan, from Reuben, and the Gadites, and from the half-tribe of Manasseh, a hundred and twenty thousand, with all weapons of war.

³⁹ All these *were* men of war, setting *the army* in battle array, with a peaceful mind *toward him*, and they came to Hebron to make David king over all Israel: and the rest of Israel *were of one mind* to make David king. ⁴⁰ And they were there three days eating and drinking, for their brethren *had* made preparations. ⁴¹ And their neighbors, as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought to them upon camels, and asses, and mules, and upon calves, victuals, meal, cakes of figs, raisins, wine, and oil, calves and sheep abundantly: for *there was joy* in Israel.

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¹ And David took counsel with the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, *even with every commander*. ² And David said to the whole congregation of Israel, If it *seem* good to you, and it should be prospered by the Lord our God, let us send to our brethren that are left in all the land of Israel, and let the priests the Levites who are with them in the cities of their possession *come*, and let them be gathered to us. ³ And let us bring over to us the ark of our God; for men have not inquired *at* it since the days of Saul. ⁴ And all the congregation said that they would do thus; for the saying was right in the eyes of all the people.

⁵ So David assembled all Israel, from the borders of Egypt even to the entering in of Hamath, to bring in the ark of God from the city of Jearim. ⁶ And David brought it up: and all Israel went up to the city of David, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of the Lord God who sits between the cherubim, whose name is called *on it*. ⁷ And they set the ark of God on a new wagon *brought* out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzzah and his brethren drove the wagon.

⁸ And David and all Israel *were* playing before the Lord with all their might, and *that* together with singers, and with harps, and with lutes, with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. ⁹ And they came as far as the threshing floor: and Uzzah put forth his hand to hold the ark, because the bullock moved it from *its place*. ¹⁰ And the Lord was very angry with Uzzah, and smote him there, because of his stretching forth his hand upon the ark: and he died there before God. ¹¹ And David was dispirited, because the Lord *had* made a breach on Uzzah: and he called that place the Breach of Uzzah until this day. ¹² And David feared God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God in to myself? ¹³ So David brought not the ark home to himself into the city of David, but he turned it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

¹⁴ And the ark of God abode in the house of Obed-edom three months: and God blessed Obed-edom and all that he had.

14

¹ And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar timbers, and masons, and carpenters, to build a house for him. ² And David knew that the Lord *had* designed him to be king over Israel; because his kingdom was highly exalted, on account of his people Israel.

³ And David took more wives in Jerusalem: and there were born to David more sons and daughters. ⁴ And these *are* the names of those that were born, who were *born* to him in Jerusalem; Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, ⁵ and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpelet, ⁶ and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, ⁷ and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

⁸ And the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel: and all the Philistines went up to seek David; and David heard *it*, and went out to meet them. ⁹ And the Philistines came and assembled together in the giants' valley. ¹⁰ And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said to him, Go up, and I will deliver them into thy hands. ¹¹ And he went up to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there; and David said, God has broken through enemies by my hand like a breach of water: therefore he called the name of that place, the Breach of Perazim. ¹² And the Philistines left their gods there; and David gave orders to burn them with fire.

¹³ And the Philistines once more assembled themselves in the giants' valley. ¹⁴ And David

inquired of God again; and God said to him, Thou shalt not go after them; turn away from them, and thou shalt come upon them near the pear trees. ¹⁵ And it shall be, when thou shalt hear the sound of their tumult in the tops of the pear trees, then thou shalt go into the battle: for God has gone out before thee to smite the army of the Philistines. ¹⁶ And he did as God commanded him: and he smote the army of the Philistines from Gibeon to Gezer. ¹⁷ And the name of David was *famous* in all the land; and the Lord put the terror of him on all the nations.

15

¹ And *David* made for himself houses in the city of David, and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and made a tent for it. ² Then said David, It is not *lawful for any* to bear the ark of God, but the Levites; for the Lord has chosen them to bear the ark of the Lord, and to minister to him forever.

³ And David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the Lord to the place which he *had* prepared for it. ⁴ And David gathered together the sons of Aaron the Levites. ⁵ Of the sons of Kohath; *there was* Uriel the chief, and his brethren, a hundred and twenty. ⁶ Of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren, two hundred and twenty. ⁷ Of the sons of Gershon; Joel the chief, and his brethren, a hundred and thirty. ⁸ Of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren, two hundred. ⁹ Of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren

eighty. ¹⁰ Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren a hundred and twelve.

¹¹ And David called Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and the Levites, Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, and Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, ¹² and said to them, Ye *are* the heads of the families of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, and ye shall carry up the ark of the God of Israel, *to the place* which I have prepared for it.

¹³ For because ye were not *ready* at the first, our God made a breach upon us, because we sought him not according to the ordinance. ¹⁴ So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves, to bring up the ark of the God of Israel. ¹⁵ And the sons of the Levites took the ark of God (as Moses commanded by the word of God according to the Scripture) upon their shoulders with staffs.

¹⁶ And David said to the chiefs of the Levites, Set your brethren the singers with musical instruments, lutes, harps, and cymbals, to sound aloud with a voice of joy. ¹⁷ So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; Asaph the son of Berechiah *was one* of his brethren; and Ethan the son of Kushaiah was of the sons of Merari their brethren; ¹⁸ and with them their brethren of the second rank, Zechariah, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Elioel, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, the porters. ¹⁹ And the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, with brazen cymbals to make *a sound* to be heard.

²⁰ Zechariah, and Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel,

Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, Benaiah, with lutes, on Alamoth. ²¹ And Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps of Sheminith, to make a loud noise.

²² And Chenaniah chief of the Levites *was* master of the bands, because he was skillful. ²³ And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* doorkeepers of the ark. ²⁴ And Shebaniah, and Joshaphat, and Nethanel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, were sounding with trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah *were* doorkeepers of the ark of God.

²⁵ So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains of thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant from the house of Obed-edom with gladness. ²⁶ And it came to pass when God strengthened the Levites bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord, that they sacrificed seven calves and seven rams. ²⁷ And David *was* girded with a fine linen robe, and all the Levites *who were* bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the band of singers; also upon David *there was* a robe of fine linen. ²⁸ And all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of a horn, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, playing loudly on lutes and harps. ²⁹ And the ark of the covenant of the Lord arrived, and came to the city of David; and Michal the daughter of Saul looked down through the window, and saw King David

dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

16

¹ So they brought in the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle which David pitched for it; and they offered whole burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. ² And David finished offering up whole burnt offerings and peace offerings, and blessed the people in the name of the Lord. ³ And he divided to every man of Israel (both men and women), to *every* man one baker's loaf, and a cake. ⁴ And he appointed before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, Levites to minister *and* lift up the voice, and to give thanks and praise the Lord God of Israel: ⁵ Asaph *was* the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom: and Jeiel sounding with musical instruments, lutes *and* harps, and Asaph with cymbals: ⁶ and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests *sounding* continually with trumpets before the ark of the covenant of God in that day.

⁷ Then David first gave orders to praise the Lord by the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

⁸ Song. Give thanks to the Lord, call upon him by his name,

Make known his designs among the people.

⁹ Sing *songs* to him, and sing hymns to him, Relate to all *people* his wonderful deeds, which the Lord has wrought.

¹⁰ Praise his holy name,
The heart that seeks his pleasure shall rejoice.

- 11 Seek the Lord and be strong,
Seek his face continually.
- 12 Remember his wonderful works which he has wrought,
His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;
- 13 Ye seed of Israel his servants,
Ye seed of Jacob his chosen ones.
- 14 He *is* the Lord our God;
His judgments *are* in all the earth.
- 15 Let us remember his covenant forever,
His word which he commanded to a thousand generations,
- 16 Which he covenanted with Abraham,
And his oath *sworn* to Isaac.
- 17 He confirmed it to Jacob for an ordinance,
To Israel *as* an everlasting covenant,
- 18 Saying, To thee will I give the land of Canaan,
The line of your inheritance:
- 19 When they were few in number,
When they were but little, and dwelt as strangers
in it;
- 20 And went from nation to nation,
And from one kingdom to another people.
- 21 He suffered not a man to oppress them,
And he reprov'd kings for their sakes,
- 22 Saying, Touch not my anointed ones,
And deal not wrongfully with my prophets.
- 23 Sing ye to the Lord, all the earth;
Proclaim his salvation from day to day.
- 24 Declare among the nations his glory,
His wondrous deeds among all peoples.
- 25 For the Lord *is* great, and greatly to be praised:

He *is* to be feared above all gods.

²⁶ For all the gods of the nations *are* idols;

But our God made the heavens.

²⁷ Glory and praise *are* in his presence;
Strength and rejoicing *are* in his place.

²⁸ Give to the Lord, ye families of the nations,
Give to the Lord glory and strength.

²⁹ Give to the Lord the glory *belonging* to his
name:

Take gifts and offer *them* before him;

And worship the Lord in his holy courts.

³⁰ Let the whole earth fear before him;

Let the earth be established, and not be moved.

³¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth exult;
And let them say among the nations, The Lord
reigns.

³² The sea with its fullness shall resound
And the tree of the field, and all things in it.

³³ Then shall the trees of the wood rejoice before
the Lord,

For he is come to judge the earth.

³⁴ Give thanks to the Lord, for *it is* good,

For his mercy *is* forever.

³⁵ And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation,

And gather us, and rescue us from among the
heathen,

That we may praise thy holy name,

And glory in thy praises.

³⁶ Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel
From everlasting and to everlasting:

And all the people shall say, Amen. So they
praised the Lord.

³⁷ And they left there Asaph and his brethren
before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to

minister before the ark continually, according to the service of each day: from day to day. ³⁸ And Obed-edom and his brethren *were* sixty and eight; and Obed-edom the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah, *were* to be doorkeepers. ³⁹ And *they appointed* Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the Lord in the high place in Gibeon, ⁴⁰ to offer up whole burnt offerings to the Lord on the altar of whole burnt offerings continually morning and evening, and according to all things written in the law of the Lord, which he commanded the children of Israel by Moses the servant of God. ⁴¹ And with him *were* Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest chosen out by name to praise the Lord, for his mercy *endures* forever. ⁴² And with them *there were* trumpets and cymbals to sound aloud, and musical instruments for the songs of God: and the sons of Jeduthun *were* at the gate.

⁴³ And all the people went every one to his home: and David returned to bless his house.

17

¹ And it came to pass as David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord *is* under *curtains* of skins.

² And Nathan said to David, Do all that is in thy heart; for God *is* with thee.

³ And it came to pass in that night, that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, *saying*, ⁴ Go and say to David my servant, Thus said the Lord,

Thou shalt not build me a house for me to dwell in it. ⁵ For I have not dwelt in a house from the day that I brought up Israel until this day, but I have been in a tabernacle and a tent, ⁶ in all places through which I have gone with all Israel: did I ever speak to *any* one tribe of Israel whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, *Why is it* that ye have not built me a house of cedar? ⁷ And now thus shalt thou say to my servant David, Thus saith the Lord Almighty, I took thee from the sheepfold, from following the flocks, to be a ruler over my people Israel: ⁸ and I was with thee in all places whither thou wentest, and I destroyed all thine enemies from before thee, and I made for thee a name according to the name of the great ones that are upon the earth. ⁹ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and I will plant him, and he shall dwell by himself, and shall no longer be anxious; and the son of iniquity shall no longer afflict him, as at the beginning, ¹⁰ and from the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel. Also I have humbled all thine enemies, and I will increase thee, and the Lord will build thee a house. ¹¹ And it shall come to pass when thy days shall be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹² He shall build me a house, and I will set up his throne forever. ¹³ I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son: and my mercy will I not withdraw from him, as I withdrew *it* from them that were before thee.

¹⁴ And I will establish him in my house and in his kingdom forever; and his throne shall be set up forever.

¹⁵ According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so spoke Nathan to David.

¹⁶ And King David came and sat before the Lord, and said, Who am I, O Lord God? and what is my house, that thou hast loved me forever?

¹⁷ And these things were little in thy sight, O God: thou hast also spoken concerning the house of thy servant for a long time to come, and thou hast looked upon me as a man looks upon his fellow, and hast exalted me, O Lord God. ¹⁸ What shall David do more toward thee to glorify *thee*? and thou knowest thy servant. ¹⁹ And thou hast wrought all this greatness according to thy heart.

²⁰ O Lord, there is none like thee, and there is no God beside thee, according to all things which we have heard with our ears. ²¹ Neither is there another nation upon the earth *such* as thy people Israel, whereas God led him in the way, to redeem a people for himself, to make for himself a great and glorious name, to cast out nations from before thy people, whom thou redeemedst out of Egypt. ²² And thou hast appointed thy people Israel as a people to thyself forever; and thou, Lord, didst become a God to them.

²³ And now, Lord, let the word which thou spakest to thy servant, and concerning his house, be confirmed forever, and do thou as thou hast spoken. ²⁴ And let thy name *be* established and magnified forever, *men* saying, Lord, Lord, Almighty God of Israel: and *let* the house of thy

servant David *be* established before thee. ²⁵ For thou, O Lord my God, hast revealed to the ear of thy servant that thou wilt build him a house; therefore thy servant has found a willingness to pray before thee. ²⁶ And now, Lord, thou thyself art God, and thou hast spoken these good things concerning thy servant. ²⁷ And now thou hast begun to bless the house of thy servant, so that it should continue forever before thee: for thou, Lord, hast blessed *it*, and do thou bless *it* forever.

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¹ And it came to pass afterward, that David smote the Philistines, and routed them, and took Gath and its villages out of the hand of the Philistines.

² And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became servants to David, *and* tributaries.

³ And David smote Hadadezer king of Zobah of Hamath, as he was going to establish power toward the river Euphrates. ⁴ And David took of them a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand infantry: and David houghed all the chariot *horses*, but there were reserved of them a hundred chariots. ⁵ And the Syrian came from Damascus to help Hadadezer king of Zobah; and David smote of the Syrian *army* twenty and two thousand men. ⁶ And David put a garrison in Syria near Damascus; and they became tributary servants to David: and the Lord delivered David wherever he went. ⁷ And David took the golden collars that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. ⁸ And David took

out of Tibhath, and out of the chief cities of Hadadezer very much brass: of this Solomon made the brazen sea, and the pillars, and the brazen vessels.

⁹ And Tou king of Hamath heard that David had smitten the whole force of Hadadezer king of Zobah. ¹⁰ And he sent Hadoram his son to King David to ask how he was, and to congratulate him because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him; for Tou was the enemy of Hadadezer. ¹¹ And all the golden and silver and brazen vessels, even these King David consecrated to the Lord, with the silver and the gold which he took from all the nations; from Edom, and Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

¹² And Abishai son of Zeruah smote the Edomites in the Valley of Salt, eighteen thousand. ¹³ And he put garrisons in the valley; and all the Edomites became David's servants: and the Lord delivered David wherever he went.

¹⁴ So David reigned over all Israel; and he executed judgment and justice to all his people. ¹⁵ And Joab the son of Zeruah *was* over the army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder. ¹⁶ And Zadok son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech son of Abiathar, *were* the priests; and Shavsha *was* the scribe; ¹⁷ and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethite and the Pelethite, and the sons of David were the chief deputies of the king.

19

¹ And it came to pass after this, *that* Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. ² And David said, I will act kindly toward Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father acted kindly toward me. And David sent messengers to condole with him on the death of his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. ³ And the chiefs of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Is it to honor thy father before thee, that David has sent comforters to thee? Have not his servants come to thee that they might search the city, and to spy out the land? ⁴ And Hanun took the servants of David, and shaved them, and cut off the half of their garments as far as their tunic, and sent them away. ⁵ And there came men to report to David concerning the men: and he sent to meet them, for they were greatly disgraced: and the king said, Dwell in Jericho until your beards have grown, and return.

⁶ And the children of Ammon saw that the people of David were ashamed, and Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire for themselves chariots and horsemen out of Syria of Mesopotamia, and out of Syria Maacah, and from Zobah. ⁷ And they hired for themselves two and thirty thousand chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people; and they came and encamped before Medeba: and the children of Ammon assembled out of their cities, and came to fight.

⁸ And David heard, and sent Joab and all the

host of mighty men. ⁹ And the children of Ammon came forth, and set themselves in array for battle by the gate of the city: and the kings that were come forth encamped by themselves in the plain. ¹⁰ And Joab saw that they were fronting *him* to fight against him before and behind, and he chose *some* out of all the young men of Israel, and they set themselves in array against the Syrian. ¹¹ And the rest of the people he gave into the hand of his brother Abishai, and they set themselves in array against the children of Ammon. ¹² And he said, If the Syrian should prevail against me, then shalt thou deliver me: and if the children of Ammon should prevail against thee, then will I deliver thee. ¹³ Be of good courage, and let us be strong, for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the Lord shall do what *is* good in his eyes.

¹⁴ So Joab and the people that were with him set themselves in battle array against the Syrians, and they fled from them. ¹⁵ And the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians fled, and they also fled from before Abishai, and from before Joab his brother, and they came to the city: and Joab came to Jerusalem.

¹⁶ And the Syrian saw that Israel had defeated him, and he sent messengers, and they brought out the Syrians from beyond the river; and Shophach the commander-in-chief of the forces of Hadadezer *was* before them. ¹⁷ And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and crossed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So David set *his*

army in array to fight against the Syrians, and they fought against him. ¹⁸ And the Syrians fled from before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand *riders in* chariots, and forty thousand infantry, and he slew Shophach the commander-in-chief of the forces. ¹⁹ And the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated before Israel, and they made peace with David and served him: and the Syrians would not anymore help the children of Ammon.

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¹ And it came to pass at the return of the year, at the *time of the* going forth of kings *to war*, that Joab gathered the whole force of the army, and they ravaged the land of the children of Ammon; and he came and besieged Rabbah. But David abode in Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah and destroyed it. ² And David took the crown of Molchom their king off his head, and the weight of it was found *to be* a talent of gold, and on it were precious stones; and it was *placed* on the head of David: and he brought out the spoils of the city *which were* very great. ³ And he brought out the people that were in it, and sawed them asunder with saws, and *cut them* with iron axes, and with harrows: and thus David did to all the children of Ammon. And David and all his people returned to Jerusalem.

⁴ And it came to pass afterward that there was again war with the Philistines in Gezer: then Sibbecai the Hushathite smote Sippai of the sons of the giants, and laid him low.

⁵ And there *was* war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair smote Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, and the wood of his spear *was* as a weavers' beam.

⁶ And there was again war in Gath, and there was a man of extraordinary size, and his fingers *and toes were* six on each hand and foot, four and twenty; and he was descended from the giants.

⁷ And he defied Israel, and Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew him. ⁸ These were born to Rapha in Gath; all four were giants, and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

21

¹ And the devil stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. ² And King David said to Joab and to the captains of the forces, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan, and bring me *the account*, and I shall know their number. ³ And Joab said, May the Lord add

to his people, a hundredfold as many as they *are*, and *let* the eyes of my lord the king see *it*: all *are* the servants of my lord. Why does my lord seek this thing? *do it not*, lest it become a sin to Israel. ⁴ Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab; and Joab went out and passed through all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

⁵ And Joab gave the number of the mustering of the people to David: and all Israel was a million and a hundred thousand men that drew sword: and the sons of Judah *were* four hundred and seventy thousand men that drew sword. ⁶ But he

numbered not Levi and Benjamin among them; for the word of the king was painful to Joab.

⁷ And *there was* evil in the sight of the Lord respecting this thing; and he smote Israel. ⁸ And David said to God, I have sinned exceedingly, in that I have done this thing: and now, I pray thee, remove the sin of thy servant; for I have been exceedingly foolish.

⁹ And the Lord spoke to Gad the seer, saying, ¹⁰ Go and speak to David, saying, Thus saith the Lord, I bring three things upon thee: choose one of them for thyself, and I will do it to thee. ¹¹ And Gad came to David, and said to him, Thus saith the Lord, Choose for thyself, ¹² either three years of famine, or that thou shouldest flee three months from the face of thine enemies, and the sword of thine enemies *shall be employed* to destroy thee, or that the sword of the Lord and pestilence *should be* three days in the land, and the angel of the Lord *shall be* destroying in all the inheritance of Israel. And now consider what I shall answer to him that sent the message.

¹³ And David said to Gad, They are very hard for me, even *all* the three: let me fall now into the hands of the Lord, for his mercies *are* very abundant, and let me not fall by any means into the hands of man.

¹⁴ So the Lord brought pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. ¹⁵ And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the Lord saw, and repented for the evil, and said to the angel that was destroying, Let it suffice thee; withhold thy

hand. And the angel of the Lord stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁶ And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the Lord, standing between the earth and the heaven, and his sword drawn in his hand, stretched out over Jerusalem: and David and the elders clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. ¹⁷ And David said to God, *Was it not I that* gave orders to number the people? and I am the guilty one; I have greatly sinned: but these sheep, what have they done? O Lord God, let thy hand be upon me, and upon my father's house, and not on thy people for destruction, O Lord!

¹⁸ And the angel of the Lord told Gad to tell David, that he should go up to erect an altar to the Lord, in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁹ And David went up according to the word of Gad, which he spoke in the name of the Lord. ²⁰ And Ornan turned and saw the king; and he hid himself and his four sons with him. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. ²¹ And David came to Ornan; and Ornan came forth from the threshing floor, and did obeisance to David with his face to the ground. ²² And David said to Ornan, Give me thy place of the threshing floor, and I will build upon it an altar to the Lord: give it me for its worth in money, and the plague shall cease from *among* the people. ²³ And Ornan said to David, Take it to thyself, and let my lord the king do what is right in his eyes: see, I have given the calves for a whole burnt offering, and the plow for wood, and the corn for a meat offering; I have given all. ²⁴ And

King David said to Ornan, Nay; for I will surely buy it for its worth in money: for I will not take thy property for the Lord, to offer a whole burnt offering to the Lord without cost *to myself*. ²⁵ And David gave to Ornan for his place six hundred shekels of gold *by weight*. ²⁶ And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered up whole burnt offerings and peace offerings: and he cried to the Lord, and he answered him by fire out of heaven on the altar of whole burnt offerings, and *it* consumed the whole burnt offering. ²⁷ And the Lord spoke to the angel; and he put up the sword into its sheath.

²⁸ At that time when David saw that the Lord answered him in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he also sacrificed there. ²⁹ And the tabernacle of the Lord which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of whole burnt offerings, *were* at that time in the high place at Gibeon. ³⁰ And David could not go before it to inquire of God; for he hastened not because of the sword of the angel of the Lord.

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¹ And David said, This is the house of the Lord God, and this is the altar for whole burnt offering for Israel.

² And David gave orders to gather all the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he appointed stone hewers to hew polished stones to build the house to God. ³ And David prepared much iron for the nails of the doors and the gates; the hinges also and brass in abundance, there was no weighing *of it*. ⁴ And cedar trees

without number: for the Sidonians and the Tyrians brought cedar trees in abundance to David. ⁵ And David said, My son Solomon is a tender child, and the house *for me* to build to the Lord *is* for superior magnificence for a name and for a glory through all the earth: I will make preparation for it. And David prepared abundantly before his death.

⁶ And he called Solomon his son, and commanded him to build the house for the Lord God of Israel. ⁷ And David said to Solomon, My child, it was in my heart to build a house to the name of the Lord God. ⁸ But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast carried on great wars: thou shalt not build a house to my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth before me. ⁹ Behold, a son shall be born to thee, he shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name *shall be* Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. ¹⁰ He shall build a house to my name; and he shall be a son to me, and I will be a father to him; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom in Israel forever. ¹¹ And now, my son, the Lord shall be with thee, and prosper *thee*; and thou shalt build a house to the Lord thy God, as he spoke concerning thee. ¹² Only may the Lord give thee wisdom and prudence, and strengthen thee over Israel, both to keep and to do the law of the Lord thy God. ¹³ Then will he prosper *thee*, if thou take heed to do the commandments and judgments which the Lord

commanded Moses for Israel: be courageous and strong; fear not, nor be terrified.

¹⁴ And, behold, I according to my poverty have prepared for the house of the Lord a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a million talents of silver, and brass and iron without measure; for it is abundant; and I have prepared timber and stones; and do thou add to these. ¹⁵ And *of them that are* with thee do thou add to the multitude of workmen; *let there be* artificers and masons, and carpenters, and every skillful *workman* in every work; ¹⁶ in gold and silver, brass and iron, *of which* there is no number. Arise and do, and the Lord *be* with thee.

¹⁷ And David charged all the chief men of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*, ¹⁸ *Is not the Lord with you?* and he has given you rest round about, for he has given into your hands the inhabitants of the land; and the land is subdued before the Lord, and before his people. ¹⁹ Now set your hearts and souls to seek after the Lord your God: and rise, and build a sanctuary to your God to carry in the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the Lord.

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¹ And David was old and full of days; and he made Solomon his son king over Israel in his stead. ² And he assembled all the chief men of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites. ³ And the Levites numbered *themselves* from thirty years old and upward; and their number by their polls amounted to thirty and eight thousand men. ⁴ Of

the overseers over the works of the house of the Lord *there were* twenty-four thousand, and *there were* six thousand scribes and judges; ⁵ and four thousand doorkeepers, and four thousand to praise the Lord with instruments which he made to praise the Lord.

⁶ And David divided them *into* daily courses, for the sons of Levi, for Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ⁷ And for *the family of* Gershon, Ladan, and Shimei. ⁸ The sons of Ladan *were* Jehiel, the chief, and Zetham, and Joel, three. ⁹ The sons of Shimei; Shelomoth, Haziel, and Haran, three: these *were* the chiefs of the families of Ladan. ¹⁰ And to the sons of Shimei, Jahath, and Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah: these *were* the four sons of Shimei. ¹¹ And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: and Jeush and Beriah did not multiply sons, and they became *only* one reckoning according to the house of their father.

¹² The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, Uzziel, four. ¹³ The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was appointed for the consecration of the most holy things, he and his sons forever, to burn incense before the Lord, to minister and bless in his name forever. ¹⁴ And *as for* Moses the man of God, his sons were reckoned to the tribe of Levi. ¹⁵ The sons of Moses; Gershom, and Eliezer. ¹⁶ The sons of Gershom; Shebuel the chief. ¹⁷ And the sons of Eliezer were, Rehabiah the chief: and Eliezer had no other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very greatly multiplied. ¹⁸ The sons of Izhar; Shelomith the chief. ¹⁹ The sons of Hebron; Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the

third, Jekameam the fourth. ²⁰ The sons of Uzziel; Micah the chief, and Isshiah the second.

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

²⁴ These *are* the sons of Levi according to the houses of their fathers; chiefs of their families according to their numbering, according to the number of their names, according to their polls, doing the works of service of the house of the Lord, from twenty years old and upward. ²⁵ For David said, The Lord God of Israel has given rest to his people, and has taken up his abode in Jerusalem forever. ²⁶ And the Levites bore not the tabernacle, and all the vessels of it for its service. ²⁷ For by the last words of David was the number of the Levites *taken* from twenty years old and upward. ²⁸ For he appointed them to wait on Aaron, to minister in the house of the Lord, over the courts, and over the chambers, and over the purification of all the holy things, and over the works of the service of the house of God; ²⁹ and for the showbread, and for the fine flour of the meat offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for the fried cake, and for the dough, and for every measure; ³⁰ and to stand in the morning to praise and give thanks to the Lord, and so in the evening; ³¹ and *to be* over all the whole burnt offerings that were offered up to the Lord on the Sabbaths, and at the new

moons, and at the feasts, by number, according to the order *given* to them, continually before the Lord. ³² And they are to keep the charge of the tabernacle of witness, and the charge of the holy place, and the charges of the sons of Aaron their brethren, to minister in the house of the Lord.

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¹ And *they number* the sons of Aaron in *their* division, Nadab, and Abihu, and Eleazar, and Ithamar. ² And Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and they had no sons: so Eleazar and Ithamar the sons of Aaron ministered as priests. ³ And David distributed them, even Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their numbering, according to their service, according to the houses of their fathers.

⁴ And there were found *among* the sons of Eleazar more chiefs of the mighty ones, than of the sons of Ithamar: and he divided them, sixteen heads of families to the sons of Eleazar, eight according to *their* families to the sons of Ithamar. ⁵ And he divided them according to their lots, one with the other; for there were those who had charge of the holy things, and those who had charge of the *house* of the Lord among the sons of Eleazar, and among the sons of Ithamar.

⁶ And Shemaiah the son of Nethanel, the scribe, *of the family* of Levi, wrote them down before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar *were present*; and the heads of the families of the priests and the

Levites, each of a household *were assigned* one to Eleazar, and one to Ithamar.

⁷ And the first lot came out to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, ⁸ the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, ⁹ the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, ¹⁰ the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, ¹¹ the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah, ¹² the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, ¹³ the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, ¹⁴ the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, ¹⁵ the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzez, ¹⁶ the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel, ¹⁷ the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul, ¹⁸ the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah.

¹⁹ This is their numbering according to their service to go into the house of the Lord, according to their appointment by the hand of Aaron their father, as the Lord God of Israel commanded.

²⁰ And for the sons of Levi that were left, *even* for the sons of Amram, Shubael: for the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah. ²¹ For Rehabiah, the chief *was Izhar*, ²² and for Izhar, Shelomoth: for the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath. ²³ The sons of Ecdiu; Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. ²⁴ For the sons of Uzziel, Micah: the sons of Micah; Shamir. ²⁵ The brother of Micah; Isshiah, the son of Isshiah; Zechariah. ²⁶ The sons of Merari, Mahli, and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah, ²⁷ *That is, the sons* of Merari by Jaaziah—his sons *were* Shoham, and Zaccur,

and Ibri. ²⁸ To Mahli *were born* Eleazar, and Ithamar; and Eleazar died, and had no sons. ²⁹ For Kish; the sons of Kish; Jerahmeel. ³⁰ And the sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites according to the houses of their families. ³¹ And they also received lots as their brethren the sons of Aaron before the king; Zadok also, and Ahimelech, and the chiefs of the families of the priests and of the Levites, principal heads of families, even as their younger brethren.

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¹ And King David and the captains of the host appointed to their services the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, prophesiers with harps, and lutes, and cymbals: and their number was according to their polls serving in their ministrations.

² The sons of Asaph; Zaccur, Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asharelah: the sons of Asaph *were* next the king.

³ To Jeduthun *were reckoned* the sons of Jeduthun, Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, and Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six after their father Jeduthun, sounding loudly on the harp thanksgiving and praise to the Lord.

⁴ To Heman *were reckoned* the sons of Heman, Bukkiah, and Mattaniah, and Uzziel, and Shebuel, and Jerimoth, and Hananiah, and Hanani, and Eliathah, and Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, and Joshbekashah, and Mallothi, and Hothir, and Mahazioth. ⁵ All these *were* the sons of Heman the king's chief player in the praises of God,

to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons, and three daughters. ⁶ All these sang hymns with their father in the house of God, with cymbals, and lutes, and harps, for the service of the house of God, near the king, and Asaph, and Jeduthun, and Heman.

⁷ And the number of them after their brethren, those instructed to sing to God, everyone that understood *singing* was two hundred and eighty-eight.

⁸ And they also cast lots for the daily courses, for the great and the small *of them*, of the perfect ones and the learners. ⁹ And the first lot of his sons and of his brethren came forth to Asaph the son of Joseph, *namely*, Gedaliah: the second Heneia, his sons and his brethren *being* twelve. ¹⁰ The third Zaccur, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve: ¹¹ the fourth Izri, his sons and his brethren *were* twelve: ¹² the fifth Nathan, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ¹³ the sixth Bukkiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ¹⁴ the seventh Jesharelah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ¹⁵ the eighth Jeshaiiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ¹⁶ the ninth Mattaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ¹⁷ the tenth Shimei, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ¹⁸ the eleventh Azarel, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ¹⁹ the twelfth Hashabiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ²⁰ the thirteenth Shubael, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ²¹ the fourteenth Mattithiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ²² the fifteenth Jeremoth, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ²³ the sixteenth Hananiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ²⁴ the seventeenth

Joshbekashah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ²⁵ the eighteenth Hanani, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ²⁶ the nineteenth Mallothi, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ²⁷ the twentieth Eliathah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ²⁸ the twenty-first Hothir, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ²⁹ the twenty-second Giddalti, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ³⁰ the twenty-third Mahazioth, his sons and his brethren, twelve: ³¹ the twenty-fourth Romamti-ezer, his sons and his brethren, twelve.

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¹ And for the divisions of the gates: the sons of the Korahites *were* Meshelemiah, of the sons of Asaph. ² And Meshelemiah's firstborn son *was* Zechariah, the second Jediael, the third Zebadiah, the fourth Jathniel, ³ the fifth Elam, the sixth Jehohanan, the seventh Eliehoenai, the eighth Obed-edom. ⁴ And to Obed-edom *there were born* sons, Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sachar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth, ⁵ Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth: for God blessed him. ⁶ And to Shemaiah his son *were born* the sons of his firstborn, chiefs over the house of their father; for they were mighty. ⁷ The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, and Elzabad, and Achiud, mighty men, Elihu, and Semachiah, and Isbacom. ⁸ All *these were* of the sons of Obed-edom, they and their sons and their brethren, doing mightily in service: in all sixty-two *born* to Obed-edom.

⁹ And Meshelemiah *had* eighteen sons and brethren, mighty men. ¹⁰ And to Hosah of the sons of Merari *there were born* sons, keeping the dominion; though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him chief of the second division. ¹¹ Hilkiyah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all these *were* the sons and brethren of Hosah, thirteen.

¹² To these *were assigned* the divisions of the gates, to the chiefs of the mighty men the daily courses, even their brethren, to minister in the house of the Lord. ¹³ And they cast lots for the small as well as for the great, for the several gates, according to their families. ¹⁴ And the lot of the east gates fell to Shelemiah, and Zechariah: the sons of Soaz cast lots for Melchias, and the lot came out northward. ¹⁵ To Obed-edom *they gave by lot* the south, opposite the house of Esephim. ¹⁶ *They gave the lot* for the second to Hosah westward, after the gate of the chamber by the ascent, watch against watch. ¹⁷ Eastward *were* six *watchmen* in the day; northward four by the day; southward four by the day; and two at the Esephim, ¹⁸ to relieve guard, also for Hosah westward after the chamber gate, three. *There was* a ward over against the ward of the ascent eastward, six *men* in a day, and four for the north, and four for the south, and at the Esephim two to relieve guard, and four by the west, and two to relieve guard at the pathway. ¹⁹ These *are* the divisions of the porters for the sons of Korah, and to the sons of Merari.

²⁰ And the Levites their brethren *were* over the

treasures of the house of the Lord, and over the treasures of the hallowed things. ²¹ These *were* the sons of Ladan, the sons of the Gershonite: to Ladan *belonged* the heads of the families: *the son* of Ladan the Gershonite *was* Jehieli. ²² The sons of Jehieli *were* Zetham, and Joel; brethren *who were* over the treasures of the house of the Lord. ²³ To Amram and Izhar belonged Hebron, and Uzziel. ²⁴ And Shebuel the *son* of Gershom, the *son* of Moses, *was* over the treasures. ²⁵ And Rehabiah *was* son to his brother Eliezer, and *so was* Jeshaiiah, and Joram, and Zichri, and Shelomoth. ²⁶ This Shelomoth and his brethren *were* over all the sacred treasures, which David the king and the heads of families consecrated, *and* the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, and princes of the host, ²⁷ things which he took out of cities and from the spoils, and consecrated some of them, so that the building of the house of God should not want *supplies*; ²⁸ and over all the holy things of God dedicated by Samuel the prophet, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruijah, whatsoever they sanctified *was* by the hand of Shelomoth and his brethren.

²⁹ For the Izharites, Chenaniah, and *his* sons *were* over the outward ministration over Israel, to record and to judge. ³⁰ For the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, a thousand and seven hundred mighty men, *were* over the charge of Israel beyond Jordan westward, for all the service of the Lord and work of the king. ³¹ Of the *family* of Hebron Jerijah *was* chief, even of the Hebronites according to their

generations, according to their families. In the fortieth year of his reign they were numbered, and there were found mighty men among them in Jazer of Gilead. ³² And his brethren *were* two thousand seven hundred mighty men, chiefs of their families, and King David set them over the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, for every ordinance of the Lord, and business of the king.

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¹ Now the sons of Israel according to their number, heads of families, captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, and scribes ministering to the king, and for every affair of the king according to *their* divisions, *for* every ordinance of coming in and going out monthly, for all the months of the year, one division of them *was* twenty-four thousand.

² And over the first division of the first month *was* Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: in his division *were* twenty-four thousand. ³ Of the sons of Perez *one* was chief of all the captains of the host for the first month. ⁴ And over the division of the second month *was* Dodai the son of Ahoh, and over his division *was* Makelloth also chief: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand, chief men of the host. ⁵ The third for the third month *was* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada the chief priest: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ⁶ This Benaiah *was* more mighty than the thirty, and over the thirty: and Ammizabad his son *was* over his division. ⁷ The fourth for the fourth month *was* Asahel the

brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son, and his brethren: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ⁸ The fifth chief for the fifth month *was* Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ⁹ The sixth for the sixth month *was* Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ¹⁰ The seventh for the seventh month *was* Helez of Pelon of the children of Ephraim: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ¹¹ The eighth for the eighth month *was* Sibbecai the Hushathite, *belonging* to Zerah: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ¹² The ninth for the ninth month *was* Abiezer of Anathoth, of the land of Benjamin: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ¹³ The tenth for the tenth month *was* Maharai the Netophathite, *belonging* to Zerah: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ¹⁴ The eleventh for the eleventh month *was* Benaiah of Pirathon, of the sons of Ephraim: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand. ¹⁵ The twelfth for the twelfth month *was* Heldai the Netophathite, *belonging* to Othniel: and in his division *were* twenty and four thousand.

¹⁶ And over the tribes of Israel, the chief for Reuben *was* Eliezer the son of Zichri: for Simeon, Shephatiah the son of Maacah: ¹⁷ for Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: for Aaron, Zadok: ¹⁸ for Judah, Elihu of the brethren of David: for Issachar, Omri the son of Michael: ¹⁹ for Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: for Naphtali, Jeremoth the son of Azriel: ²⁰ for

Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: for the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah: ²¹ for the half-tribe of Manasseh in the land of Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah, for the sons of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner: ²² for Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham: these *are* the chiefs of the tribes of Israel.

²³ But David took not their number from twenty years old and under: because the Lord said that he would multiply Israel as the stars of the heaven. ²⁴ And Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number the people, and did not finish the work, for there was hereupon wrath on Israel; and the number was not recorded in the book of the chronicles of King David.

²⁵ And over the king's treasures *was* Azmaveth the son of Adiel; and over the treasures in the country, and in the towns, and in the villages, and in the towers, *was* Jonathan the son of Uziah. ²⁶ And over the husbandmen who tilled the ground *was* Ezri the son of Chelub. ²⁷ And over the fields *was* Shimei of Ramah; and over the treasures of wine in the fields *was* Zabdi the son of Shiphmi. ²⁸ And over the olive yards, and over the sycamores in the plain country *was* Baal-hanan the Gederite; and over the stores of oil *was* Joash. ²⁹ And over the oxen pasturing in Sharon *was* Shitrai the Sharonite; and over the oxen in the valleys *was* Shaphat the son of Adlai. ³⁰ And over the camels *was* Obil the Ishmaelite; and over the asses *was* Jehdeiah of Meronoth. ³¹ And over the sheep *was* Jaziz the Hagrite. All these *were* superintendents of the substance of King David.

³² And Jonathan, David's uncle by the father's side, *was* a counselor, a wise man: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni *was* with the king's sons. ³³ Ahithophel *was* the king's counselor: and Hushai the chief friend of the king. ³⁴ And after this Ahithophel Jehoiada the son of Benaiah *came* next, and Abiathar: and Joab *was* the king's commander-in-chief.

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¹ And David assembled all the chief *men* of Israel, the chief of the judges, and all the chief *men* of the courses *of attendance* on the person of the king, and the captains of thousands and hundreds, and the treasurers, and the lords of his substance, and of all the king's property, and of his sons, together with the eunuchs, and the mighty men, and the warriors of the army, at Jerusalem.

² And David stood in the midst of the assembly, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: it was in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and a place for the feet of our Lord, and I prepared *materials* suitable for the building: ³ but God said, Thou shalt not build me a house to call my name upon it, for thou art a man of war, and hast shed blood. ⁴ Yet the Lord God of Israel chose me out of the whole house of my father to be king over Israel forever; and he chose Judah as the kingly *house*, and out of the house of Judah *he chose* the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he preferred me, that I should be king over all

Israel. ⁵ And of all my sons (for the Lord has given me many sons), he has chosen Solomon my son, to set him on the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. ⁶ And God said to me, Solomon thy son shall build my house and my court: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be to him a father. ⁷ And I will establish his kingdom forever, if he continue to keep my commandments, and my judgments, as *at* this day. ⁸ And now *I charge you* before the whole assembly of the Lord, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek all the commandments of the Lord our God, that ye may inherit the good land, and leave it for your sons to inherit after you forever.

⁹ And now, *my son Solomon*, know the God of thy fathers, and serve him with a perfect heart and willing soul: for the Lord searches all hearts, and knows every thought: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou shouldest forsake him, he will forsake thee forever. ¹⁰ See now, for the Lord has chosen thee to build him a house for a sanctuary, be strong and do *it*.

¹¹ And David gave Solomon his son the plan of the temple, and its buildings, and its treasuries, and its upper chambers, and the inner store-rooms, and the place of the atonement, ¹² and the plan which he had in his mind of the courts of the house of the Lord, and of all the chambers round about, *designed* for the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the holy things, and of the chambers for resting: ¹³ and *the plan* of the courses of the priests and Levites, for all

the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and of the stores of vessels for ministration of the service of the house of the Lord. ¹⁴ And *he gave him* the account of their weight, both of gold and silver vessels. ¹⁵ He gave him the weight of the candlesticks, and of the lamps. ¹⁶ He gave him likewise the weight of the tables of showbread, of each table of gold, and likewise of the *tables of silver*: ¹⁷ also of the fleshhooks, and vessels for drink offering, and golden bowls: and the weight of the gold and silver *articles*, and censers, *and* bowls, according to the weight of each. ¹⁸ And he showed him the weight *of the utensils* of the altar of incense, *which was* of pure gold, and the plan of the chariot of the cherubs that spread out their wings, and overshadowed the ark of the covenant of the Lord. ¹⁹ David gave all to Solomon in the Lord's handwriting, according to the knowledge given him of the work of the pattern.

²⁰ And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong, and play the man, and do: fear not, neither be terrified; for the Lord my God *is* with thee; he will not forsake thee, and will not fail thee, until thou hast finished all the work of the service of the house of the Lord. And behold the pattern of the temple, even his house, and its treasury, and the upper chambers, and the inner storerooms, and the place of propitiation, and the plan of the house of the Lord. ²¹ And see, *here are* the courses of the priests and Levites for all the service of the house of the Lord, and *there shall be* with thee *men* for every workmanship,

and everyone of ready skill in every art: also the chief men and all the people, *ready* for all thy commands.

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¹ And David the king said to all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom the Lord has chosen, *is* young and tender, and the work *is* great; for *it is* not for man, but for the Lord God.

² I have prepared according to all *my* might for the house of my God gold, silver, brass, iron, wood, onyx stones, and costly and variegated stones for setting, and every precious stone, and much parian *marble*. ³ And still farther, because I took pleasure in the house of my God, I have gold and silver which I have procured for myself, and, behold, I have given them to the house of my God over and above, beyond what I have prepared for the holy house. ⁴ Three thousand talents of gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of fine silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the sanctuary: ⁵ *for thee to use* the gold for *things of* gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for every work by the hand of the artificers. And who is willing to dedicate himself in work this day for the Lord?

⁶ Then the heads of families, and the princes of the children of Israel, and the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, and the overseers of the works, and the king's builders, offered willingly. ⁷ And they gave for the works of the house of the Lord five thousand talents of gold, and ten thousand gold *pieces*, and ten

thousand talents of silver, and eighteen thousand talents of brass, and a hundred thousand talents of iron. ⁸ And they who had *precious* stone, gave it into the treasuries of the house of the Lord by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹ And the people rejoiced because of the willingness, for they offered willingly to the Lord with a full heart: and King David rejoiced greatly.

¹⁰ And King David blessed the Lord before the congregation, saying,

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of Israel, our Father, from everlasting and to everlasting. ¹¹ Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the might: for thou art Lord of all things that are in heaven and upon the earth: before thy face every king and nation is troubled. ¹² From thee *come* wealth and glory: thou, O Lord, rulest over all, the Lord of all dominion, and in thy hand is strength and rule; and *thou art* almighty with thy hand to increase and establish all things. ¹³ And now, Lord, we give thanks to thee, and praise thy glorious name. ¹⁴ But who am I, and what is my people, that we have been able to be thus forward *in offering* to thee? for all things *are* thine, and of thine own have we given thee, ¹⁵ for we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers *were*: our days upon the earth *are* as a shadow, and there is no remaining. ¹⁶ O Lord our God, as for all this abundance which I have prepared that a house should be built to thy holy name, it is of thy hand, and all *is* thine. ¹⁷ And I know, Lord, that thou art he that searches the

hearts, and thou lovest righteousness. I have willingly offered all these things in simplicity of heart; and now I have seen with joy thy people here present, willingly offering to thee. ¹⁸ O Lord God of Abraham, and Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, preserve these things in the thought of the heart of thy people forever, and direct their hearts to thee. ¹⁹ And to Solomon my son give a good heart, to perform thy commandments, and *to observe* thy testimonies, and thine ordinances, and to accomplish the building of thy house.

²⁰ And David said to the whole congregation, Bless ye the Lord our God. And all the congregation blessed the Lord God of their fathers, and they bowed the knee and worshiped the Lord, and *did obeisance* to the king. ²¹ And David sacrificed to the Lord, and offered up whole burnt offerings to the Lord on the morrow after the first day, a thousand calves, a thousand rams, a thousand lambs, and their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel. ²² And they ate and drank joyfully that day before the Lord: and they made Solomon the son of David king a second time, and anointed him king before the Lord, and Zadok to the priesthood.

²³ And Solomon sat upon the throne of his father David, and was highly honored; and all Israel obeyed him. ²⁴ The princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons of King David his father, were subject to him. ²⁵ And the Lord magnified Solomon over all Israel, and gave him royal glory, such as was not upon any king before him.

²⁶ And David the son of Jesse reigned over Israel forty years; ²⁷ seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ²⁸ And he died in a good old age, full of days, in wealth, and glory: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead. ²⁹ And the rest of the acts of David, the former and the latter, are written in the history of Samuel the seer, and in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the history of Gad the seer, ³⁰ concerning all his reign, and his power, and the times which went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the earth.

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