1 Chronicles

1 Adam, Seth, Enosh,
2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared,
3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,
4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
5 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.
6 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Diphath, and Togarmah.
7 The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim.
8 The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.
9 The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raama, and Sabteca. The sons of Raama: Sheba and Dedan.
10 Cush was the father of Nimrod, who became a mighty man on the earth.
11 Mizraim was the father of Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,
12 Pathrusim, Casluhim, from whom the Philistines came, and Caphtorim.
13 Canaan was the father of Sidon his firstborn and Heth,
14 the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites,
15 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,
16 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites.
17 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.

18 Arpachshad was the father of Shelah, and
Shelah was the father of Eber.
19 Two sons were born to Eber. One was
named Peleg, because in his days the earth was
divided. His brother's name was Joktan.
20 Joktan was the father of Almodad, Sheleph,
Hazarmaveth, Jerah,
21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,
22 Ebal, Abimael, Sheba,
23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were
the sons of Joktan.
24 Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah,
25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,
26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,
27 Abram, that is, Abraham.
28 The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael.
29 These are their descendants: Ishmael's
firstborn was Nebaioth, then Kedar, Adbeel,
Mibsam,
30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema,
31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These were
the sons of Ishmael.
32 The sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine:
She bore Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian,
Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan: Sheba
and Dedan.
33 The sons of Midian: Ephah, Epher, Hanoch,
Abida, and Eldaah. All these were descendants
of Keturah.
34 Abraham was the father of Isaac. The sons
of Isaac: Esau and Israel.
35 The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush,
Jaalam, and Korah.

36 The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zephi,
Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek.
37 The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah,
Shammah, and Mizzah.
38 The sons of Seir: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon,
Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.
39 The sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam.
Lotan's sister was Timna.
40 The sons of Shobal: Alian, Manahath, Ebal,
Shephi, and Onam. The sons of Zibeon: Aiah
and Anah.
41 The sons of Anah: Dishon. The sons of
Dishon: Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.
42 The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and
Jaakan. The sons of Dishon: Uz and Aran.
43 These are the kings who reigned in the land
of Edom before a king reigned over the people
of Israel: Bela son of Beor; his city was named
Dinhabah.
44 Bela died, and Jobab son of Zerah from
Bozrah reigned in his place.
45 Jobab died, and Husham from the land of
the Temanites reigned in his place.
46 Husham died, and Hadad son of Bedad, who
defeated Midian in the land of Moab, reigned in
his place. His city was named Avith.
47 Hadad died, and Samlah from Masrekah
reigned in his place.
48 Samlah died, and Shaul from Rehoboth by
the river reigned in his place.
49 Shaul died, and Baal-hanan son of Achbor
reigned in his place.
50 Baal-hanan died, and Hadad reigned in his
place. His city was named Pai, and his wife's

name was Mehetabel, daughter of Matred,
daughter of Mezahab.
51 Hadad died. The chiefs of Edom were Chief
Timna, Chief Alvah, Chief Jetheth,
52 Chief Oholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon,
53 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,
54 Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These were
the chiefs of Edom.

2

1 These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon,
Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,
2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and
Asher.
3 The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, and Shelah.
These three were born to him by the daughter of
Shua, a Canaanite woman. Er, Judah's firstborn,
was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD
put him to death.
4 His daughter-in-law Tamar bore him Perez
and Zerah. Judah had five sons in all.
5 The sons of Perez: Hezron and Hamul.
6 The sons of Zerah: Zimri, Ethan, Heman,
Calcol, and Dara, five in all.
7 The sons of Carmi: Achar, who brought
trouble on Israel by being unfaithful concerning
the things devoted to destruction.
8 The sons of Ethan: Azariah.
9 The sons born to Hezron: Jerahmeel, Ram,
and Chelubai.
10 Ram was the father of Amminadab, and
Amminadab was the father of Nahshon, leader
of the people of Judah.

11 Nahshon was the father of Salma, and
Salma was the father of Boaz.
12 Boaz was the father of Obed, and Obed was
the father of Jesse.
13 Jesse was the father of Eliab his firstborn,
Abinadab the second, Shimea the third,
14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,
15 Ozem the sixth, and David the seventh.
16 Their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. The
sons of Zeruiah: Abishai, Joab, and Asahel, three.
17 Abigail bore Amasa, whose father was
Jether the Ishmaelite.
18 Caleb son of Hezron had children by his
wife Azubah and by Jerioth. These were her
sons: Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon.
19 Azubah died, and Caleb married Ephrath,
who bore him Hur.
20 Hur was the father of Uri, and Uri was the
father of Bezalel.
21 Afterward Hezron went in to the daughter
of Machir, the father of Gilead. He married her
when he was sixty years old, and she bore him
Segub.
22 Segub was the father of Jair, who had
twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.
23 But Geshur and Aram took the villages of
Jair from them, along with Kenath and its
villages, sixty cities. All these were descendants
of Machir, the father of Gilead.
24 After Hezron died in Caleb-ephrathah,
Hezron's wife Abijah bore him Ashhur, the
father of Tekoa.
25 The sons of Jerahmeel, Hezron's firstborn:
Ram the firstborn, Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and

Ahijah.
26 Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name
was Atarah. She was the mother of Onam.
27 The sons of Ram, Jerahmeel's firstborn:
Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.
28 The sons of Onam: Shammai and Jada. The
sons of Shammai: Nadab and Abishur.
29 Abishur's wife was named Abihail, and she
bore him Ahban and Molid.
30 The sons of Nadab: Seled and Appaim.
Seled died without sons.
31 The sons of Appaim: Ishi. The sons of Ishi:
Sheshan. The children of Sheshan: Ahlai.
32 The sons of Jada, Shammai's brother: Jether
and Jonathan. Jether died without sons.
33 The sons of Jonathan: Peleth and Zaza.
These were descendants of Jerahmeel.
34 Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. He
had an Egyptian servant named Jarha.
35 Sheshan gave his daughter in marriage to
his servant Jarha, and she bore him Attai.
36 Attai was the father of Nathan, and Nathan
was the father of Zabad.
37 Zabad was the father of Ephlal, and Ephlal
was the father of Obed.
38 Obed was the father of Jehu, and Jehu was
the father of Azariah.
39 Azariah was the father of Helez, and Helez
was the father of Eleasah.
40 Eleasah was the father of Sismai, and Sismai
was the father of Shallum.
41 Shallum was the father of Jekamiah, and
Jekamiah was the father of Elishama.

42 The sons of Caleb, Jerahmeel's brother:
Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph,
and the sons of Mareshah, the father of Hebron.
43 The sons of Hebron: Korah, Tappuah,
Rekem, and Shema.
44 Shema was the father of Raham, the father
of Jorkeam, and Rekem was the father of
Shammai.
45 Shammai's son was Maon, and Maon was
the father of Beth-zur.
46 Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran,
Moza, and Gazez. Haran was the father of Gazez.

47 The sons of Jahdai: Regem, Jotham, Geshan,
Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.
48 Caleb's concubine Maacah bore Sheber and
Tirhanah.
49 She also bore Shaaph, the father of
Madmannah, and Sheva, the father of
Machbenah and the father of Gibea. Caleb's
daughter was Achsah.

50 These were the sons of Caleb son of Hur, the
firstborn of Ephrathah: Shobal, the father of
Kiriath-jearim,
51 Salma, the father of Bethlehem, and
Hareph, the father of Beth-gader.
52 Shobal, the father of Kiriath-jearim, had
sons: Haroeh and half the Menuhoth.
53 The clans of Kiriath-jearim: the Ithrites,
Puthites, Shumathites, and Mishraites. From
these came the Zorathites and Eshtaolites.

54 The descendants of Salma: Bethlehem, the
Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab, and half the
Manahathites, the Zorites.

55 The clans of scribes who lived at Jabez: the
Tirathites, Shimeathites, and Sucathites. These
were the Kenites who came from Hammath, the
father of the house of Rechab.

3

1 These were the sons of David born to him in
Hebron: the firstborn, Amnon, by Ahinoam of
Jezreel; the second, Daniel, by Abigail of Carmel;
2 the third, Absalom, son of Maacah, daughter
of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah,
son of Haggith;
3 the fifth, Shephatiah, by Abital; the sixth,
Ithream, by his wife Eglah.
4 Six were born to him in Hebron, where he
reigned seven years and six months. He reigned
thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
5 These were born to him in Jerusalem:
Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, four by
Bath-shua, daughter of Ammiel;
6 also Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet,
7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,
8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.
9 All these were David's sons, besides the sons
of the concubines. Tamar was their sister.
10 Solomon's son was Rehoboam; Abijah his
son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,
11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his
son,
12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham
his son,
13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh
his son,
14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.

15 The sons of Josiah: Johanan the firstborn,
Jehoiakim the second, Zedekiah the third, and
Shallum the fourth.
16 The sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son;
Zedekiah his son.
17 The sons of Jeconiah the captive: Shealtiel
his son,
18 Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah,
Hoshama, and Nedabiah.
19 The sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel and
Shimei. The sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam and
Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister;
20 also Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah,
and Jushab-hesed, five.
21 The sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah and
Jeshaiah; the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of
Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, and the sons of
Shecaniah.
22 The sons of Shecaniah: Shemaiah. The sons
of Shemaiah: Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and
Shaphat, six.
23 The sons of Neariah: Elioenai, Hezekiah,
and Azrikam, three.
24 The sons of Elioenai: Hodaviah, Eliashib,
Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani,
seven.

4

1 The descendants of Judah: Perez, Hezron,
Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.
2 Reaiah son of Shobal was the father of
Jahath, and Jahath was the father of Ahumai and
Lahad. These were the clans of the Zorathites.

3 The family of the father of Etam: Jezreel,
Ishma, and Idbash. Their sister's name was
Hazzelelponi.
4 Penuel was the father of Gedor, and Ezer was
the father of Hushah. These were the
descendants of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah,
the father of Bethlehem.
5 Ashhur, the father of Tekoa, had two wives,
Helah and Naarah.
6 Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hepher, Temeni,
and Haahashtari. These were the sons of
Naarah.
7 The sons of Helah: Zereth, Zohar, and
Ethnan.
8 Koz was the father of Anub, Zobebah, and
the clans of Aharhel son of Harum.
9 Jabez was more honored than his brothers.
His mother named him Jabez, saying, "I bore
him in pain."
10 Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying,
"Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my
territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep
me from evil so it may not cause me pain." And
God granted what he asked.
11 Chelub, the brother of Shuhah, was the
father of Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.
12 Eshton was the father of Beth-rapha,
Paseah, and Tehinnah, the father of Ir-nahash.
These were the men of Recah.

13 The sons of Kenaz: Othniel and Seraiah. The
sons of Othniel: Hathath.
14 Meonothai was the father of Ophrah, and
Seraiah was the father of Joab, the father of the
Valley of Craftsmen, for they were craftsmen.

15 The sons of Caleb son of Jephunneh: Iru,
Elah, and Naam. The sons of Elah: Kenaz.
16 The sons of Jehallelel: Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria,
and Asarel.
17 The sons of Ezrah: Jether, Mered, Epher, and
Jalon. She conceived Miriam, Shammai, and
Ishbah, the father of Eshtemoa.
18 His Judean wife bore Jered, the father of
Gedor, Heber, the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel,
the father of Zanoah. These were the sons of
Bithiah, Pharaoh's daughter, whom Mered
married.
19 The sons of Hodiah's wife, the sister of
Naham: the father of Keilah the Garmite, and
Eshtemoa the Maacathite.
20 The sons of Shimon: Amnon, Rinnah,
Ben-hanan, and Tilon. The sons of Ishi: Zoheth
and Ben-zoheth.
21 The descendants of Shelah son of Judah: Er,
the father of Lecah, Laadah, the father of
Mareshah, and the clans of the fine-linen
workers of the house of Ashbea;
22 also Jokim, the men of Cozeba, Joash and
Saraph, who ruled in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem.
These records are ancient.
23 These were the potters and the inhabitants
of Netaim and Gederah. They lived there with
the king for his work.

24 The sons of Simeon: Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib,
Zerah, and Shaul;
25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma
his son.
26 The descendants of Mishma: Hammuel his
son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son.

27 Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters,
but his brothers did not have many sons. Their
entire clan did not grow as numerous as the
people of Judah.

28 They lived in Beersheba, Moladah,
Hazar-shual,
29 Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,
30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,
31 Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susim, Beth-biri,
and Shaaraim. These were their cities until
David became king.
32 Their villages were Etam, Ain, Rimmon,
Tochen, and Ashan, five towns,
33 with all the villages around these towns as
far as Baal. These were their settlements, and
they had their own genealogical records.
34 Meshobab, Jamlech, Joshah son of Amaziah,
35 Joel, Jehu son of Joshibiah, son of Seraiah,
son of Asiel,
36 Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah,
Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah,
37 and Ziza son of Shiphi, son of Allon, son of
Jedaiah, son of Shimri, son of Shemaiah—
38 these mentioned by name were leaders in
their clans, and their ancestral houses increased
greatly.
39 They went to the entrance of Gedor, to the
east side of the valley, seeking pasture for their
flocks.
40 They found rich, good pasture, and the land
was spacious, quiet, and peaceful, for
descendants of Ham had lived there before.

41 These men recorded by name came in the
days of Hezekiah king of Judah. They attacked
their tents and the Meunites they found there,
destroyed them completely, leaving none to this
day, and settled in their place, because there was
pasture for their flocks there.
42 Five hundred of them, men of Simeon, went
to Mount Seir, led by Pelatiah, Neariah,
Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.
43 They struck down the surviving remnant of
the Amalekites and have lived there to this day.

5

1 The sons of Reuben, Israel's firstborn—he
was the firstborn, but because he defiled his
father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons
of Joseph son of Israel, though the genealogy
was not reckoned according to the birthright.
2 Judah prevailed over his brothers, and a
ruler came from him, but the birthright
belonged to Joseph—

3 the sons of Reuben, Israel's firstborn:
Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.
4 The descendants of Joel: Shemaiah his son,
Gog his son, Shimei his son,
5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son,
6 and Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser
king of Assyria carried into exile. He was a
leader of the Reubenites.
7 His relatives, by their clans, when their
genealogies were registered by their
generations: Jeiel the chief, Zechariah,

8 and Bela son of Azaz, son of Shema, son of
Joel. He lived in Aroer as far as Nebo and
Baal-meon.
9 To the east he settled as far as the entrance to
the wilderness stretching from the Euphrates
River, because their livestock had increased in
the land of Gilead.
10 In the days of Saul they made war against
the Hagrites, who fell into their hands. They
settled in their tents throughout the region east
of Gilead.
11 The people of Gad lived opposite them in
the land of Bashan as far as Salecah.
12 Joel was the chief, Shapham the second,
with Janai and Shaphat in Bashan.
13 Their relatives, by their ancestral houses:
Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia,
and Eber, seven.
14 These were descendants of Abihail son of
Huri, son of Jaroah, son of Gilead, son of
Michael, son of Jeshishai, son of Jahdo, son of
Buz.
15 Ahi son of Abdiel, son of Guni, was head of
their ancestral house.
16 They lived in Gilead, in Bashan and its
villages, and in all the pasturelands of Sharon as
far as their boundaries.
17 All these were registered by genealogy in
the days of Jotham king of Judah and in the days
of Jeroboam king of Israel.
18 The Reubenites, the Gadites, and the
half-tribe of Manasseh had 44,760 valiant men
who could serve in the army, men who carried
shield and sword, drew the bow, and were
trained for war.

19 They made war against the Hagrites, Jetur,
Naphish, and Nodab.
20 They received help against them, and the
Hagrites and all who were with them were
given into their hands. For they cried out to God
in the battle, and he answered their plea
because they trusted in him.
21 They captured their livestock: 50,000
camels, 250,000 sheep and goats, and 2,000
donkeys, as well as 100,000 people.
22 Many fell slain, because the war was from
God. They settled in their place until the exile.

23 The people of the half-tribe of Manasseh
lived in the land from Bashan to Baal-hermon,
Senir, and Mount Hermon. They were
numerous.
24 These were the heads of their ancestral
houses: Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah,
Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty warriors, men of
renown, heads of their ancestral houses.
25 But they were unfaithful to the God of their
ancestors and prostituted themselves after the
gods of the peoples of the land whom God had
destroyed before them.
26 So the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of
Pul king of Assyria and the spirit of
Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria. He carried into
exile the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the
half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to
Halah, Habor, Hara, and the river of Gozan,
where they remain to this day.

6

1 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and
Merari.
2 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron,
and Uzziel.
3 The children of Amram: Aaron, Moses, and
Miriam. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, Abihu,
Eleazar, and Ithamar.
4 Eleazar was the father of Phinehas, and
Phinehas was the father of Abishua.
5 Abishua was the father of Bukki, and Bukki
was the father of Uzzi.
6 Uzzi was the father of Zerahiah, and
Zerahiah was the father of Meraioth.
7 Meraioth was the father of Amariah, and
Amariah was the father of Ahitub.
8 Ahitub was the father of Zadok, and Zadok
was the father of Ahimaaz.
9 Ahimaaz was the father of Azariah, and
Azariah was the father of Johanan.
10 Johanan was the father of Azariah, who
served as priest in the house that Solomon built
in Jerusalem.
11 Azariah was the father of Amariah, and
Amariah was the father of Ahitub.
12 Ahitub was the father of Zadok, and Zadok
was the father of Shallum.
13 Shallum was the father of Hilkiah, and
Hilkiah was the father of Azariah.
14 Azariah was the father of Seraiah, and
Seraiah was the father of Jehozadak.
15 Jehozadak went into exile when the LORD
carried Judah and Jerusalem into exile by the
hand of Nebuchadnezzar.
16 The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, and
Merari.

17 These are the names of the sons of
Gershom: Libni and Shimei.
18 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron,
and Uzziel.
19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These
are the clans of the Levites according to their
ancestors.
20 The descendants of Gershom: Libni his son,
Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,
21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son,
and Jeatherai his son.
22 The descendants of Kohath: Amminadab his
son, Korah his son, Assir his son,
23 Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his son, Assir his
son,
24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son,
and Shaul his son.
25 The sons of Elkanah: Amasai and Ahimoth.
26 Elkanah. The sons of Elkanah: Zophai his
son, Nahath his son,
27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, and Elkanah
his son.
28 The sons of Samuel: Vashni the firstborn
and Abijah.
29 The descendants of Merari: Mahli, Libni his
son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son,
30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, and Asaiah
his son.
31 These are the men David put in charge of
the music in the house of the LORD after the ark
came to rest.
32 They ministered with song before the
tabernacle, the tent of meeting, until Solomon
built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem. They
carried out their service according to their
prescribed order.

33 These are the men who served, along with
their sons. From the Kohathites: Heman the
singer, son of Joel, son of Samuel,
34 son of Elkanah, son of Jeroham, son of Eliel,
son of Toah,
35 son of Zuph, son of Elkanah, son of Mahath,
son of Amasai,
36 son of Elkanah, son of Joel, son of Azariah,
son of Zephaniah,
37 son of Tahath, son of Assir, son of Ebiasaph,
son of Korah,
38 son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, son
of Israel.
39 His relative Asaph stood at his right hand.
Asaph was the son of Berechiah, son of Shimea,
40 son of Michael, son of Baaseiah, son of
Malchijah,
41 son of Ethni, son of Zerah, son of Adaiah,
42 son of Ethan, son of Zimmah, son of Shimei,
43 son of Jahath, son of Gershom, son of Levi.
44 Their relatives, the descendants of Merari,
stood on the left: Ethan son of Kishi, son of Abdi,
son of Malluch,
45 son of Hashabiah, son of Amaziah, son of
Hilkiah,
46 son of Amzi, son of Bani, son of Shamer,
47 son of Mahli, son of Mushi, son of Merari,
son of Levi.
48 Their fellow Levites were assigned to all the
service of the tabernacle, the house of God.
49 But Aaron and his sons made offerings on
the altar of burnt offering and on the altar of
incense, attending to all the work of the Most
Holy Place and making atonement for Israel,

according to all that Moses the servant of God
had commanded.
50 These are the descendants of Aaron: Eleazar
his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,
51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,
52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub
his son,
53 Zadok his son, and Ahimaaz his son.
54 These were their dwelling places, according
to their settlements within their territory. The
lot fell to the descendants of Aaron of the
Kohathite clan.
55 They were given Hebron in the land of
Judah, with its surrounding pasturelands.
56 But the fields of the city and its villages
were given to Caleb son of Jephunneh.
57 To the descendants of Aaron they gave the
cities of refuge: Hebron, Libnah with its
pasturelands, Jattir, and Eshtemoa with its
pasturelands,
58 Hilen with its pasturelands, Debir with its
pasturelands,
59 Ashan with its pasturelands, and
Beth-shemesh with its pasturelands.
60 From the tribe of Benjamin: Geba with its
pasturelands, Alemeth with its pasturelands,
and Anathoth with its pasturelands. All their
cities numbered thirteen, distributed among
their clans.
61 The remaining descendants of Kohath, from
the tribal clan, were allotted ten cities from the
half-tribe of Manasseh.
62 The descendants of Gershom, according to
their clans, received thirteen cities from the

tribes of Issachar, Asher, and Naphtali, and from
the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.
63 The descendants of Merari, according to
their clans, were allotted twelve cities from the
tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun.
64 The Israelites gave the Levites these cities
with their pasturelands.
65 They allotted these cities, named here, from
the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin.
66 Some of the clans of the descendants of
Kohath had cities within their territory from the
tribe of Ephraim.
67 They were given the cities of refuge:
Shechem with its pasturelands in the hill
country of Ephraim, and Gezer with its
pasturelands,
68 Jokmeam with its pasturelands, Beth-horon
with its pasturelands,
69 Aijalon with its pasturelands, and
Gath-rimmon with its pasturelands.
70 From the half-tribe of Manasseh: Aner with
its pasturelands and Bileam with its
pasturelands, for the clan of the remaining
descendants of Kohath.
71 The descendants of Gershom received, from
the clans of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in
Bashan with its pasturelands and Ashtaroth
with its pasturelands.
72 From the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh with its
pasturelands, Daberath with its pasturelands,
73 Ramoth with its pasturelands, and Anem
with its pasturelands.
74 From the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its
pasturelands, Abdon with its pasturelands,

75 Hukok with its pasturelands, and Rehob
with its pasturelands.
76 From the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in
Galilee with its pasturelands, Hammon with its
pasturelands, and Kiriathaim with its
pasturelands.
77 The remaining descendants of Merari
received, from the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmono
with its pasturelands and Tabor with its
pasturelands.
78 Across the Jordan from Jericho, east of the
Jordan, from the tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the
wilderness with its pasturelands, Jahzah with its
pasturelands,
79 Kedemoth with its pasturelands, and
Mephaath with its pasturelands.
80 From the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead
with its pasturelands, Mahanaim with its
pasturelands,
81 Heshbon with its pasturelands, and Jazer
with its pasturelands.

7

1 The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puah, Jashub, and
Shimron, four.
2 The sons of Tola: Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel,
Jahmai, Ibsam, and Samuel, heads of their
ancestral houses in the line of Tola. They were
valiant warriors in their generations; in the days
of David they numbered 22,600.
3 The sons of Uzzi: Izrahiah. The sons of
Izrahiah: Michael, Obadiah, Joel, and Isshiah,
five in all, all of them heads.

4 With them, according to their generations
and ancestral houses, were 36,000 troops ready
for war, for they had many wives and sons.
5 Their relatives from all the clans of Issachar
were valiant warriors, 87,000 in all, registered
by genealogy.
6 The sons of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, and
Jediael, three.
7 The sons of Bela: Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel,
Jerimoth, and Iri, five. They were heads of
ancestral houses, valiant warriors, with 22,034
registered by genealogy.
8 The sons of Becher: Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer,
Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and
Alemeth. All these were sons of Becher.
9 Registered by genealogy according to their
generations, their heads of ancestral houses and
valiant warriors numbered 20,200.
10 The sons of Jediael: Bilhan. The sons of
Bilhan: Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah,
Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar.
11 All these were descendants of Jediael, heads
of ancestral houses, valiant warriors; 17,200
could go out with the army to war.
12 Shuppim and Huppim, descendants of Ir;
Hushim, descendants of Aher.
13 The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, Guni, Jezer,
and Shallum, descendants of Bilhah.
14 The sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom she
bore. His Aramean concubine bore Machir, the
father of Gilead.
15 Machir took a wife from Huppim and
Shuppim. His sister's name was Maacah. The

name of the second was Zelophehad, and
Zelophehad had daughters.
16 Maacah, Machir's wife, bore a son and
named him Peresh. His brother's name was
Sheresh, and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.
17 The sons of Ulam: Bedan. These were
descendants of Gilead son of Machir, son of
Manasseh.
18 His sister Hammolecheth bore Ishhod,
Abiezer, and Mahlah.
19 The sons of Shemida: Ahian, Shechem,
Likhi, and Aniam.
20 The descendants of Ephraim: Shuthelah,
Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eladah his son,
Tahath his son,
21 Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, Ezer, and
Elead. The men of Gath who were born in the
land killed them because they went down to
take their livestock.
22 Ephraim their father mourned for many
days, and his brothers came to comfort him.
23 He lay with his wife, and she conceived and
bore a son. He named him Beriah because
disaster had come upon his house.
24 His daughter was Sheerah, who built Lower
and Upper Beth-horon and Uzzen-sheerah.
25 Rephah his son, Resheph, Telah his son,
Tahan his son,
26 Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama
his son,
27 Nun his son, and Joshua his son.
28 Their possessions and dwelling places were
Bethel and its villages, Naaran to the east, Gezer
and its villages to the west, and Shechem and its

villages as far as Ayyah and its villages.
29 Along the borders of the descendants of
Manasseh were Beth-shean and its villages,
Taanach and its villages, Megiddo and its
villages, and Dor and its villages. The
descendants of Joseph son of Israel lived in these
places.
30 The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, and
Beriah, with Serah their sister.
31 The sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel,
who was the father of Birzaith.
32 Heber was the father of Japhlet, Shomer,
Hotham, and their sister Shua.
33 The sons of Japhlet: Pasach, Bimhal, and
Ashvath. These were the sons of Japhlet.
34 The sons of Shamer: Ahi, Rohgah, Hubbah,
and Aram.
35 The descendants of his brother Helem:
Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.
36 The sons of Zophah: Suah, Harnepher,
Shual, Beri, Imrah,
37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and
Beera.
38 The sons of Jether: Jephunneh, Pispah, and
Ara.
39 The sons of Ulla: Arah, Hanniel, and Rizia.
40 All these were descendants of Asher, heads
of ancestral houses, choice men, valiant
warriors, and leading chiefs. Their number,
registered by genealogy for military service in
war, was 26,000 men.

8

1 Benjamin was the father of Bela his

firstborn, Ashbel the second, Aharah the third,
2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.
3 The sons of Bela: Addar, Gera, Abihud,
4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,
5 Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.
6 These were the descendants of Ehud, heads of ancestral houses among the inhabitants of Geba. They were taken into exile to Manahath:
7 Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera. It was he who took them into exile, and he was the father of Uzza and Ahihud.
8 Shaharaim fathered children in the land of Moab after sending away Hushim and Baara, his wives.
9 By his wife Hodesh he was the father of Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam,
10 Jeuz, Sachia, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of ancestral houses.
11 By Hushim he was the father of Abitub and Elpaal.
12 The sons of Elpaal: Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod with its villages;
13 Beriah and Shema, who were heads of ancestral houses among the inhabitants of Aijalon and drove out the inhabitants of Gath.
14 Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth,
15 Zebadiah, Arad, Eder,
16 Michael, Ishpah, and Joha were the sons of Beriah.
17 Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,
18 Ishmerai, Izliah, and Jobab were the sons of Elpaal.
19 Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,
20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,

21 Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath were the
sons of Shimei.
22 Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,
23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,
24 Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah,
25 Iphdeiah, and Penuel were the sons of
Shashak.
26 Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah,
27 Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri were the sons
of Jeroham.
28 These were heads of ancestral houses
according to their generations, leading men.
They lived in Jerusalem.

29 The father of Gibeon lived in Gibeon, and
his wife's name was Maacah.
30 His firstborn son was Abdon, followed by
Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,
31 Gedor, Ahio, and Zecher.
32 Mikloth was the father of Shimeah. They
too lived in Jerusalem with their relatives,
opposite their other relatives.

33 Ner was the father of Kish, and Kish was the
father of Saul. Saul was the father of Jonathan,
Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Esh-baal.
34 Jonathan's son was Merib-baal, and
Merib-baal was the father of Micah.

35 The sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, Tarea,
and Ahaz.
36 Ahaz was the father of Jehoaddah, and
Jehoaddah was the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth,
and Zimri. Zimri was the father of Moza.
37 Moza was the father of Binea; Raphah was
his son, Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.

38 Azel had six sons, and these were their
names: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah,
Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of
Azel.
39 The sons of his brother Eshek: Ulam his
firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the
third.
40 The sons of Ulam were valiant warriors,
archers, with many sons and grandsons, 150 in
all. All these were descendants of Benjamin.

9

1 All Israel was registered by genealogy, and
their names are written in the Book of the Kings
of Israel. Judah was carried into exile to Babylon
because of their unfaithfulness.
2 The first inhabitants to settle on their
property in their cities were Israelites, priests,
Levites, and temple servants.
3 Some descendants of Judah, Benjamin,
Ephraim, and Manasseh lived in Jerusalem:
4 Uthai son of Ammihud, son of Omri, son of
Imri, son of Bani, from the descendants of Perez
son of Judah;
5 from the Shilonites, Asaiah the firstborn and
his sons;
6 and from the descendants of Zerah, Jeuel.
Their relatives numbered 690.
7 From the descendants of Benjamin: Sallu son
of Meshullam, son of Hodaviah, son of
Hassenuah;
8 Ibneiah son of Jeroham; Elah son of Uzzi, son
of Michri; and Meshullam son of Shephatiah,
son of Reuel, son of Ibnijah.

9 Their relatives, according to their
generations, numbered 956. All these men were
heads of ancestral houses.
10 From the priests: Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, Jachin,
11 and Azariah son of Hilkiah, son of
Meshullam, son of Zadok, son of Meraioth, son of
Ahitub, the officer in charge of the house of God;
12 Adaiah son of Jeroham, son of Pashhur, son
of Malchijah; and Maasai son of Adiel, son of
Jahzerah, son of Meshullam, son of
Meshillemith, son of Immer.
13 Their relatives, heads of ancestral houses,
numbered 1,760, capable men for the work of
service in the house of God.
14 From the Levites: Shemaiah son of
Hasshub, son of Azrikam, son of Hashabiah,
from the descendants of Merari;
15 Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and Mattaniah
son of Mica, son of Zichri, son of Asaph;
16 Obadiah son of Shemaiah, son of Galal, son
of Jeduthun; and Berechiah son of Asa, son of
Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the
Netophathites.
17 The gatekeepers: Shallum, Akkub, Talmon,
Ahiman, and their relatives. Shallum was the
chief.
18 To this day they serve at the King's Gate on
the east. They were the gatekeepers for the
camps of the descendants of Levi.
19 Shallum son of Kore, son of Ebiasaph, son of
Korah, and his relatives from his ancestral
house, the Korahites, were responsible for the
work of service as keepers of the thresholds of
the tent. Their ancestors had been responsible

for the camp of the LORD as keepers of the entrance.
20 Phinehas son of Eleazar had been their leader in earlier times, and the LORD was with him.
21 Zechariah son of Meshelemiah was gatekeeper at the entrance to the tent of meeting.
22 All those chosen as gatekeepers at the thresholds numbered 212. They were registered by genealogy in their villages. David and Samuel the seer had appointed them to their positions of trust.
23 They and their sons guarded the gates of the house of the LORD, the house of the tent, in shifts.
24 The gatekeepers were stationed on the four sides: east, west, north, and south.
25 Their relatives in their villages were to come from time to time to serve with them for seven days.
26 The four chief gatekeepers, who were Levites, held positions of trust and were responsible for the rooms and treasuries of the house of God.
27 They spent the night around the house of God because they were responsible for guarding it and for opening it every morning.
28 Some of them were responsible for the utensils used in service; they counted them when they brought them in and when they took them out.
29 Others were appointed over the furnishings and all the utensils of the sanctuary, the fine flour, wine, oil, frankincense, and spices.

30 Some of the priests mixed the fragrant
spices.
31 Mattithiah, one of the Levites, the firstborn
of Shallum the Korahite, was entrusted with
preparing what was baked in pans.
32 Some of their relatives, the Kohathites, were
responsible for preparing the bread set out in
rows every Sabbath.

33 The singers, heads of ancestral houses
among the Levites, stayed in the rooms and
were exempt from other duties, because they
were occupied with their work day and night.
34 These were heads of ancestral houses
among the Levites, leaders according to their
generations. They lived in Jerusalem.

35 Jeiel, the father of Gibeon, lived in Gibeon,
and his wife's name was Maacah.
36 His firstborn son was Abdon, followed by
Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,
37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.
38 Mikloth was the father of Shimeam. They
too lived in Jerusalem with their relatives,
opposite their other relatives.

39 Ner was the father of Kish, and Kish was the
father of Saul. Saul was the father of Jonathan,
Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Esh-baal.
40 Jonathan's son was Merib-baal, and
Meri-baal was the father of Micah.
41 The sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, and
Tahrea.
42 Ahaz was the father of Jarah, and Jarah was
the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri.
Zimri was the father of Moza.

43 Moza was the father of Binea; Rephaiah was
his son, Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.
44 Azel had six sons, and these were their
names: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah,
Obadiah, and Hanan. These were the sons of
Azel.

10

1 The Philistines fought against Israel, and the
men of Israel fled before the Philistines and fell
slain on Mount Gilboa.
2 The Philistines pressed hard after Saul and
his sons, and they struck down Jonathan,
Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, Saul's sons.
3 The fighting grew fierce around Saul. The
archers found him, and he was in anguish
because of them.
4 Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your
sword and run me through with it, so these
uncircumcised men do not come and abuse me."
But his armor-bearer refused because he was
very afraid. So Saul took the sword and fell on it.
5 When his armor-bearer saw that Saul was
dead, he too fell on the sword and died.
6 So Saul and his three sons died; his whole
house died together.
7 When all the men of Israel in the valley saw
that the men had fled and that Saul and his sons
were dead, they abandoned their cities and fled.
The Philistines came and settled in them.
8 The next day, when the Philistines came to
strip the slain, they found Saul and his sons
fallen on Mount Gilboa.
9 They stripped him, took his head and his
armor, and sent messengers throughout the land

of the Philistines to announce the news to their idols and to the people.
10 They put his armor in the temple of their gods and fastened his skull in the temple of Dagon.
11 When all Jabesh-gilead heard everything the Philistines had done to Saul,
12 all the valiant men rose up, took Saul's body and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh. They buried their bones under the terebinth at Jabesh and fasted seven days.
13 Saul died because of the unfaithfulness he had committed against the LORD: he did not keep the word of the LORD, and he also consulted a medium to seek guidance.
14 He did not seek the LORD, so the LORD put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse.

11

1 All Israel gathered to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood.
2 In the past, even when Saul was king, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them back. The LORD your God said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will be ruler over my people Israel.' "
3 All the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron. David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD through Samuel.

4 David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, that
is, Jebus, where the Jebusites, the inhabitants of
the land, lived.
5 The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, “You
will not come in here.” But David captured the
stronghold of Zion, which is the City of David.
6 David said, “Whoever strikes the Jebusites
first will become chief and commander.” Joab
son of Zeruiah went up first and became chief.
7 David settled in the stronghold, so they
called it the City of David.
8 He built up the city all around, from the
Millo to the surrounding area, while Joab
restored the rest of the city.
9 David grew greater and greater, and the
LORD of hosts was with him.
10 These were the chiefs of David’s mighty
warriors, who, together with all Israel, gave him
strong support in his kingdom to make him king,
according to the word of the LORD concerning
Israel.
11 This is the list of David’s mighty warriors:
Jashobeam son of Hachmoni, chief of the
officers. He raised his spear against 300 men
and killed them in a single encounter.
12 After him was Eleazar son of Dodo the
Ahohite, one of the three mighty warriors.
13 He was with David at Pas-dammim, where
the Philistines gathered for battle. There was a
plot of ground full of barley, and the people fled
before the Philistines.
14 But they took their stand in the middle of
the plot, defended it, and struck down the

Philistines. The LORD brought about a great deliverance.
15 Three of the thirty chiefs went down to the rock to David, to the cave of Adullam, while the Philistine army was camped in the Valley of Rephaim.
16 David was then in the stronghold, and the Philistine garrison was in Bethlehem.
17 David longed for water and said, “If only someone would give me a drink of water from the well of Bethlehem by the gate!”
18 The three broke through the Philistine camp, drew water from the well of Bethlehem by the gate, and brought it to David. But David refused to drink it and poured it out to the LORD.
19 He said, “My God forbid that I should do this! Shall I drink the blood of these men who risked their lives? For they brought it at the risk of their lives.” So he refused to drink it. These were the deeds of the three mighty warriors.
20 Abishai, Joab’s brother, was chief of the Three. He raised his spear against 300 men and killed them, gaining a name among the Three.
21 He was more honored than the other two of the Three and became their commander, but he did not attain to the Three.
22 Benaiah son of Jehoiada, son of a valiant man, a man of many deeds from Kabzeel, struck down two lionlike warriors of Moab. He also went down into a pit and killed a lion on a snowy day.
23 He struck down an Egyptian, a man about 7½ feet tall. The Egyptian had a spear like a weaver’s beam in his hand. Benaiah went down

against him with a staff, snatched the spear
from the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with
his own spear.
24 These were the deeds of Benaiah son of
Jehoiada, and he gained a name among the
three mighty warriors.
25 He was more honored than the Thirty, but
he did not attain to the Three. David put him in
charge of his guard.
26 The mighty warriors were Asahel, Joab's
brother; Elhanan son of Dodo from Bethlehem;
27 Shammoth the Harorite; Helez the Pelonite;
28 Ira son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; Abiezer the
Anathothite;
29 Sibbecai the Hushathite; Ilai the Ahohite;
30 Maharai the Netophathite; Heled son of
Baanah the Netophathite;
31 Ithai son of Ribai from Gibeah of the
Benjaminites; Benaiah the Pirathonite;
32 Hurai from the ravines of Gaash; Abiel the
Arbathite;
33 Azmaveth the Baharumite; Eliahba the
Shaalbonite;
34 the sons of Hashem the Gizonite; Jonathan
son of Shagee the Hararite;
35 Ahiam son of Sacar the Hararite; Eliphal son
of Ur;
36 Hepher the Mecherathite; Ahijah the
Pelonite;
37 Hezro the Carmelite; Naarai son of Ezbai;
38 Joel, Nathan's brother; Mibhar son of Hagri;
39 Zelek the Ammonite; Naharai the
Beerothite, armor-bearer to Joab son of Zeruiah;
40 Ira the Ithrite; Gareb the Ithrite;

41 Uriah the Hittite; Zabad son of Ahlai;
42 Adina son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites, with thirty men;
43 Hanan son of Maacah; Joshaphat the Mithnite;
44 Uzzia the Ashterathite; Shama and Jeiel, sons of Hotham the Aroerite;
45 Jediael son of Shimri; Joha his brother the Tizite;
46 Eliel the Mahavite; Jeribai and Joshaviah, sons of Elnaam; Ithmah the Moabite;
47 Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

12

1 These are the men who came to David at Ziklag while he was still kept away because of Saul son of Kish. They were among the mighty warriors who helped him in war.
2 They were armed with bows and could use either hand to sling stones and shoot arrows. They were Saul's relatives from Benjamin.
3 The chief was Ahiezer, followed by Joash, sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; Jeziel and Pelet, sons of Azmaveth; Beracah; Jehu the Anathothite;
4 Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty warrior among the Thirty and over the Thirty; Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, Jozabad the Gederathite;
5 Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, Shephatiah the Haruphite;
6 Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites;

7 and Joelah and Zebadiah, sons of Jeroham
from Gedor.
8 Some Gadites separated themselves to join
David at the stronghold in the wilderness. They
were valiant warriors, men trained for battle,
skilled with shield and spear. Their faces were
like the faces of lions, and they were swift as
gazelles on the mountains.
9 Ezer was the chief, Obadiah the second, Eliab
the third,
10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,
11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,
12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,
13 Jeremiah the tenth, and Machbannai the
eleventh.
14 These descendants of Gad were army
commanders; the least was in charge of a
hundred, and the greatest of a thousand.
15 They were the ones who crossed the Jordan
in the first month, when it was overflowing all
its banks, and put to flight everyone in the
valleys to the east and to the west.
16 Some men from Benjamin and Judah came
to David at the stronghold.
17 David went out to meet them and said, “If
you have come to me in peace to help me, my
heart will be united with you. But if you have
come to betray me to my enemies, though there
is no violence on my hands, may the God of our
ancestors see it and judge.”
18 Then the Spirit clothed Amasai, chief of the
officers: “We are yours, David, and we are with
you, son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, and peace

to those who help you, for your God helps you."
So David welcomed them and appointed them as
commanders of his troops.

19 Some men of Manasseh defected to David
when he came with the Philistines to battle
against Saul. But David and his men did not help
them, because the Philistine rulers, after taking
counsel, sent him away, saying, "He will defect to
his master Saul at the cost of our heads."
20 As he went to Ziklag, these men of
Manasseh defected to him: Adnah, Jozabad,
Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai,
commanders of thousands in Manasseh.
21 They helped David against the raiding band,
for they were all valiant warriors, and they
became commanders in the army.
22 Day after day men came to David to help
him, until there was a great army, like an army
of God.
23 These are the numbers of the men armed
for military service who came to David at
Hebron to transfer Saul's kingdom to him,
according to the word of the LORD:
24 From Judah, 6,800 men carrying shield and
spear, armed for military service;
25 from Simeon, 7,100 valiant warriors fit for
military service;
26 from Levi, 4,600;
27 Jehoiada, leader of the descendants of
Aaron, with 3,700;
28 Zadok, a young valiant warrior, with
twenty-two commanders from his ancestral
house;

29 from Benjamin, Saul's relatives, 3,000, for
until then most of them had remained loyal to
the house of Saul;
30 from Ephraim, 20,800 valiant warriors, men
of renown in their ancestral houses;
31 from the half-tribe of Manasseh, 18,000
designated by name to come and make David
king;
32 from Issachar, men who understood the
times and knew what Israel should do, 200
chiefs, with all their relatives under their
command;
33 from Zebulun, 50,000 men fit for military
service, prepared for battle with every kind of
weapon, able to keep ranks with undivided
loyalty;
34 from Naphtali, 1,000 commanders, with
37,000 men carrying shield and spear;
35 from Dan, 28,600 men prepared for battle;
36 from Asher, 40,000 men fit for military
service, prepared for battle;
37 and from beyond the Jordan, from Reuben,
Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, 120,000
men with every kind of weapon for war.
38 All these warriors, able to keep battle
formation, came to Hebron wholeheartedly to
make David king over all Israel. All the rest of
Israel were also of one mind to make David king.
39 They stayed there with David for three days,
eating and drinking, for their relatives had
prepared provisions for them.
40 Their neighbors, from as far as Issachar,
Zebulun, and Naphtali, also brought food on

donkeys, camels, mules, and oxen: supplies of flour, fig cakes, raisins, wine, and oil, with cattle, sheep, and goats in abundance, for there was joy in Israel.

13

1 David consulted with the commanders of thousands and hundreds, with every leader.
2 Then David said to the whole assembly of Israel, “If it seems good to you and comes from the LORD our God, let us send word far and wide to our relatives who remain throughout the territories of Israel, and to the priests and Levites with them in their cities with pasturelands, so they may gather to us.
3 Let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we did not attend to it in the days of Saul.”
4 The whole assembly agreed to do so, for the proposal seemed right to all the people.
5 So David assembled all Israel, from Shihor of Egypt to the entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim.
6 David and all Israel went up to Baalah, that is, Kiriath-jearim in Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, the LORD, who is enthroned above the cherubim, the ark that bears his name.
7 They transported the ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, with Uzza and Ahio driving the cart.
8 David and all Israel were celebrating before God with all their might, with songs, lyres, harps, tambourines, cymbals, and trumpets.

9 When they came to the threshing floor of
Chidon, Uzza reached out his hand to steady the
ark because the oxen stumbled.
10 The anger of the LORD burned against Uzza,
and he struck him down because he had
reached out his hand to the ark. He died there
before God.
11 David was angry because the LORD had
broken out against Uzza. He called that place
Perez-uzza, and it is called that to this day.
12 David was afraid of God that day and said,
“How can I bring the ark of God to me?”
13 So David did not bring the ark to himself in
the City of David, but took it aside to the house
of Obed-edom the Gittite.
14 The ark of God remained with Obed-edom’s
household in his house for three months, and
the LORD blessed Obed-edom’s household and
everything he had.

14

1 Huram king of Tyre sent messengers to
David, along with cedar timber, masons, and
carpenters, to build him a house.
2 David knew that the LORD had established
him as king over Israel and had greatly exalted
his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.
3 David took more wives in Jerusalem and
fathered more sons and daughters.
4 These are the names of the children born to
him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan,
Solomon,
5 Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet,
6 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

7 Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.
8 When the Philistines heard that David had
been anointed king over all Israel, all the
Philistines went up in search of David. David
heard about it and went out to meet them.
9 The Philistines came and raided the Valley of
Rephaim.
10 David inquired of God, “Should I go up
against the Philistines? Will you give them into
my hand?” The LORD said to him, “Go up, and I
will give them into your hand.”
11 They went up to Baal-perazim, and David
defeated them there. David said, “God has
broken through my enemies by my hand like
water bursting through.” So they called that
place Baal-perazim.
12 The Philistines abandoned their gods there.
David gave the order, and they were burned
with fire.
13 The Philistines raided the valley again.
14 David again inquired of God, and God said
to him, “Do not go up after them. Circle around
them and come at them opposite the balsam
trees.
15 When you hear the sound of marching in
the tops of the balsam trees, go out to battle, for
God will have gone out before you to strike the
Philistine army.”
16 David did as God commanded him, and they
struck down the Philistine army from Gibeon to
Gezer.
17 David’s fame spread throughout all the
lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him
upon all the nations.

15

1 David built houses for himself in the City of
David, prepared a place for the ark of God, and
pitched a tent for it.
2 Then David said, “No one but the Levites is to
carry the ark of God, for the LORD chose them to
carry the ark of the LORD and to minister to him
forever.”
3 David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem to
bring up the ark of the LORD to the place he had
prepared for it.
4 David gathered the descendants of Aaron
and the Levites:
5 from the descendants of Kohath, Uriel the
chief and 120 of his relatives;
6 from the descendants of Merari, Asaiah the
chief and 220 of his relatives;
7 from the descendants of Gershom, Joel the
chief and 130 of his relatives;
8 from the descendants of Elizaphan,
Shemaiah the chief and 200 of his relatives;
9 from the descendants of Hebron, Eliel the
chief and eighty of his relatives;
10 from the descendants of Uzziel, Amminadab
the chief and 112 of his relatives.
11 David summoned Zadok and Abiathar the
priests, and the Levites Uriel, Asaiah, Joel,
Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab.
12 He said to them, “You are the heads of the
ancestral houses of the Levites. Consecrate
yourselves, you and your relatives, and bring up
the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the
place I have prepared for it.

13 Because you did not carry it the first time,
the LORD our God broke out against us, for we
did not seek him according to the prescribed
order."
14 So the priests and Levites consecrated
themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD, the
God of Israel.
15 The Levites carried the ark of God on their
shoulders with the poles resting on them, as
Moses had commanded according to the word of
the LORD.

16 David told the leaders of the Levites to
appoint their relatives as singers with musical
instruments—harps, lyres, and cymbals—to
raise joyful sounds.

17 The Levites appointed Heman son of Joel,
his relative Asaph son of Berechiah, and, from
their relatives the descendants of Merari, Ethan
son of Kushaiah.

18 With them were their relatives of the
second rank: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel,
Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah,
Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah,
Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers.
19 The singers Heman, Asaph, and Ethan were
to sound the bronze cymbals;
20 Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni,
Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah were to play harps
according to Alamoth;
21 and Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah,
Obed-edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah were to lead with
lyres according to Sheminith.

22 Chenaniah, the Levitical leader in music,
gave instruction in the music because he was
skilled.
23 Berechiah and Elkanah were gatekeepers
for the ark.
24 Shebaniah, Jehoshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai,
Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests,
were to blow the trumpets before the ark of
God. Obed-edom and Jehiah were also
gatekeepers for the ark.
25 David, the elders of Israel, and the
commanders of thousands went to bring up the
ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house
of Obed-edom with joy.
26 Because God helped the Levites who carried
the ark of the covenant of the LORD, they
sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams.
27 David was clothed in a robe of fine linen, as
were all the Levites who carried the ark, the
singers, and Chenaniah, director of the singers'
music. David also wore a linen ephod.
28 All Israel brought up the ark of the covenant
of the LORD with shouts, the sound of the ram's
horn, trumpets and cymbals, and music from
harps and lyres.
29 As the ark of the covenant of the LORD
entered the City of David, Michal daughter of
Saul looked down through the window and saw
King David dancing and celebrating, and she
despised him in her heart.

16

1 They brought in the ark of God and set it
inside the tent David had pitched for it. They

offered burnt offerings and peace offerings
before God.
2 When David had finished offering the burnt
offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the
people in the name of the LORD.
3 He distributed to every Israelite, man and
woman alike, a loaf of bread, a portion of meat,
and a raisin cake.
4 He appointed some of the Levites to minister
before the ark of the LORD, to call to
remembrance, give thanks, and praise the
LORD, the God of Israel.
5 Asaph was the chief, with Zechariah second
to him; Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah,
Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel played
harps and lyres, while Asaph sounded the
cymbals.
6 Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests were to
sound the trumpets regularly before the ark of
the covenant of God.
7 On that day David first entrusted Asaph and
his relatives with giving thanks to the LORD:

8 Give thanks to the LORD;
call on his name.
Make his deeds known among the peoples.
9 Sing to him;
make music to him.
Tell of all his wonderful works.
10 Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD
rejoice.
11 Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his face continually.

12 Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his wonders and the judgments he has
spoken,
13 you descendants of Israel his servant, you
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
14 He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
15 Remember his covenant forever, the word he
commanded for a thousand generations,
16 the covenant he made with Abraham, and his
oath to Isaac.
17 He established it for Jacob as a statute, for
Israel as an everlasting covenant,
18 saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your allotted inheritance.”
19 When you were few in number, very few, and
strangers in it,
20 they wandered from nation to nation, from
one kingdom to another people.
21 He allowed no one to oppress them;
he rebuked kings for their sake:
22 “Do not touch my anointed ones;
do no harm to my prophets.”

23 Sing to the LORD, all the earth;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
24 Declare his glory among the nations, his
wonderful works among all the 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 peoples are idols, but
the LORD made the heavens.

27 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy are in his dwelling place.
28 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the
peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and
strength.
29 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him.
Bow down to the LORD in the splendor of
holiness.
30 Tremble before him, all the earth!
The world is firmly established;
it will not be shaken.
31 Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad;
let them say among the nations, “The LORD
reigns!”
32 Let the sea roar and all that fills it;
let the fields rejoice and everything in them.
33 Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy
before the LORD, for he comes to judge
the earth.
34 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.
35 And say, “Save us, God of our salvation;
gather us and deliver us from the nations,
so we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.”
36 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from
everlasting to everlasting!
Then all the people said, “Amen,” and
praised the LORD.
37 David left Asaph and his relatives there
before the ark of the covenant of the LORD to
minister regularly before the ark, according to
each day’s requirements.

38 He also left Obed-edom and their relatives,
sixty-eight in all; Obed-edom son of Jeduthun
and Hosah were gatekeepers.
39 He left Zadok the priest and his fellow
priests before the tabernacle of the LORD at the
high place in Gibeon,
40 to offer burnt offerings to the LORD on the
altar of burnt offering regularly, morning and
evening, and to do all that is written in the law
of the LORD, which he commanded Israel.
41 With them were Heman, Jeduthun, and the
rest who were chosen and designated by name
to give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love
endures forever.
42 With them, Heman and Jeduthun had
trumpets and cymbals to sound, and
instruments for the music of God. Jeduthun's
sons were assigned to the gate.
43 Then all the people went home, each to his
own house, and David returned to bless his
household.

17

1 When David was settled in his house, he said
to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a
house of cedar, while the ark of the covenant of
the LORD is under tent curtains."
2 Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your
heart, for God is with you."
3 But that night the word of God came to
Nathan:
4 "Go and tell David my servant, 'This is what
the LORD says: You are not the one to build me a
house to dwell in.

5 For I have not lived in a house from the day I
brought Israel up to this day. I have moved from
tent to tent, from one tabernacle to another.
6 Wherever I have gone with all Israel, did I
ever say a word to any of the judges of Israel
whom I commanded to shepherd my people,
asking, “Why have you not built me a house of
cedar?” '
7 Now say this to my servant David: ‘This is
what the LORD of hosts says: I took you from the
pasture, from following the flock, to be ruler
over my people Israel.
8 I have been with you wherever you have
gone and have cut off all your enemies before
you. I will make your name like the names of
the great ones of the earth.
9 I will appoint a place for my people Israel
and plant them there, so they may dwell in their
own place and be disturbed no more. Wicked
men will no longer wear them down as they did
at first,
10 from the days when I appointed judges over
my people Israel. I will subdue all your enemies.
And I declare to you that the LORD will build a
house for you.
11 When your days are fulfilled and you go to
be with your ancestors, I will raise up your
offspring after you, one of your sons, and
establish his kingdom.
12 He will build a house for me, and I will
establish his throne forever.
13 I will be a father to him, and he will be a son
to me. I will not take my steadfast love from him

as I took it from the one who was before you.
14 I will establish him in my house and in my
kingdom forever, and his throne will be
established forever.' "
15 Nathan told David all these words and this
entire vision.
16 Then King David went in and sat before the
LORD. He said, "Who am I, LORD God, and what
is my house, that you have brought me this far?
17 Yet this was a small thing in your eyes, God,
for you have also spoken of your servant's house
far into the future. You have regarded me as a
man of high rank, LORD God.
18 What more can David say to you about the
honor given to your servant? You know your
servant.
19 LORD, for your servant's sake and according
to your own heart, you have done all these great
things, making all this greatness known.
20 LORD, there is no one like you, and there is
no God besides you, according to all we have
heard with our own ears.
21 Who is like your people Israel, the one
nation on earth whom God went to redeem as
his people, to make a name for yourself through
great and awesome deeds, driving out nations
before your people whom you redeemed from
Egypt?
22 You made your people Israel your own
people forever, and you, LORD, became their
God.
23 Now, LORD, let the word you have spoken
concerning your servant and his house stand
firm forever, and do as you have said.

24 Let it stand firm, and let your name be
magnified forever, so people will say, 'The LORD
of hosts, the God of Israel, is God to Israel.' Let
the house of David your servant be established
before you.
25 For you, my God, have revealed to your
servant that you will build a house for him.
Therefore your servant has found courage to
pray before you.
26 Now, LORD, you are God, and you have
promised this good thing to your servant.
27 You have now been pleased to bless the
house of your servant, so it may remain before
you forever. For you, LORD, have blessed it, and
it is blessed forever."

18

1 After this, David defeated the Philistines and
subdued them. He took Gath and its villages
from the Philistines.
2 He also defeated Moab, and the Moabites
became David's subjects, paying tribute.
3 David defeated Hadadezer king of Zobah
toward Hamath, as he went to establish his
authority at the Euphrates River.
4 David captured from him 1,000 chariots,
7,000 horsemen, and 20,000 foot soldiers. David
hamstrung all the chariot horses but kept
enough for a hundred chariots.
5 When the Arameans of Damascus came to
help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck
down 22,000 of them.
6 David stationed garrisons in Aram of
Damascus, and the Arameans became his

subjects, paying tribute. The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.
7 David took the gold shields carried by Hadadezer's servants and brought them to Jerusalem.
8 From Tibhath and Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took a very large quantity of bronze. Solomon used it to make the bronze Sea, the pillars, and the bronze utensils.
9 When Tou king of Hamath heard that David had defeated the whole army of Hadadezer king of Zobah,
10 he sent his son Hadoram to King David to greet him and congratulate him for fighting against Hadadezer and defeating him, for Hadadezer had been at war with Tou. He brought all kinds of gold, silver, and bronze articles.
11 King David dedicated these also to the LORD, along with the silver and gold he had taken from all the nations: Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, and Amalek.
12 Abishai son of Zeruiah struck down 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt.
13 He stationed garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became David's subjects. The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.
14 David reigned over all Israel, administering justice and righteousness to all his people.
15 Joab son of Zeruiah was over the army, and Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was recorder.
16 Zadok son of Ahitub and Abimelech son of Abiathar were priests, and Shavsha was secretary.

17 Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over the
Cherethites and Pelethites, and David's sons
were the chief officials at the king's side.

19

1 After this, Nahash king of the Ammonites
died, and his son reigned in his place.
2 David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun
son of Nahash, because his father showed
kindness to me." David sent messengers to
comfort him concerning his father. David's
servants came to the land of the Ammonites, to
Hanun, to comfort him.
3 But the Ammonite leaders said to Hanun, "Do
you think David is honoring your father by
sending men to comfort you? Have his servants
not come to you to investigate, overthrow, and
spy out the land?"
4 So Hanun seized David's servants, shaved
them, cut their robes in half at the buttocks, and
sent them away.
5 Some men went and told David about them,
and he sent messengers to meet them, for they
were deeply ashamed. The king said, "Stay in
Jericho until your beards grow back; then
return."
6 When the Ammonites saw that they had
made themselves hateful to David, Hanun and
the Ammonites sent about 75,000 pounds of
silver to hire chariots and horsemen from
Aram-naharaim, Aram-maacah, and Zobah.
7 They hired 32,000 chariots, along with the
king of Maacah and his people. They came and

camped before Medeba, while the Ammonites gathered from their cities and came to battle.

8 When David heard about it, he sent Joab and the whole army of mighty warriors.
9 The Ammonites came out and took up battle formation at the entrance to the city, while the kings who had come were by themselves in the open country.
10 When Joab saw that the battle was facing him both in front and behind, he chose some of Israel's best men and drew them up against the Arameans.
11 He put the rest of the troops under the command of his brother Abishai, and they drew up against the Ammonites.
12 He said, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, you must come to my help. But if the Ammonites are too strong for you, I will help you.

13 Be strong, and let us show courage for our people and the cities of our God. May the LORD do what is good in his sight."
14 Joab and the troops with him advanced to battle against the Arameans, and they fled before him.
15 When the Ammonites saw the Arameans fleeing, they too fled before his brother Abishai and entered the city. Then Joab returned to Jerusalem.

16 When the Arameans saw that they had been defeated by Israel, they sent messengers and brought out the Arameans from beyond the

river. Shophach, the commander of Hadadezer's
army, led them.
17 When David was told, he gathered all Israel,
crossed the Jordan, came to them, and drew up
against them. David formed his battle lines
against the Arameans, and they fought against
him.
18 The Arameans fled before Israel, and David
killed 7,000 chariot troops and 40,000 foot
soldiers of the Arameans. He also put Shophach,
the army commander, to death.
19 When Hadadezer's servants saw that they
had been defeated by Israel, they made peace
with David and became his subjects. The
Arameans were unwilling to help the
Ammonites again.

20

1 At the turn of the year, when kings go out to
war, Joab led out the army, devastated the land
of the Ammonites, and came to besiege Rabbah.
David remained in Jerusalem. Joab struck
Rabbah and demolished it.
2 David took the crown from their king's head
and found that it weighed about seventy-five
pounds of gold. It had a precious stone, and it
was placed on David's head. He brought out a
vast amount of plunder from the city.
3 He brought out the people who were in it
and cut them with the saw, with sharp iron
tools, and with saws. David did the same to all
the Ammonite cities. Then David and all the
troops returned to Jerusalem.

4 After this, war broke out with the Philistines
at Gezer. Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down
Sippai, a descendant of the Rephaim, and they
were subdued.
5 There was another war with the Philistines,
and Elhanan son of Jair struck down Lahmi, the
brother of Goliath the Gittite. The shaft of his
spear was like a weaver's beam.
6 There was another war at Gath, where there
was a man of great stature with six fingers on
each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four
in all. He too was descended from Rapha.
7 He taunted Israel, and Jonathan son of
Shimea, David's brother, struck him down.
8 These were descended from Rapha in Gath,
and they fell by the hand of David and by the
hand of his servants.

21

1 Satan rose up against Israel and incited
David to count Israel.
2 David said to Joab and the leaders of the
people, "Go and count Israel from Beersheba to
Dan. Bring me the total so I may know their
number."
3 Joab said, "May the LORD make his people a
hundred times as many as they are! But, my
lord the king, are they not all my lord's
servants? Why does my lord seek this? Why
should he bring guilt on Israel?"
4 But the king's word prevailed over Joab. So
Joab went throughout all Israel and returned to
Jerusalem.

5 Joab gave David the total of the people
counted: in all Israel there were 1,100,000 men
who drew the sword, and in Judah 470,000 men
who drew the sword.
6 He did not count Levi and Benjamin among
them, because the king's command was
abhorrent to Joab.
7 God was displeased with this matter, and he
struck Israel.
8 David said to God, "I have sinned greatly in
doing this. Now please take away your servant's
guilt, for I have acted very foolishly."
9 The LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer:
10 "Go and tell David, 'This is what the LORD
says: I offer you three things. Choose one of
them, and I will do it to you.' "
11 So Gad came to David and said, "This is what
the LORD says: 'Choose for yourself:
12 three years of famine, or three months of
being swept away before your foes while the
sword of your enemies overtakes you, or three
days of the sword of the LORD, with plague in
the land and the angel of the LORD destroying
throughout the territory of Israel.' Now consider
what answer I should take back to the one who
sent me."
13 David said to Gad, "I am in great distress.
Please let me fall into the hand of the LORD, for
his mercies are very great, but do not let me fall
into human hands."
14 So the LORD sent a plague on Israel, and
70,000 men of Israel fell.
15 God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it.
As he was destroying it, the LORD saw and

relented concerning the disaster. He said to the
destroying angel, “Enough! Now withdraw your
hand.” The angel of the LORD was standing by
the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

16 David looked up and saw the angel of the
LORD standing between earth and heaven, with
a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over
Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in
sackcloth, fell facedown.
17 David said to God, “Was I not the one who
ordered the people counted? I am the one who
sinned and did great evil. But these sheep—what
have they done? LORD my God, please let your
hand be against me and my father's house, but
do not let the plague fall on your people.”

18 The angel of the LORD told Gad to tell David
to go up and build an altar to the LORD on the
threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
19 David went up at the word of Gad, who had
spoken in the name of the LORD.
20 Ornan turned and saw the angel, and his
four sons who were with him hid themselves.
Ornan was threshing wheat.
21 David came to Ornan. When Ornan looked
and saw David, he went out from the threshing
floor and bowed to David with his face to the
ground.
22 David said to Ornan, “Give me the site of
this threshing floor so I may build an altar to the
LORD on it. Give it to me at the full price, so the
plague may be stopped from afflicting the
people.”
23 Ornan said to David, “Take it, and let my

lord the king do what is good in his sight. Here, I give the oxen for burnt offerings, the threshing sledges for wood, and the wheat for the grain offering. I give it all."

24 But King David said to Ornan, "No, I will certainly buy it at the full price. I will not take what is yours for the LORD or offer burnt offerings that cost me nothing."

25 So David paid Ornan about fifteen pounds of gold by weight for the site.

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

27 The LORD commanded the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath.

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

29 The tabernacle of the LORD that Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering, were then at the high place in Gibeon.

30 But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was terrified of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

22

1 Then David said, "This is the site of the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

2 David ordered the resident foreigners in the land of Israel to be gathered, and he appointed

stonecutters to prepare dressed stones for
building the house of God.
3 David prepared abundant iron for the nails
of the gate doors and for the fittings, and so
much bronze that it could not be weighed.
4 He also prepared cedar timber beyond
counting, for the Sidonians and Tyrians had
brought David cedar timber in abundance.
5 David said, “My son Solomon is young and
inexperienced, and the house to be built for the
LORD must be exceedingly magnificent,
renowned and splendid throughout all lands. So
I will make preparations for it.” David made
abundant preparations before his death.
6 He summoned his son Solomon and charged
him to build a house for the LORD, the God of
Israel.
7 David said to Solomon, “My son, I had it in
my heart to build a house for the name of the
LORD my God.
8 But the word of the LORD came to me: ‘You
have shed much blood and fought great wars.
You are not to build a house for my name,
because you have shed much blood on the earth
before me.
9 A son will be born to you who will be a man
of rest. I will give him rest from all his enemies
around him. His name will be Solomon, and I
will give Israel peace and quiet in his days.
10 He will build a house for my name. He will
be a son to me, and I will be a father to him. I
will establish the throne of his kingdom over
Israel forever.’

11 Now, my son, may the LORD be with you,
and may you succeed in building the house of
the LORD your God, as he has spoken
concerning you.
12 May the LORD give you insight and
understanding when he puts you in charge of
Israel, so you may keep the law of the LORD
your God.
13 Then you will succeed if you are careful to
carry out the statutes and ordinances that the
LORD commanded Moses for Israel. Be strong
and courageous; do not be afraid or discouraged.
14 With great effort I have prepared for the
house of the LORD about 4,000 tons of gold and
40,000 tons of silver, and bronze and iron too
abundant to be weighed. I have also prepared
timber and stone, and you are to add to them.
15 You have many workers: stonecutters,
workers in stone and wood, and men skilled in
every kind of work,
16 with gold, silver, bronze, and iron beyond
counting. Rise and get to work, and may the
LORD be with you!”
17 David also commanded all the leaders of
Israel to help his son Solomon:
18 “Is not the LORD your God with you? Has he
not given you rest on every side? He has given
the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and
the land has been subdued before the LORD and
before his people.
19 Now set your heart and soul to seek the
LORD your God. Rise and build the sanctuary of
the LORD God, so the ark of the covenant of the

LORD and the sacred utensils of God may be brought into the house built for the name of the LORD."

23

1 When David was old and full of years, he made his son Solomon king over Israel.
2 He gathered all the leaders of Israel, the priests, and the Levites.
3 The Levites thirty years old and above were counted, and their total, counted man by man, was 38,000.
4 Of these, 24,000 were to oversee the work of the house of the LORD, and 6,000 were officials and judges.
5 Four thousand were gatekeepers, and 4,000 praised the LORD "with the instruments I made for praise."
6 David divided them into divisions according to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
7 From the Gershonites: Ladan and Shimei.
8 The sons of Ladan: Jehiel the chief, Zetham, and Joel, three.
9 The sons of Shimei: Shelomith, Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the heads of the ancestral houses of Ladan.
10 The sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, Jeush, and Beriah. These four were Shimei's sons.
11 Jahath was the chief and Zizah the second. Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons, so they were counted together as one ancestral house.

12 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron,
and Uzziel, four.

13 The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses.
Aaron was set apart to be consecrated as most
holy, he and his sons forever, to burn incense
before the LORD, minister to him, and bless in
his name forever.
14 The sons of Moses the man of God were
reckoned as part of the tribe of Levi.
15 The sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer.
16 The sons of Gershom: Shebuel the chief.
17 The sons of Eliezer: Rehabiah the chief.
Eliezer had no other sons, but Rehabiah's
descendants became very numerous.
18 The sons of Izhar: Shelomith the chief.

19 The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the chief,
Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and
Jekameam the fourth.
20 The sons of Uzziel: Micah the chief and
Isshiah the second.

21 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The
sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish.
22 Eleazar died without sons, having only
daughters. The sons of Kish, their relatives,
married them.
23 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and
Jeremoth, three.
24 These were the descendants of Levi
according to their ancestral houses, the heads of
ancestral houses as registered, counted
individually by name, who did the work of
service in the house of the LORD, twenty years
old and above.

25 For David said, “The LORD, the God of Israel,
has given rest to his people and will dwell in
Jerusalem forever.
26 The Levites will no longer need to carry the
tabernacle or any of the utensils used in its
service.”
27 According to David’s last instructions, the
descendants of Levi were counted from twenty
years old and above.
28 Their duty was to assist the descendants of
Aaron in the service of the house of the LORD,
caring for the courts and rooms, purifying all
the holy things, and doing the work of service in
the house of God.
29 They were also responsible for the bread set
out in rows, the fine flour for grain offerings, the
unleavened wafers, what was prepared in pans,
the well-mixed dough, and all measurements of
quantity and size.
30 They were to stand every morning to give
thanks and praise to the LORD, and likewise in
the evening,
31 and to serve whenever burnt offerings were
offered to the LORD on Sabbaths, New Moons,
and appointed festivals, in the prescribed
number and order, regularly before the LORD.
32 They were to keep the charge of the tent of
meeting, the sanctuary, and their relatives the
descendants of Aaron, in the service of the
house of the LORD.

24

1 These were the divisions of the descendants
of Aaron. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, Abihu,

Eleazar, and Ithamar.
2 Nadab and Abihu died before their father
and had no sons, so Eleazar and Ithamar served
as priests.
3 David, with Zadok from the descendants of
Eleazar and Ahimelech from the descendants of
Ithamar, divided them according to their
assigned duties in service.
4 More heads of ancestral houses were found
among the descendants of Eleazar than among
the descendants of Ithamar. So they divided
them accordingly: sixteen heads of ancestral
houses from Eleazar's descendants and eight
from Ithamar's descendants.
5 They divided them by lot, one group
alongside the other, for officials of the sanctuary
and officials of God came from both Eleazar's
descendants and Ithamar's descendants.
6 Shemaiah son of Nethanel, a Levite scribe,
recorded them in the presence of the king, the
leaders, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech son of
Abiathar, and the heads of the ancestral houses
of the priests and Levites. One ancestral house
was selected for Eleazar, and one was selected
for Ithamar.
7 The first lot fell 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, and the
twenty-fourth to Maaziah.
19 These were their assigned duties in service
when they entered the house of the LORD,
according to the order given through Aaron
their ancestor, as the LORD, the God of Israel,
had commanded him.
20 As for the remaining descendants of Levi:
from the descendants of Amram, Shubael; from
the descendants of Shubael, Jehdeiah.
21 As for Rehabiah: from his descendants,
Isshiah the chief.
22 From the Izharites, Shelomoth; from the
descendants of Shelomoth, Jahath.
23 The sons: Jeriah, Amariah the second,
Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.
24 The sons of Uzziel: Micah; from the sons of
Micah, Shamir.
25 Micah's brother was Isshiah; from the sons
of Isshiah, Zechariah.
26 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The
sons of Jaaziah: Beno.
27 The descendants of Merari through Jaaziah:
Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 From Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.
29 As for Kish: from the sons of Kish,
Jerahmeel.
30 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and
Jerimoth. These were the descendants of the
Levites according to their ancestral houses.
31 They too cast lots, just as their relatives the
descendants of Aaron did, in the presence of
King David, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of
the ancestral houses of the priests and Levites,
the chief ancestral heads on the same basis as
their younger relatives.

25

1 David and the army commanders set apart
for service the sons of Asaph, Heman, and
Jeduthun, who prophesied with lyres, harps, and
cymbals. This is the list of the men who
performed their assigned service:
2 From the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph,
Nethaniah, and Asarelah. These sons of Asaph
were under the direction of Asaph, who
prophesied under the king's direction.
3 From Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun were
Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and
Mattithiah, six, under the direction of their
father Jeduthun, who prophesied with the lyre,
giving thanks and praise to the LORD.
4 From Heman: the sons of Heman were
Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth,
Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti,
Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir,
and Mahazioth.

5 All these were sons of Heman, the king's seer
in the words of God, to lift up the horn. God
gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.
6 All these were under their fathers' direction
for music in the house of the LORD, with
cymbals, harps, and lyres, for the service of the
house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman
were under the king's direction.
7 They and their relatives who were trained in
singing to the LORD, all of them skilled,
numbered 288.
8 They cast lots for their duties, small and great
alike, skilled musician and student together.
9 The first lot fell to Joseph of Asaph's family;
the second to Gedaliah, who, with his relatives
and sons, numbered twelve.
10 The third to Zaccur, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
11 the fourth to Izri, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
12 the fifth to Nethaniah, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
13 the sixth to Bukkiah, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
14 the seventh to Jesharelah, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
15 the eighth to Jeshaiah, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
16 the ninth to Mattaniah, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
17 the tenth to Shimei, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
18 the eleventh to Azarel, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;

19 the twelfth to Hashabiah, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
20 the thirteenth to Shubael, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
21 the fourteenth to Mattithiah, with his sons
and relatives, twelve in all;
22 the fifteenth to Jeremoth, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
23 the sixteenth to Hananiah, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
24 the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, with his
sons and relatives, twelve in all;
25 the eighteenth to Hanani, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
26 the nineteenth to Mallothi, with his sons
and relatives, twelve in all;
27 the twentieth to Eliathah, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
28 the twenty-first to Hothir, with his sons and
relatives, twelve in all;
29 the twenty-second to Giddalti, with his sons
and relatives, twelve in all;
30 the twenty-third to Mahazioth, with his sons
and relatives, twelve in all;
31 and the twenty-fourth to Romamti-ezer,
with his sons and relatives, twelve in all.

26

1 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers.
From the Korahites: Meshelemiah son of Kore,
from the descendants of Asaph.
2 Meshelemiah's sons: Zechariah the firstborn,
Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel
the fourth,

3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, and
Eliehoenai the seventh.
4 Obed-edom's sons: Shemaiah the firstborn,
Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the
fourth, Nethanel the fifth,
5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, and
Peullethai the eighth, for God had blessed him.

6 His son Shemaiah also had sons who were
leaders in their ancestral house, for they were
capable men.
7 The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, Rephael, Obed,
and Elzabad; his relatives Elihu and Semachiah
were capable men.
8 All these were descendants of Obed-edom.
They, their sons, and their relatives were
capable men with strength for the service,
sixty-two from Obed-edom.
9 Meshelemiah had sons and relatives who
were capable men, eighteen in all.

10 Hosah, from the descendants of Merari, had
sons: Shimri the chief, though he was not the
firstborn, for his father had made him chief;
11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, and
Zechariah the fourth. All Hosah's sons and
relatives numbered thirteen.
12 These divisions of gatekeepers, with their
leading men, had duties alongside their relatives
in the service of the house of the LORD.
13 They cast lots for each gate according to
their ancestral houses, small and great alike.

14 The lot for the east fell to Shelemiah. They
cast lots for his son Zechariah, a wise counselor,
and his lot fell to the north.

15 The south fell to Obed-edom, and the
storehouse to his sons.
16 The west fell to Shuppim and Hosah, with
the Shallecheth Gate on the road that goes up,
watch alongside watch.
17 On the east were six Levites; on the north,
four each day; on the south, four each day; and
at the storehouses, two by two.
18 At the Parbar on the west, four were on the
road and two at the Parbar.
19 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers
from the Korahites and the descendants of
Merari.
20 From the Levites, Ahijah was over the
treasuries of the house of God and the treasuries
of the dedicated things.
21 The descendants of Ladan, the Gershonite
descendants of Ladan, had Jehieli as head of the
ancestral houses of Ladan the Gershonite.
22 The sons of Jehieli, Zetham and his brother
Joel, were over the treasuries of the house of the
LORD.
23 From the Amramites, Izharites, Hebronites,
and Uzzielites:
24 Shebuel son of Gershom, son of Moses, was
chief officer over the treasuries.
25 His relatives through Eliezer were Rehabiah
his son, Jeshaiah his son, Joram his son, Zichri
his son, and Shelomith his son.
26 This Shelomoth and his relatives were over
all the treasuries of the things dedicated by King
David, the heads of ancestral houses, the
commanders of thousands and hundreds, and
the army commanders.
27 They had dedicated some of the spoils from

wars to maintain the house of the LORD.
28 Everything dedicated by Samuel the seer,
Saul son of Kish, Abner son of Ner, Joab son of
Zeruiah, and anyone else who dedicated
anything was under the care of Shelomith and
his relatives.
29 From the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons
were assigned to outside duties over Israel as
officials and judges.
30 From the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his
relatives, 1,700 capable men, were responsible
for Israel west of the Jordan in all the work of
the LORD and the king's service.
31 From the Hebronites, Jeriah was the chief
according to their ancestral genealogies. In the
fortieth year of David's reign they were
searched out, and capable men were found
among them at Jazer in Gilead.
32 His relatives, capable men and heads of
ancestral houses, numbered 2,700. King David
appointed them over the Reubenites, the
Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh in every
matter concerning God and the king.

27

1 This is the number of the Israelites—the
heads of ancestral houses, the commanders of
thousands and hundreds, and their
officials—who served the king in all matters of
the divisions that came on duty and went off
duty month by month throughout the year. Each
division numbered 24,000.

2 Jashobeam son of Zabdiel was over the first
division for the first month, and his division
numbered 24,000.
3 He was a descendant of Perez and chief of all
the army commanders for the first month.
4 Dodai the Ahohite was over the division for
the second month, with Mikloth as leader in his
division. His division numbered 24,000.
5 The chief commander for the third month
was Benaiah son of Jehoiada the priest, and his
division numbered 24,000.
6 This was the Benaiah who was a mighty
warrior among the Thirty and over the Thirty.
His son Ammizabad was in charge of his
division.
7 The fourth, for the fourth month, was Asahel,
Joab's brother, and his son Zebadiah after him.
His division numbered 24,000.
8 The fifth, for the fifth month, was Shamhuth
the Izrahite, the commander. His division
numbered 24,000.
9 The sixth, for the sixth month, was Ira son of
Ikkesh the Tekoite. His division numbered
24,000.
10 The seventh, for the seventh month, was
Helez the Pelonite, from the descendants of
Ephraim. His division numbered 24,000.
11 The eighth, for the eighth month, was
Sibbecai the Hushathite, from the Zerahites. His
division numbered 24,000.
12 The ninth, for the ninth month, was Abiezer
the Anathothite, from the Benjaminites. His
division numbered 24,000.

13 The tenth, for the tenth month, was Maharai
the Netophathite, from the Zerahites. His
division numbered 24,000.
14 The eleventh, for the eleventh month, was
Benaiah the Pirathonite, from the descendants
of Ephraim. His division numbered 24,000.
15 The twelfth, for the twelfth month, was
Heldai the Netophathite, from Othniel. His
division numbered 24,000.
16 Over the tribes of Israel: for the Reubenites,
Eliezer son of Zichri was leader; for the
Simeonites, Shephatiah son of Maacah;
17 for Levi, Hashabiah son of Kemuel; for
Aaron, Zadok;
18 for Judah, Elihu, one of David's brothers; for
Issachar, Omri son of Michael;
19 for Zebulun, Ishmaiah son of Obadiah; for
Naphtali, Jerimoth son of Azriel;
20 for the descendants of Ephraim, Hoshea son
of Azaziah; for the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel
son of Pedaiah;
21 for the half of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo son
of Zechariah; for Benjamin, Jaasiel son of Abner;
22 for Dan, Azarel son of Jeroham. These were
the leaders of the tribes of Israel.
23 David did not count those twenty years old
and younger, because the LORD had said he
would make Israel as numerous as the stars of
heaven.
24 Joab son of Zeruiah began to count but did
not finish. Wrath came on Israel because of this,
and the number was not entered in the account
of the chronicles of King David.

25 Azmaveth son of Adiel was over the king's
treasuries. Jonathan son of Uzziah was over the
storehouses in the countryside, cities, villages,
and towers.
26 Ezri son of Chelub was over the field
workers who tilled the ground.
27 Shimei the Ramathite was over the
vineyards, and Zabdi the Shiphmite was over
the vineyard produce for the wine stores.
28 Baal-hanan the Gederite was over the olive
and sycamore-fig trees in the foothills, and Joash
was over the oil stores.
29 Shirtai the Sharonite was over the herds
grazing in Sharon, and Shaphat son of Adlai was
over the herds in the valleys.
30 Obil the Ishmaelite was over the camels,
and Jehdeiah the Meronothite was over the
female donkeys.
31 Jaziz the Hagrite was over the flocks. All
these were in charge of King David's property.
32 Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a
man of understanding and a scribe. Jehiel son of
Hachmoni was with the king's sons.
33 Ahithophel was the king's counselor, and
Hushai the Archite was the king's friend.
34 After Ahithophel came Jehoiada son of
Benaiah and Abiathar. Joab was commander of
the king's army.

28

1 David assembled in Jerusalem all the leaders
of Israel: the tribal leaders, the commanders of
the divisions serving the king, the commanders
of thousands and hundreds, the officials over all

the property and livestock of the king and his
sons, along with the court officials, the mighty
men, and all the valiant warriors.
2 King David stood up and said, “Listen to me,
my brothers and my people. I had it in my heart
to build a house of rest for the ark of the
covenant of the LORD and for the footstool of
our God, and I made preparations to build it.
3 But God said to me, ‘You are not to build a
house for my name, because you are a man of
war and have shed blood.’
4 Yet the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me out
of my whole father’s house to be king over Israel
forever. He chose Judah as ruler, and from the
house of Judah, my father’s house; and among
my father’s sons he was pleased to make me
king over all Israel.
5 Of all my sons—for the LORD has given me
many sons—he chose Solomon my son to sit on
the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over
Israel.
6 He said to me, ‘Your son Solomon will build
my house and my courts, for I have chosen him
to be a son to me, and I will be a father to him.
7 I will establish his kingdom forever if he
remains firm in carrying out my
commandments and ordinances, as he is today.’
8 Now, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of
the LORD, and in the hearing of our God,
observe and seek out all the commandments of
the LORD your God, so you may possess this
good land and leave it as an inheritance to your
children after you forever.
9 And you, Solomon my son, know the God of

your father and serve him with an undivided
heart and a willing soul, for the LORD searches
every heart and understands every intention of
the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found
by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you
forever.
10 Consider now: the LORD has chosen you to
build a house as a sanctuary. Be strong and do
it."
11 David gave his son Solomon the plan of the
porch, its buildings, its storehouses, its upper
rooms, its inner rooms, and the room for the
mercy seat.
12 He also gave him the plan of all that he had
in mind for the courts of the house of the LORD,
all the surrounding rooms, the treasuries of the
house of God, and the treasuries of the
dedicated things;
13 for the divisions of the priests and Levites,
all the work of service in the house of the LORD,
and all the utensils for service in the house of
the LORD.
14 He specified the weight of gold for all the
gold utensils for each kind of service, and the
weight of silver for all the silver utensils for
each kind of service;
15 the weight of gold for the gold lampstands
and their lamps, each lampstand and its lamps,
and the weight of silver for each silver
lampstand and its lamps, according to the use of
each lampstand;
16 the weight of gold for each table for the
bread set out in rows, and silver for the silver
tables;

17 pure gold for the forks, bowls, and pitchers;
the weight of gold for each gold basin, and the
weight of silver for each silver basin;
18 and the weight of refined gold for the altar
of incense, along with the design of the
chariot—the gold cherubim that spread their
wings and cover the ark of the covenant of the
LORD.
19 "All this was in writing from the hand of the
LORD upon me; he made me understand all the
work of the plan."
20 David said to Solomon his son, "Be strong
and courageous, and do it. Do not be afraid or
discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with
you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all
the work for the service of the house of the
LORD is finished.
21 Here are the divisions of the priests and
Levites for all the service of the house of God.
Every willing man skilled in any service will be
with you in all the work, and the leaders and all
the people will be at your command."

29

1 King David said to the whole assembly, "My
son Solomon, the one God has chosen, is young
and inexperienced, and the work is great, for
the palace is for the LORD God, not for a man.
2 With all my strength I have prepared for the
house of my God gold for the gold work, silver
for the silver work, bronze for the bronze work,
iron for the iron work, and wood for the
woodwork, along with onyx stones and stones

for settings, dark stones and stones of varied
colors, every kind of precious stone, and marble
in abundance.
3 Moreover, in my devotion to the house of my
God, I give my own treasure of gold and silver
for the house of my God, beyond all I have
prepared for the holy house:
4 about 112 tons of gold from Ophir and 262
tons of refined silver to overlay the walls of the
buildings,
5 gold for the gold work, silver for the silver
work, and for all the work done by the
craftsmen. Who is willing to consecrate himself
to the LORD today?"
6 Then the heads of ancestral houses, the
leaders of the tribes of Israel, the commanders
of thousands and hundreds, and the officials
over the king's work gave willingly.
7 They gave for the service of the house of God
about 188 tons of gold, 10,000 gold coins, 375
tons of silver, 675 tons of bronze, and 3,750 tons
of iron.
8 Those who had precious stones gave them to
the treasury of the house of the LORD, under the
care of Jehiel the Gershonite.
9 The people rejoiced at their willing gifts, for
they gave willingly to the LORD with an
undivided heart. King David also rejoiced
greatly.

10 David blessed the LORD before the whole
assembly and said, "Blessed are you, LORD, God
of our father Israel, from everlasting to
everlasting.

11 Yours, LORD, are the greatness, the power,
the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for
everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
Yours, LORD, is the kingdom, and you are
exalted as head over all.
12 Wealth and honor come from you, and you
rule over all. Power and might are in your hand;
in your hand it is to make great and to give
strength to all.
13 Now, our God, we give you thanks and
praise your glorious name.
14 But who am I, and who are my people, that
we should have the strength to give so willingly?
Everything comes from you, and we have given
you what comes from your own hand.
15 For we are strangers and sojourners before
you, like all our ancestors. Our days on earth
are like a shadow, with no hope of permanence.
16 LORD our God, all this abundance that we
have prepared to build you a house for your
holy name comes from your hand, and all of it is
yours.
17 I know, my God, that you test the heart and
delight in uprightness. In the uprightness of my
heart I have willingly given all these things, and
now I have seen with joy your people here
giving willingly to you.
18 LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel,
our ancestors, keep this forever in the intentions
and thoughts of your people's hearts, and direct
their hearts toward you.
19 Give my son Solomon an undivided heart to
keep your commandments, testimonies, and

statutes, to carry them all out and to build the palace for which I have made preparations."

20 Then David said to the whole assembly,
"Now bless the LORD your God."
The whole assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and bowed low and prostrated themselves before the LORD and the king.

21 The next day they offered sacrifices to the LORD and burnt offerings to the LORD: 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams, and 1,000 lambs, with their drink offerings, and abundant sacrifices for all Israel.

22 They ate and drank before the LORD that day with great joy.
They made Solomon son of David king a second time, anointing him for the LORD as ruler and Zadok as priest.

23 Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in place of David his father.
He prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.

24 All the leaders, the mighty warriors, and all King David's sons pledged their submission to King Solomon.

25 The LORD greatly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel and bestowed on him royal majesty such as no king over Israel had before him.

26 David son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 He reigned over Israel forty years: seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

28 He died at a good old age, full of years, wealth, and honor.
His son Solomon reigned in his place.

29 The acts of King David, from first to last, are
written in the records of Samuel the seer, the
records of Nathan the prophet, and the records
of Gad the seer,
30 with all his reign and his might, and the
events that came upon him, upon Israel, and
upon all the kingdoms of the lands.

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