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 And the sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish,
the Kittites, and the Rodanites.

8 The sons of Ham:
Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.
9 The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabta,‡
Raamah, and Sabteca.
The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.
10 Cush was the father of Nimrod, who
began to be a mighty one§ on the earth.
11 Mizraim was the father of the Ludites, the
Anamites, the Lehabites, the Naphtuhites,

* **1:4 1:4** LXX *Noah. The sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth*; see Genesis 5:32. † **1:6 1:6** Leningrad Codex and most Hebrew manuscripts; many Hebrew manuscripts and Vulgate (see also LXX and Genesis 10:3) *Riphath* ‡ **1:9 1:9** *Sabta* is a variant of *Sabtah*; see Genesis 10:7. § **1:10 1:10** Or *who established himself as a mighty warrior*

12 the Pathrusites, the Casluhites (from
whom the Philistines came), and the
Caphtorites.*
13 And Canaan was the father of Sidon his
firstborn,† and of the Hittites,‡
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, and his brother was
named Joktan.
20 And Joktan was the father of Almodad,
Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,
21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,
22 Ebal,‡ Abimael, Sheba,

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* **1:12 1:12** Some translators adjust the Hebrew word order to *the Casluhites, and the Caphtorites (from whom the Philistines came)*; see also Jeremiah 47:4 and Amos 9:7. † **1:13 1:13** Or *of the Sidonians, the foremost* ‡ **1:13 1:13** Hebrew *and of Heth*
§ **1:17 1:17** Leningrad Codex and most Hebrew manuscripts; one Hebrew manuscript and some LXX manuscripts (see also Genesis 10:23) add *The sons of Aram:* * **1:17 1:17** *Meshech* is a variant of *Mash*; see Genesis 10:23. † **1:19 1:19** *Peleg* means *division.*
‡ **1:22 1:22** LXX and Syriac (see also Genesis 10:28) *Obal*

23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were
sons of Joktan.
24 Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah;§
25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,
26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,
27 and Abram (that is, Abraham).
28 The sons of Abraham were Isaac and
Ishmael.
29 These are their genealogies:

Nebaioth the firstborn of Ishmael, then Kedar,
Adbeel, Mibsam,
30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema,
31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These were
the sons of Ishmael.

32 The sons born to Keturah, Abraham's
concubine:
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 of these were Keturah's sons.

34 Abraham was the father of Isaac. The sons
of Isaac:
Esau and Israel.
35 The sons of Esau:

§ **1:24 1:24** Or *So from Shem came Arpachshad, Shelah*; some LXX manuscripts *Shem, Arpachshad, Cainan, Shelah*; see also Genesis 10:24 LXX.

Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, 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.‡
Timna was Lotan's sister.
40 The sons of Shobal: Alian,§ Manahath,
Ebal, Shephi,* and Onam.
The sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah.
41 The son† of Anah: Dishon.
The sons of Dishon: Hamran,‡ Eshban,
Ithran, and Cheran.
42 The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and
Jaakan.§
The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.
43 These are the kings who reigned in the land
of Edom before any king reigned over the
Israelites:*

Bela son of Beor. His city was named
Dinhabah.

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* **1:36 1:36** Leningrad Codex and most Hebrew manuscripts; many Hebrew manuscripts, some LXX manuscripts, and Syriac (see also Genesis 36:11) *Zepho* † **1:36 1:36** Some LXX manuscripts (see Genesis 36:12) *Gatam, and Kenaz; and by Timna, Amalek* ‡ **1:39 1:39** *Homam* is a variant of *Hemam*; see Genesis 36:22. § **1:40 1:40** LXX (see also Genesis 36:23) *Alvan* * **1:40 1:40** LXX (see also Genesis 36:23) *Shepho* † **1:41 1:41** Hebrew *sons* ‡ **1:41 1:41** LXX (see also Genesis 36:26) *Hemdan* § **1:42 1:42** LXX (see also Genesis 36:27) *Akan* * **1:43 1:43** Or *before an Israelite king ruled over them*

44 When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah from
Bozrah reigned in his place.

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

46 When Husham died, Hadad son of Bedad,
who defeated Midian in the country of
Moab, reigned in his place. And the name of
his city was Avith.

47 When Hadad died, Samlah from Masrekah
reigned in his place.

48 When Samlah died, Shaul from Rehoboth on
the Euphrates† reigned in his place.

49 When Shaul died, Baal-hanan son of Achbor
reigned in his place.

50 When Baal-hanan died, Hadad reigned in
his place. His city was named Pai,‡ and his
wife's name was Mehetabel daughter of
Matred, the daughter of Me-zahab.

51 Then Hadad died.
Now the chiefs of Edom were Timna, Alvah,§
Jetheth,
52 Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon,

† **1:48 1:48** Hebrew *the River* ‡ **1:50 1:50** Leningrad Codex and most Hebrew manuscripts; many MT manuscripts, some LXX manuscripts, Vulgate, and Syriac (see also Genesis 36:39) *Pau*
§ **1:51 1:51** Qere; Ketiv *Aliah*

53 Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar,
54 Magdiel, and Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom.

2

1 These were 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 Bath-shua the Canaanite. Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD put him to death.
4 Tamar, Judah's daughter-in-law, bore to 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 son‡ of Carmi:

* **2:6 2:6** *Zimri* is a variant of *Zabdi*; see Joshua 7:1. † **2:6 2:6** Most Hebrew manuscripts; many Hebrew manuscripts, some LXX manuscripts, and Syriac (see also 1 Kings 5:11) *Darda* ‡ **2:7 2:7** Hebrew *sons*

Achar,§ who brought trouble upon Israel by
violating the ban on devoted things.

8 The son of Ethan:
Azariah.

9 The sons who were born to Hezron:
Jerahmeel, Ram, and Caleb.*

10 Ram was the father of Amminadab, and
Amminadab was the father of Nahshon, a
leader of the descendants 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 was born second, Shimea‡ third,
14 Nethanel fourth, Raddai fifth,
15 Ozem sixth, and David seventh.
16 Their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. And
the three sons of Zeruiah were Abishai, Joab,
and Asahel.
17 Abigail was the mother of Amasa, whose

§ **2:7 2:7** *Achar* means *troubler*; also called *Achan* in Joshua 7 and Joshua 22. * **2:9 2:9** Hebrew *Chelubai*, a variant of *Caleb*; see verse 18. † **2:11 2:11** LXX (see also Ruth 4:20–21) *Salmon*; twice in this verse ‡ **2:13 2:13** *Shimea* is a variant of *Shammah*, *Shimeah*, and *Shimei*; see 1 Samuel 16:9, 2 Samuel 13:3, and 2 Samuel 21:21.

father was Jether§ the Ishmaelite.

18 Caleb son of Hezron had children by his
wife Azubah and by Jerioth. These were the
sons of Azubah: Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon.
19 When Azubah died, Caleb married
Ephrath,* who bore to him Hur.
20 Hur was the father of Uri, and Uri was the
father of Bezalel.

21 Later, Hezron slept with the daughter of
Machir the father of Gilead. He had married
her when he was sixty years old, and she
bore to him Segub.
22 Segub was the father of Jair, who had
twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.
23 But Geshur and Aram captured
Havvoth-jair,† along with Kenath and its sixty
surrounding villages. All these were
descendants of Machir the father of Gilead.

24 After Hezron died in Caleb-ephrathah, his
wife Abijah bore‡ to him Ashhur the father§
of Tekoa.

25 The sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of
Hezron:

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§ **2:17 2:17** *Jether* is a variant of *Ithra*; see 2 Samuel 17:25.
* **2:19 2:19** *Ephrath* is a variant of *Ephrathah*; see verse 50.
† **2:23 2:23** Or *the villages of Jair* ‡ **2:24 2:24** Or *After Hezron died, Caleb had relations with Ephrathah, the wife of Hezron his father, and she bore*; see also LXX. § **2:24 2:24** Or *the founder*; also in verses 42, 45, 49, and possibly elsewhere

Ram his firstborn, Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and
Ahijah.
26 Jerahmeel had another wife named
Atarah, who was the mother of Onam.

27 The sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel:
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 to him Ahban and Molid.

30 The sons of Nadab:
Seled and Appaim. Seled died without
children.

31 The son* of Appaim:
Ishi.

The son of Ishi:
Sheshan.

The son of Sheshan:
Ahlai.

32 The sons of Jada the brother of Shammai:
Jether and Jonathan. Jether died without
children.

33 The sons of Jonathan:

* **2:31 2:31** Hebrew *sons*; three times in this verse

Peleth and Zaza.

These were the descendants of Jerahmeel.

34 Sheshan had no sons, but only daughters.
He also had an Egyptian slave named Jarha.
35 Sheshan gave his daughter in marriage to
his slave Jarha, and she bore to him Attai.

36 Attai was the father of Nathan, Nathan was
the father of Zabad,
37 Zabad was the father of Ephlal, Ephlal was
the father of Obed,
38 Obed was the father of Jehu, Jehu was the
father of Azariah,
39 Azariah was the father of Helez, Helez was
the father of Elasah,
40 Elasah was the father of Sismai, 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 the brother of Jerahmeel:
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

† **2:42 2:42** LXX *Mareshah* ‡ **2:42 2:42** The meaning of the Hebrew is uncertain; others read *and Mareshah his second son, who was the father of Hebron*

Shammai.
45 The son of Shammai was Maon, and Maon
was the father of Beth-zur.

46 Caleb's concubine Ephah was the mother of
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 was the mother
of Sheber and Tirhanah.
49 She was also the mother of Shaaph father of
Madmannah, and of Sheva father of Machbenah
and Gibea. Caleb's daughter was Acsah.
50 These were the descendants of Caleb.

The 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 These were the descendants of Shobal the
father of Kiriath-jearim:
Haroeh, half the Manahathites,
53 and the clans of Kiriath-jearim—the
Ithrites, Puthites, Shumathites, and Mishraites.
From these descended the Zorathites and
Eshtaolites.

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§ **2:50 2:50** LXX and Vulgate *The sons* * **2:50 2:50** *Ephrathah* is a variant of *Ephrath*; see verse 19.

54 The descendants of Salma:
Bethlehem, the Netophathites,
Atroth-beth-joab, half the Manahathites,
the Zorites,
55 and the clans of the scribes† who lived at
Jabez—the Tirathites, Shimeathites, and
Sucathites. These are the Kenites who came
from Hammath, the father of the house of
Rechab.‡

3

1 These were the sons of David who were born
to him in Hebron:

The firstborn was Amnon by Ahinoam of
Jezreel;

the second was Daniel by Abigail of Carmel;

2 the third was Absalom the son of Maacah
daughter of King Talmai of Geshur;

the fourth was Adonijah the son of Haggith;

3 the fifth was Shephatiah by Abital;

and the sixth was Ithream by his wife Eglah.

4 These six sons were born to David in
Hebron, where he reigned seven years and
six months.

† **2:55 2:55** Or *of the Sopherites* ‡ **2:55 2:55** Or *the father of Beth-rekab* or *the founder of the house of Rechab*

And David reigned in Jerusalem thirty-three
years,
5 and these sons were born to him in
Jerusalem:

Shimea,* Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon.
These four were born to him by Bath-shua†
daughter of Ammiel.‡

6 And Ibhar, Elishama,§ Eliphelet,
7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,
8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet—nine in all.

9 These were all the sons of David, besides the
sons by his concubines. And Tamar was
their sister.
10 Solomon's son was Rehoboam:
Abijah was 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,

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* **3:5 3:5** *Shimea* is a variant of *Shammua*; see 2 Samuel 5:14 and 1 Chronicles 14:4. † **3:5 3:5** Leningrad Codex and most Hebrew manuscripts; one Hebrew manuscript and Vulgate (see also LXX and 2 Samuel 11:3) *Bathsheba* ‡ **3:5 3:5** *Ammiel* is a variant of *Eliam*; see 2 Samuel 11:3. § **3:6 3:6** Leningrad Codex and most Hebrew manuscripts; two Hebrew manuscripts (see also 2 Samuel 5:15 and 1 Chronicles 14:5) *Elishua* * **3:11 3:11** *Joram* is a variant spelling of *Jehoram*. † **3:12 3:12** *Azariah* is also called *Uzziah*; see 2 Chronicles 26:1.

14 Amon his son, and Josiah his son.

15 The sons of Josiah:
Johanan was the firstborn, Jehoiakim the second, Zedekiah the third, and Shallum‡ the fourth.

16 The successors of Jehoiakim:
Jeconiah§ his son, and Zedekiah his son.
17 The descendants of Jeconiah the captive:
Shealtiel his son,
18 Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

19 The sons of Pedaiah:
Zerubbabel and Shimei.

The children of Zerubbabel:
Meshullam and Hananiah, their sister Shelomith,
20 and five others: Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-hesed.

21 The descendants of Hananiah:
Pelatiah, Jeshaiah, and the sons of Rephaiah, of Arnan, of Obadiah, and of Shecaniah.

22 The six descendants of Shecaniah were
Shemaiah and his sons:
Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat.

23 The sons of Neariah:

‡ **3:15 3:15** *Shallum* is another name for *Jehoahaz*. § **3:16 3:16** *Jeconiah* is a variant of *Jehoiachin*; also in verse 17; see 2 Kings 24:6.

Elioenai, Hizkiah, and Azrikam—three in all.

24 The sons of Elioenai:
Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub,
Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani—seven in all.

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 These were of the father* of Etam: Jezreel,
Ishma, and Idbash. And their sister was
named 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 and the father of
Bethlehem.

5 Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives,
Helah and Naarah.
6 Naarah bore to him Ahuzzam, Hepher,
Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the
descendants of Naarah.

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* **4:3 4:3** LXX (see also Vulgate) *These were the sons* † **4:4 4:4** Or *the founder*; also in verses 5, 12, 14, 17, 18, and possibly elsewhere

7 The sons of Helah were Zereth, Zohar,‡
Ethnan,
8 and Koz, who was the father of Anub and
Zobebah and of the clans of Aharhel son of
Harum.
9 Now Jabez was more honorable than his
brothers. His mother had named him
Jabez,§ saying, “Because I bore him in pain.”

10 And Jabez called out to the God of Israel, “If
only you would bless me and enlarge my
territory! May your hand be with me and
keep me from harm, so that I will be free
from pain.”

And God granted the request of Jabez.
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, of
Paseah, and of 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
those living in Ge-harashim, which was
given this name because its people were

‡ **4:7 4:7** Qere; Ketiv *Izhar* § **4:9 4:9** *Jabez* sounds like the Hebrew for *pain* or *distress*. * **4:13 4:13** Vulgate and some LXX manuscripts add *and Meonothai*

craftsmen.†

15 The sons of Caleb son of Jephunneh:
Iru, Elah, and Naam.

The son‡ of Elah:
Kenaz.

16 The sons of Jehallelel:
Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.

17 The sons of Ezrah:
Jether, Mered, Epher, and Jalon.
And she gave birth§ to Miriam, Shammai,
and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.
18 These were the children of Pharaoh's
daughter Bithiah.*
Mered also took a Judahite† wife, who gave
birth to Jered the father of Gedor, Heber
the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father
of Zanoah.

19 The sons of Hodiah's wife, the sister of
Naham, were the fathers of Keilah the
Garmite and of Eshtemoa the Maacathite.‡

20 The sons of Shimon:
Amnon, Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon.

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† **4:14 4:14** Literally *Ge-harashim, for they were craftsmen.* The Hebrew *Ge-harashim* means *valley of craftsmen.* ‡ **4:15 4:15** Hebrew *sons* § **4:17 4:17** Hebrew *she conceived*; probably Mered's wife Bithiah (see verse 18) * **4:18 4:18** This statement is at the end of verse 18 in the Hebrew. † **4:18 4:18** Or *Judean* ‡ **4:19 4:19** Or *were the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maacathite*

The descendants of Ishi:
Zoheth and Ben-zoheth.

21 The sons of Shelah son of Judah:
Er the father of Lecah, Laadah the father of
Mareshah and the clans of the linen
workers at Beth-ashbea,
22 Jokim, the men of Cozeba, and Joash and
Saraph, who ruled in Moab and Jashubi-lehem.
(These names are from ancient records.)
23 These were the potters who lived at
Netaim and Gederah. They lived there in the
service of the king.
24 The descendants of Simeon:

Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah,§ and Shaul.

25 Shallum was Shaul's son, Mibsam his son,
and Mishma his son.

26 The descendants of Mishma:
Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, and
Shimei his son.

27 Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters,
but his brothers did not have many
children, so their whole clan did not become
as numerous as the sons of Judah.
28 They lived in Beersheba, Moladah,
Hazar-shual,
29 Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,
30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,

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§ **4:24 4:24** *Zerah* is a variant of *Zohar*; see Genesis 46:10 and Exodus 6:15.

31 Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susim, Beth-biri,
and Shaaraim. These were their cities until the
reign of David.
32 And their villages were Etam, Ain, Rimmon,
Tochen, and Ashan—five towns—
33 and all their surrounding villages as far as
Baal.* These were their settlements, and they
kept a genealogical record:
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 men listed by name were the leaders
of their clans. Their families increased
greatly,
39 and they journeyed to the entrance of
Gedor, to the east side of the valley, in search of
pasture for their flocks.
40 There they found rich, good pasture, and
the land was spacious, peaceful, and quiet; for
some Hamites had lived there formerly.

41 These who were noted by name came in the
days of Hezekiah king of Judah. They
attacked the Hamites in their dwellings as
well as the Meunites who were there,

* **4:33 4:33** Some LXX manuscripts (see also Joshua 19:8) *Baalath*

devoting them to destruction† even to this
day. Then they settled in their place,
because there was pasture for their flocks.
42 And five hundred of these Simeonites led by
Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons
of Ishi, went to Mount Seir
43 and struck down the remnant of the
Amalekites who had escaped. And they have
lived there to this day.

5

1 These were the sons of Reuben the firstborn
of Israel. Though he was the firstborn, his
birthright was given to the sons of Joseph son of
Israel, because Reuben defiled his father's bed.
So he is not reckoned according to birthright.
2 And though Judah prevailed over his
brothers and a ruler came from him, the
birthright belonged to Joseph.
3 The sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel:

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 Tiglath-pileser*
king of Assyria carried into exile.

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† **4:41 4:41** Forms of the Hebrew *cherem* refer to the giving over of things or persons to the LORD, either by destroying them or by giving them as an offering. * **5:6 5:6** Hebrew *Tilgath-pilneser*, a variant spelling of *Tiglath-pileser*; also in verse 26

Beerah was a leader of the Reubenites.
7 His relatives by their clans are recorded in
their genealogy:
Jeiel the chief, Zechariah,
8 and Bela son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the
son of Joel. They settled in Aroer and as far as
Nebo and Baal-meon.
9 They also settled in the east as far as the
edge of the desert that extends to the Euphrates
River, because their livestock had increased in
the land of Gilead.
10 During the days of Saul they waged war
against the Hagrites, who were defeated
at their hands, and they occupied the
dwellings of the Hagrites throughout the
region east of Gilead.

11 The descendants of Gad lived next to the
Reubenites in the land of Bashan, as far as
Salecah:

12 Joel was the chief, Shapham the second,
then Jaanai and Shaphat, who lived in
Bashan.

13 Their kinsmen by families were Michael,
Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia, and
Eber—seven in all.
14 These were the sons of Abihail son of Huri,
the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of
Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo,
the son of Buz.
15 Ahi son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, was head
of their family.

16 They lived in Gilead, in Bashan and its
towns, and throughout the pasturelands of
Sharon.
17 All of them were recorded in the
genealogies during the reigns of Jotham king of
Judah and Jeroboam king of Israel.

18 The Reubenites, the Gadites, and the
half-tribe of Manasseh had 44,760
warriors—valiant men who carried the
shield and sword, drew the bow, and were
trained for battle.
19 They waged war against the Hagrites, as
well as Jetur, Naphish, and Nodab.

20 And because they cried out to God in battle,
they were helped against their enemies, and
the Hagrites and all their allies were
delivered into their hands. Because they put
their trust in God, he answered their
prayers.
21 They seized the livestock of the
Hagrites—50,000 camels, 250,000 sheep, and
2,000 donkeys. They also took 100,000 captives,
22 and many others fell slain, because the
battle belonged to God. And they occupied the
land until the exile.
23 Now the people of the half-tribe of
Manasseh were numerous. They settled in the
land from Bashan to Baal-hermon and Senir and
Mount Hermon.†
24 These were the heads of their families:

† **5:23 5:23** Or *from Bashan to Baal-hermon (that is, Senir, also known as Mount Hermon)*

Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah,
and Jahdiel.

They were mighty men of valor, famous men,
and heads of their families.
25 But they were unfaithful to the God of their
fathers, and they prostituted themselves with
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 (that is, Tiglath-pileser
king of Assyria) to take the Reubenites, the
Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh into
exile. And he brought them to Halah, Habor,
Hara, and the river of Gozan, where they
remain to this day.
27 The sons of Levi:

Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

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

29 The children of Amram:
Aaron, Moses, and Miriam.

The sons of Aaron:
Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
30 Eleazar was the father of Phinehas,
Phinehas was the father of Abishua,
31 Abishua was the father of Bukki,
Bukki was the father of Uzzi,
32 Uzzi was the father of Zerahiah,

Zerahiah was the father of Meraioth,
33 Meraioth was the father of Amariah,
Amariah was the father of Ahitub,
34 Ahitub was the father of Zadok,
Zadok was the father of Ahimaaz,
35 Ahimaaz was the father of Azariah,
Azariah was the father of Johanan,
36 Johanan was the father of Azariah, who
served as priest in the temple that
Solomon built in Jerusalem,
37 Azariah was the father of Amariah,
Amariah was the father of Ahitub,
38 Ahitub was the father of Zadok,
Zadok was the father of Shallum,
39 Shallum was the father of Hilkiah,
Hilkiah was the father of Azariah,
40 Azariah was the father of Seraiah,
and Seraiah was the father of Jehozadak.‡

41 Jehozadak went into captivity when the
LORD sent Judah and Jerusalem into exile
by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

6

1 The sons of Levi:

Gershom,* Kohath, and Merari.

2 These are the names of the sons of Gershom:
Libni and Shimei.

‡ **5:40 5:40** *Jehozadak* is a variant of *Jozadak*; also in verse 41; see Ezra 3:2. * **6:1 6:1** *Gershom* is a variant of *Gershon*; similarly in verses 2, 5, 28, 47, and 56; see 5:27.

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

4 The sons of Merari:
Mahli and Mushi.
These are the clans of the Levites listed according to their fathers:

5 Of Gershom:
Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,
6 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, and Jeatherai his son.

7 The descendants of Kohath:
Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,
8 Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph† his son, Assir his son,
9 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son.

10 The descendants of Elkanah:
Amasai, Ahimoth,
11 Elkanah his son,‡ Zophai his son, Nahath his son,
12 Eliab§ his son, Jeroham his son, and Elkanah his son.*

† **6:8 6:8** *Ebiasaph* is a variant of *Abiasaph*; also in verse 22; see Exodus 6:24. ‡ **6:11 6:11** Ketiv (the Hebrew repeats *Elkanah*); Qere *Elkanah. The sons of Elkanah:* § **6:12 6:12** *Eliab* is also called *Eliel*; see verse 19. Both of these are other names for *Elihu*; see 1 Samuel 1:1. * **6:12 6:12** Some LXX manuscripts include *and Samuel his son*; see verses 18–19 and 1 Samuel 1:19–20.

13 The sons of Samuel:
the firstborn Vashni, then Abijah.†

14 The descendants of Merari:
Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah
his son,
15 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, and
Asaiah his son.
16 These are the men David put in charge of
the music in the house of the LORD after the ark
rested there.
17 They ministered with song before the
tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, until Solomon
built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem. And
they performed their duties according to the
regulations given them.
18 These are the men who served, together
with their sons.

From the Kohathites:
Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of
Samuel,
19 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham,
the son of Eliel,‡ the son of Toah,
20 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the
son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,
21 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son
of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,
22 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son
of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,

† **6:13 6:13** Syriac and some LXX manuscripts (see also verse 18 and 1 Samuel 8:2) *Joel his firstborn and Abijah his second son*
‡ **6:19 6:19** *Eliel* is also called *Eliab*; see verse 12. Both of these are other names for *Elihu*; see 1 Samuel 1:1.

23 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son
of Levi, the son of Israel.

24 Heman's kinsman was Asaph, who served at
his right hand:
Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of
Shimea,
25 the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah,§
the son of Malchijah,
26 the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son
of Adaiah,
27 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the
son of Shimei,
28 the son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the
son of Levi.

29 On the left were their kinsmen, the sons of
Merari:
Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the
son of Malluch,
30 the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah,
the son of Hilkiah,
31 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son
of Shemer,
32 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son
of Merari, the son of Levi.
33 Their fellow Levites were assigned to every
kind of service of the tabernacle, the house of
God.
34 But Aaron and his sons did all the work of
the Holy of Holies.* They presented the

§ **6:25 6:25** Most Hebrew manuscripts; some Hebrew manuscripts, one LXX manuscript, and Syriac *Maaseiah*
* **6:34 6:34** Or *the Most Holy Place*

offerings on the altar of burnt offering and on
the altar of incense to make atonement for
Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of
God had commanded.

35 These were the descendants of Aaron:
Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua
his son,
36 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his
son,
37 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub
his son,
38 Zadok his son, and Ahimaaz his son.
39 Now these were the territories assigned to
the descendants of Aaron from the Kohathite
clan for their settlements, because the lot fell to
them:†

40 They were given Hebron in the land of
Judah and its surrounding pasturelands.
41 But the fields and villages around the city
were given to Caleb son of Jephunneh.
42 So the descendants of Aaron were given the
cities of refuge: Hebron, Libnah,‡ Jattir,
Eshtemoa,
43 Hilez,§ Debir,
44 Ashan,*† and Beth-shemesh, together with
their pasturelands.

† **6:39 6:39** Joshua 21:10 *the first lot* ‡ **6:42 6:42** The parallel text at Joshua 21:13 *Hebron (a city of refuge), Libnah* § **6:43 6:43** Leningrad Codex and most Hebrew manuscripts; some Hebrew manuscripts *Hilen* * **6:44 6:44** *Ashan* is a variant of *Ain*; see Joshua 21:16. † **6:44 6:44** Syriac and the parallel text at Joshua 21:16 add *Juttah,*

45 And from the tribe of Benjamin they were
given‡ Geba, Alemeth, and Anathoth,
together with their pasturelands. So they
had thirteen cities in all among their
families.

46 To the rest of the Kohathites, ten cities were
allotted from the half-tribe of Manasseh.
47 The Gershomites,§ according to their clans,
were allotted thirteen cities from the tribes of
Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and Manasseh in
Bashan.
48 The Merarites, according to their clans,
were allotted twelve cities from the tribes of
Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun.
49 So the Israelites gave to the Levites these
cities and their pasturelands.
50 They assigned by lot the cities named above
from the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin.
51 And some of the clans of the Kohathites
were given cities from the tribe of Ephraim for
their territory:

52 They were given the cities of refuge:
Shechem* with its pasturelands in the hill
country of Ephraim, and Gezer,
53 Jokmeam, Beth-horon,
54 Aijalon, and Gath-rimmon, together with
their pasturelands.

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‡ **6:45 6:45** LXX, Syriac, and parallel text at Joshua 21:17 add *Gibeon,* § **6:47 6:47** *Gershomites* is a variant of *Gershonites*; also in verse 56; see 1 Chronicles 23:7. * **6:52 6:52** The parallel text at Joshua 21:21 *Shechem (a city of refuge)*

55 And from the half-tribe of Manasseh the
rest of the clans of the Kohathites were
given Aner and Bileam, together with their
pasturelands.

56 The Gershomites received the following:

From the clan of the half-tribe of Manasseh
they were given Golan in Bashan and also
Ashtaroth, together with their pasturelands.

57 From the tribe of Issachar they were given
Kedesh, Daberath,
58 Ramoth, and Anem, together with their
pasturelands.

59 From the tribe of Asher they were given
Mashal, Abdon,
60 Hukok, and Rehob, together with their
pasturelands.

61 And from the tribe of Naphtali they were
given Kedesh in Galilee, Hammon, and
Kiriathaim, together with their
pasturelands.

62 The Merarites (the rest of the Levites)
received the following:

From the tribe of Zebulun they were given
Rimmono and Tabor,† together with their
pasturelands.

† **6:62 6:62** LXX *(they were given) Jokneam, Kartah, Rimmono, and Tabor*; see Joshua 21:34.

63 From the tribe of Reuben east of the Jordan
opposite Jericho they were given Bezer in
the wilderness, Jahzah,‡
64 Kedemoth, and Mephaath, together with
their pasturelands.

65 And from the tribe of Gad they were given
Ramoth in Gilead, Mahanaim,
66 Heshbon, and Jazer, together with their
pasturelands.

7

1 The sons of Issachar:

Tola, Puah,* Jashub, and Shimron—four in all.

2 The sons of Tola:
Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, and
Shemuel, the heads of their families. In
the days of David, 22,600 descendants of
Tola were numbered in their genealogies
as mighty men of valor.

3 The son† of Uzzi:
Izrahiah.

The sons of Izrahiah:
Michael, Obadiah, Joel, and Isshiah. All five
of them were chiefs.

‡ **6:63 6:63** *Jahzah* is a variant of *Jahaz*; see Numbers 21:23.
* **7:1 7:1** *Puah* is a variant of *Puvah*; see Genesis 46:13 and Numbers 26:23. † **7:3 7:3** Hebrew *sons*; also in verses 10 and 17

4 In addition to them, according to their
genealogy, they had 36,000 troops for battle, for
they had many wives and children.

5 Their kinsmen belonging to all the families
of Issachar who were mighty men of valor
totaled 87,000, as listed in their genealogies.
6 The three sons of Benjamin:

Bela, Becher, and Jediael.

7 The sons of Bela:
Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri, heads
of their families—five in all. There were
22,034 mighty men of valor listed in their
genealogies.

8 The sons of Becher:
Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri,
Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth;
all these were Becher's sons.
9 Their genealogies were recorded according
to the heads of their families—20,200 mighty
men of valor.

10 The son of Jediael:
Bilhan.

The sons of Bilhan:
Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan,
Tarshish, and Ahishahar.
11 All these sons of Jediael were heads of
their families, mighty men of valor; there were
17,200 fit for battle.

12 The Shuppites and Huppites were
descendants of Ir, and the Hushites were
descendants of Aher.
13 The sons of Naphtali:

Jahziel,‡ Guni, Jezer, and Shallum§—the
descendants of Bilhah.
14 The descendants of Manasseh: Asriel

through his Aramean concubine. She also
gave birth to Machir the father of Gilead.

15 Machir took a wife from among the
Huppites and Shuppites. The name of his
sister was Maacah.

Another descendant was named Zelophehad,
who had only daughters.

16 Machir's wife Maacah gave birth to a son,
and she named him Peresh. His brother was
named Sheresh, and his sons were Ulam
and Rekem.

17 The son of Ulam:
Bedan.

These were the sons of Gilead son of Machir,
the son of Manasseh.
18 His sister Hammolecheth gave birth to
Ishhod, Abiezer, and Mahlah.

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‡ **7:13 7:13** *Jahziel* is a variant of *Jahzeel*; see Genesis 46:24.

§ **7:13 7:13** Most Hebrew manuscripts; some Hebrew and LXX manuscripts *Shillem*; see Genesis 46:24 and Numbers 26:49.

19 And these were the sons of Shemida:
Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.
20 The descendants of Ephraim:

Shuthelah, Bered his son, Tahath his son,
Eleadah his son, Tahath his son,
21 Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son.

Ezer and Elead were killed by the natives of
Gath, because they went down to steal their
livestock.

22 Their father Ephraim mourned for many
days, and his relatives came to comfort him.
23 And again he slept with his wife, and she
conceived and gave birth to a son. So he named
him Beriah,* because tragedy had come upon
his house.
24 His daughter was Sheerah, who built Lower
and Upper Beth-horon, as well as Uzzen-sheerah.

25 Additionally, Rephah was his son, Resheph,†
Telah his son, Tahan his son,
26 Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama
his son,
27 Non‡ his son, and Joshua his son.

28 Their holdings and settlements included
Bethel and its villages, Naaran to the east,
Gezer and its villages to the west, and

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* **7:23 7:23** *Beriah* sounds like the Hebrew for *tragedy* or *disaster*.
† **7:25 7:25** Some LXX manuscripts add *his son* ‡ **7:27 7:27** Or *Nun*

Shechem and its villages as far as Ayyah§
and its villages.
29 And along the borders of Manasseh were
Beth-shean,* Taanach, Megiddo, and Dor,
together with their villages. The descendants of
Joseph son of Israel lived in these towns.
30 The children of Asher:

Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and their sister
Serah.

31 The sons of Beriah:
Heber, as well as Malchiel, who was the
father of Birzaith.

32 Heber was the father of Japhlet, Shomer,
and Hotham, and of their sister Shua.

33 The sons of Japhlet:
Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These were
Japhlet's sons.

34 The sons of Shemer:
Ahi, Rohgah,† Hubbah,‡ and Aram.

35 The sons of his brother Helem:§
Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.

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§ **7:28 7:28** *Ayyah* is another name for *Gaza*; see also LXX.
* **7:29 7:29** *Beth-shean* is a variant of *Beth-shan*; see 1 Samuel 31:10 and 2 Samuel 21:12. † **7:34 7:34** Or *The sons of his brother Shemer: Rohgah*; note that *Shemer* is a variant of *Shomer*; see verse 32. ‡ **7:34 7:34** Qere; Ketiv *Jehubbah* § **7:35 7:35** *Helem* is possibly another name for *Hotham*; see verse 32.

36 The sons of Zophah:
Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah,
37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran,*
and Beera.

38 The sons of Jether:
Jephunneh, Pispa, and Ara.

39 The sons of Ulla:
Arah, Hanniel, and Rizia.

40 All these were the descendants of
Asher—heads of their families, choice and
mighty men of valor, and chiefs among the
leaders. The number of men fit for battle,
recorded in their genealogies, was 26,000.

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 who
were the heads of the families living in Geba
and were exiled to Manahath:

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* **7:37 7:37** *Ithran* is possibly a variant of *Jether*; see verse 38.
* **8:3 8:3** Possibly *Gera the father of Ehud*; see verse 7.

7 Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera, who carried
them into exile and who was the father of
Uzza and Ahihud.†

8 Shaharaim had sons in the country of Moab
after he had divorced his wives Hushim and
Baara.
9 His sons by his wife Hodesh:
Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam,
10 Jeuz, Sachia, and Mirmah. These were his
sons, heads of families.

11 He also had sons by Hushim:
Abitub and Elpaal.

12 The sons of Elpaal:
Eber, Misham, Shemed (who built Ono and
Lod with its villages),
13 and Beriah and Shema (who were the
heads of families living in Aijalon and who
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,

† **8:7 8:7** Or *and Gera, that is Heglam, who was the father of Uzza and Ahihud.*

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 All these were heads of families, the chiefs
according to their genealogies, and they
lived in Jerusalem.

29 The father of Gibeon lived‡ in Gibeon. His
wife's name was Maacah,
30 and Abdon was his firstborn son, then Zur,
Kish, Baal,§ Nadab,
31 Gedor, Ahio, Zecher,*
32 and Mikloth, who was the father of
Shimeah.† They too lived alongside their
relatives in Jerusalem.
33 Ner was the father of Kish, Kish was the
father of Saul, and Saul was the father of

‡ **8:29 8:29** Some LXX manuscripts (see also 1 Chronicles 9:35) *Jeiel the father of Gibeon lived* § **8:30 8:30** Some LXX manuscripts include *Ner*; see 1 Chronicles 9:36. * **8:31 8:31** *Zecher* is likely a variant of *Zechariah*; see 1 Chronicles 9:37. † **8:32 8:32** *Shimeah* is a variant of *Shimeam*; see 1 Chronicles 9:38.

Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Esh-baal.‡

34 The son of Jonathan:
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,
Jehoaddah‡ was the father of Alemeth,
Azmaveth, and Zimri, and 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 was his firstborn, Jeush second, and
Eliphelet third.
40 The sons of Ulam were mighty men of

‡ **8:33 8:33** *Esh-baal* is also called *Ish-bosheth*; see 2 Samuel 2:8.
§ **8:34 8:34** *Merib-baal* is also called *Mephibosheth*; see 2 Samuel 4:4. * **8:34 8:34** *Micah* is a variant of *Mica*; see 2 Samuel 9:12. † **8:35 8:35** *Tarea* is a variant of *Tahrea*; see 1 Chronicles 9:41. ‡ **8:36 8:36** *Jehoaddah* is a variant of *Jarah* or *Jadah*; see 1 Chronicles 9:42. § **8:37 8:37** *Raphah* is a variant of *Rephaiah*; see 1 Chronicles 9:43.

valor, archers, and they had many sons and
grandsons—150 in all.
All these were the descendants of Benjamin.

9

1 So all Israel was recorded in the genealogies
written in the Book of the Kings of Israel. But
Judah was exiled to Babylon because of their
unfaithfulness.
2 Now the first to resettle their own property
in their cities were Israelites, priests, Levites,
and temple servants.*
3 Some of the descendants of Judah, Benjamin,
Ephraim, and Manasseh lived in Jerusalem:

4 Uthai son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the
son of Imri, the son of Bani, a descendant of
Perez† son of Judah.

5 From the Shilonites:
Asaiah the firstborn and his sons.

6 From the Zerahites:
Jeuel and 690 relatives.

7 From the Benjamites:
Sallu son of Meshullam, the son of
Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah;
8 Ibneiah son of Jeroham;
Elah son of Uzzi, the son of Michri;
Meshullam son of Shephatiah, the son of
Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;

* **9:2 9:2** Hebrew *Nethinim* † **9:4 9:4** Qere; Ketiv *the son of Benjamin, the sons of Perez*

9 and 956 of their relatives according to
their genealogy. All these men were heads
of their families.

10 From the priests:
Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, and Jachin;
11 Azariah son of Hilkiah, the son of
Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of
Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the chief
official of God's temple;
12 Adaiah son of Jeroham, the son of
Pashhur, the son of Malchijah;
Maasai son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the
son of Meshullam, the son of
Meshillemith,‡ the son of Immer;
13 and 1,760 of their relatives, the heads of
their families, able men for the work of
the service of the house of God.

14 From the Levites:
Shemaiah son of Hasshub, the son of
Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, a
descendant of Merari;
15 Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and Mattaniah
son of Mica, the son of Zichri, the son of
Asaph;
16 Obadiah son of Shemaiah, the son of
Galal, the son of Jeduthun;
and Berechiah son of Asa, the son of
Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the
Netophathites.

‡ **9:12 9:12** *Meshillemith* is a variant of *Meshillemoth*; see Nehemiah 11:13.

17 These were the gatekeepers:
Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their
relatives.
Shallum was their chief;
18 he was previously stationed at the King's
Gate on the east side. These were the
gatekeepers from the camp of the Levites.
19 Shallum son of Kore, the son of
Ebiasaph,§ the son of Korah, and his relatives
from the Korahites were assigned to guard the
thresholds of the Tent, just as their fathers had
been assigned to guard the entrance to the
dwelling of the LORD.
20 In earlier times Phinehas son of Eleazar
had been in charge of the gatekeepers,
and the LORD was with him.
21 Zechariah son of Meshelemiah was the
gatekeeper at the entrance to the Tent of
Meeting.
22 The number of those chosen to be
gatekeepers at the thresholds was 212.
They were registered by genealogy in
their villages. David and Samuel the seer
had appointed them to their positions of
trust.
23 So they and their descendants were
assigned to guard the gates of the house of the
LORD—the house called the Tent.
24 The gatekeepers were stationed on the four
sides: east, west, north, and south.
25 Their relatives came from their villages at
fixed times to serve with them for seven-day
periods.

§ **9:19 9:19** *Ebiasaph* is a variant of *Abiasaph*; see Exodus 6:24.

26 But the four chief gatekeepers, who were
Levites, were entrusted with the rooms and the
treasuries of the house of God.
27 They would spend the night stationed
around the house of God, because they were
responsible for guarding it and opening it every
morning.

28 Some of them were in charge of the articles
used in worship, to count them whenever they
were brought in or taken out.
29 Others were put in charge of the furnishings
and other articles of the sanctuary, as well as the
fine flour, wine, oil, frankincense, and spices.
30 And some of the sons of the priests mixed
the spices.

31 A Levite named Mattithiah, the firstborn
son of Shallum the Korahite, was entrusted with
baking the bread.
32 Some of their Kohathite relatives were
responsible for preparing the rows of the
showbread every Sabbath.

33 Those who were musicians, the heads of
Levite families, stayed in the temple chambers
and were exempt from other duties because
they were on duty day and night.
34 All these were heads of Levite families,
chiefs according to their genealogies, and they
lived in Jerusalem.

35 Jeiel the father* of Gibeon lived in Gibeon.
His wife's name was Maacah.

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* **9:35 9:35** Or *the founder*

36 Abdon was his firstborn son, then Zur, Kish,
Baal, Ner, Nadab,
37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 Mikloth was the father of Shimeam.† They
too lived alongside their relatives in
Jerusalem.

39 Ner was the father of Kish, Kish was the
father of Saul, and Saul was the father of
Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and
Esh-baal.

40 The son of Jonathan:
Merib-baal, who was the father of Micah.

41 The sons of Micah:
Pithon, Melech, and Tahrea.‡
42 Ahaz was the father of Jarah; Jarah§ was
the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and
Zimri; and Zimri was the father of Moza.
43 Moza was the father of Binea. Rephaiah*
was his son, Elasah his son, and Azel his son.

44 And Azel had six sons, and these were their
names:
Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah,

† **9:38 9:38** *Shimeam* is a variant of *Shimeah*; see 1 Chronicles 8:32.
‡ **9:41 9:41** Vulgate and Syriac (see also LXX and 1 Chronicles 8:35) add *and Ahaz*; *Tahrea* is a variant of *Tarea*. § **9:42 9:42** Most Hebrew manuscripts; some Hebrew manuscripts and LXX *Jadah; Jadah*; note that *Jarah* and *Jadah* are variants of *Jehoaddah*; see 1 Chronicles 8:36. * **9:43 9:43** *Rephaiah* is a variant of *Raphah*; see 1 Chronicles 8:37.

Obadiah, and Hanan. These were the sons
of Azel.

10

1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel, and
the men of Israel fled before them, and many
fell slain on Mount Gilboa.
2 The Philistines followed hard after Saul and
his sons, and they killed Saul's sons Jonathan,
Abinadab, and Malchishua.
3 When the battle intensified against Saul, the
archers overtook him and wounded him.
4 Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw
your sword and run me through with it, or these
uncircumcised men will come and torture me!"
But his armor-bearer was terrified and
refused to do it. So Saul took his own sword and
fell on it.
5 When his armor-bearer saw that Saul was
dead, he too fell on his own sword and died.
6 So Saul died together with his three sons and
all his house.
7 When all the Israelites in the valley saw that
the army had fled and that Saul and his sons had
died, they abandoned their cities and ran away.
So the Philistines came and occupied their cities.
8 The next day, when the Philistines came to
strip the dead, they found Saul and his sons
fallen on Mount Gilboa.
9 They stripped Saul, cut off his head, took his
armor, and sent messengers throughout the land
of the Philistines to proclaim the news to their
idols and to the people.*

* **10:9 10:9** Compare 1 Samuel 31:9, *in the temple of their idols and among the people*

10 They put his armor in the temple of their
gods and hung his head in the temple of Dagon.
11 When all the people of Jabesh-gilead heard
about everything the Philistines had done to
Saul,
12 all their men of valor set out and retrieved
the bodies of Saul and his sons and brought
them to Jabesh. And they buried their bones
under the oak† in Jabesh and fasted seven days.
13 So Saul died for his unfaithfulness to the
LORD, because he did not keep the word of the
LORD and even consulted a medium for
guidance,
14 and he failed to inquire of the LORD. So the
LORD put him to death and turned the kingdom
over to David son of Jesse.

11

1 Then all Israel came together to David at
Hebron and said, “Here we are, your own flesh
and blood.
2 Even in times past,* while Saul was king, you
were the one who led Israel out and brought
them back. And the LORD your God said, ‘You
will shepherd my people Israel, and you will be
ruler over them.’ ”
3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at
Hebron, where David made a covenant with
them before the LORD. And they anointed him
king over Israel, according to the word of the
LORD through Samuel.

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† **10:12 10:12** Or *terebinth* or *great tree* * **11:2 11:2** Or *For some time*

4 Then David and all the Israelites marched to
Jerusalem (that is, Jebus), where the Jebusites
inhabited the land.
5 The people of Jebus said to David, “You will
never get in here.”
Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of
Zion (that is, the City of David).
6 Now David had said, “Whoever is the first to
strike down a Jebusite will become chief
commander.”
And Joab son of Zeruiah went up first, and he
became the chief.
7 So David took up residence in the fortress;
that is why it was called the City of David.
8 He built up the city around it, from the
supporting terraces† to the surrounding wall,
while Joab restored the rest of the city.
9 And David became greater and greater, for
the LORD of Hosts was with him.
10 Now these were the chiefs of David’s mighty
men, who, together with all Israel, bolstered and
strengthened his kingdom, according to the
word of the LORD concerning Israel.
11 This is the list of David’s mighty men:
Jashobeam son of Hachmoni was chief of the
officers;‡ he wielded his spear against three
hundred men, whom he killed at one time.
12 Next in command was Eleazar son of Dodo§
the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men.

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† **11:8 11:8** Hebrew *the Millo* ‡ **11:11 11:11** Or *of the Thirty*; some LXX manuscripts *of the Three*; see 2 Samuel 23:8. § **11:12 11:12** *Dodo* is a variant of *Dodai*; see 1 Chronicles 27:4.

13 He was with David at Pas-dammim when
the Philistines gathered there for battle. At a
place with a field full of barley, the troops fled
from the Philistines.
14 But Eleazar and David stationed
themselves* in the middle of the field and
defended it. They struck down the Philistines,
and the LORD brought about a great victory.
15 Three of the thirty chief men went down to
David, to the rock at the cave of Adullam, while
a company of Philistines was encamped in the
Valley of Rephaim.
16 At that time David was in the stronghold,
and the garrison of the Philistines was at
Bethlehem.
17 David longed for water and said, "Oh, that
someone would get me a drink of water from
the well near the gate of Bethlehem!"
18 So the Three broke through the Philistine
camp, drew water from the well at the gate of
Bethlehem, and brought it back to David. But he
refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out to
the LORD,
19 saying, "Far be it from me, my God, to do
this! How can I drink the blood of these men
who risked their lives?" Because they had
brought it at the risk of their lives, David refused
to drink it.
Such were the exploits of the three mighty
men.
20 Now Abishai, the brother of Joab, was chief
of the Three,† and he wielded his spear against

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* **11:14 11:14** Literally *But they stationed themselves* † **11:20 11:20** Syriac *the Thirty*; also in verse 21

three hundred men, killed them, and won a name‡ along with the Three.
21 He was doubly honored above the Three,
and he became their commander, even though
he was not included among the Three.
22 And Benaiah son of Jehoiada was the son of
a man of valor from Kabzeel, a man of many
exploits. He struck down two sons of Ariel of
Moab,§ and on a snowy day he went down into
a pit and killed a lion.
23 He also struck down an Egyptian, a huge
man five cubits tall.* Although the Egyptian had
a spear like a weaver's beam in his hand,
Benaiah went against him with a club, snatched
the spear from his hand, and killed the Egyptian
with his own spear.
24 These were the exploits of Benaiah son of
Jehoiada, who won a name along with the three
mighty men.
25 He was most honored among the Thirty, but
he did not become one of the Three. And David
appointed him over his guard.
26 Now these were the mighty men:

Asahel the brother of Joab,
Elhanan son of Dodo of Bethlehem,
27 Shammoth the Harorite,†
Helez the Pelonite,

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‡ **11:20 11:20** Qere; Ketiv *and did not win a name* § **11:22 11:22** Or *two champions of Moab* * **11:23 11:23** *5 cubits* is approximately 7 feet 6 inches or 229 centimeters tall. † **11:27 11:27** *Shammoth the Harorite* is a variant of *Shammah the Harodite*; see 2 Samuel 23:25.

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
Benjamites,
Benaiah the Pirathonite,
32 Hurai§ from the brooks* 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 Sachar* the Hararite,
Eliphal son of Ur,
36 Hepher the Mecherathite,
Ahijah the Pelonite,
37 Hezro the Carmelite,
Naarai son of Ezbai,
38 Joel the brother of Nathan,
Mibhar son of Hagri,
39 Zelek the Ammonite,
Naharai the Beerothite, the armor-bearer of
Joab son of Zeruiah,

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‡ **11:31 11:31** *Ithai* is a variant of *Ittai*; see 2 Samuel 23:29.
§ **11:32 11:32** *Hurai* is a variant of *Hiddai*; see 2 Samuel 23:30.
* **11:32 11:32** Or *from the ravines* † **11:32 11:32** *Abiel* is a variant of *Abi-albon*; see 2 Samuel 23:31. ‡ **11:33 11:33** *Baharumite* is a variant of *Barhumite*; see 2 Samuel 23:31. § **11:34 11:34** *Hashem* is a variant of *Jashen*; see LXX and 2 Samuel 23:32. * **11:35 11:35** *Sachar* is a variant of *Sharar*; see 2 Samuel 23:33.

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

12

1 Now these were the men who came to David
at Ziklag, while he was still banished from the
presence of Saul son of Kish (they were among
the mighty men who helped him in battle;
2 they were archers using both the right and
left hands to sling stones and shoot arrows; and
they were Saul's kinsmen from Benjamin):

3 Ahiezer their chief and Joash, who were the
sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite;
Jeziel and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth;
Beracah;
Jehu the Anathothite;
4 Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man
among the Thirty and a leader over the Thirty;

5 Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, and Jozabad the
Gederathite;
6 Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, and
Shephatiah the Haruphite;
7 Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and
Jashobeam, who were Korahites;
8 and Joelah and Zebadiah, the sons of
Jeroham from Gedor.
9 Some Gadites defected to David at his
stronghold in the wilderness. They were mighty
men of valor, trained for battle, experts with the
shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces
of lions and who were as swift as gazelles on the
mountains:
10 Ezer the chief, Obadiah the second in
command, Eliab the third,
11 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,
12 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,
13 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,
14 Jeremiah the tenth, and Machbanai the
eleventh.
15 These Gadites were army commanders, the
least of whom was a match for a hundred, and
the greatest for a thousand.
16 These are the ones who crossed the Jordan
in the first month when it was overflowing all its
banks, and they put to flight all those in the
valleys, both to the east and to the west.
17 Other Benjamites and some men from
Judah also came to David in his stronghold.
18 And David went out to meet them, saying,
“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 when my
hands are free of violence, may the God of our
fathers see it and judge you."
19 Then the spirit came upon Amasai, the chief
of the Thirty, and he said:

"We are yours, O David!
    We are with you, O son of Jesse!
Peace, peace to you,
    and peace to your helpers,
    for your God helps you."
So David received them and made them
leaders of his troops.
20 Some from Manasseh defected to David
when he went with the Philistines to fight
against Saul. (They did not help the Philistines
because the Philistine rulers consulted and sent
David away, saying, "It will cost us our heads if
he defects to his master Saul.")
21 When David went to Ziklag, these men of
Manasseh defected to him:
Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad,
    Elihu, and Zillethai, chiefs of thousands in
    Manasseh.
22 They helped David against the raiders, for
they were all mighty men of valor and
commanders in the army.
23 For at that time men came to David day
after day to help him, until he had a great army,
like the army of God.
24 Now these are the numbers of men armed
for battle who came to David at Hebron to turn
Saul's kingdom over to him, in accordance with
the word of the LORD:

25 From Judah: 6,800 armed troops bearing
shields and spears.
26 From Simeon: 7,100 mighty men of valor,
ready for battle.
27 From Levi: 4,600,
28 including Jehoiada, leader of the house of
Aaron, with 3,700 men,
29 and Zadok, a mighty young man of valor,
with 22 commanders from his own family.
30 From Benjamin, the kinsmen of Saul: 3,000,
most of whom had remained loyal to the house
of Saul up to that time.
31 From Ephraim: 20,800 mighty men of valor,
famous among their own clans.
32 From the half-tribe of Manasseh:* 18,000
designated by name to come and make David
king.
33 From Issachar, men who understood the
times and knew what Israel should do: 200
chiefs with all their kinsmen at their command.
34 From Zebulun: 50,000 fit for service, trained
for battle with all kinds of weapons of war, who
with one purpose were devoted.†
35 From Naphtali: 1,000 commanders,
accompanied by 37,000 men with shield and
spear.
36 From Dan: 28,600 prepared for battle.
37 From Asher: 40,000 fit for service, prepared
for battle.
38 And from east of the Jordan, from Reuben,
Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh there:

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* **12:32** **12:32** That is, the half-tribe of Manasseh west of the Jordan † **12:34** **12:34** LXX adds *to David*

120,000 armed with every kind of weapon of war.
39 All these men of war, arrayed for battle,
came to Hebron fully determined to make David
king over all Israel. And all the rest of the
Israelites were of one mind to make David king.
40 They spent three days there eating and
drinking with David, for their relatives had
provided for them.
41 And their neighbors from as far away as
Issachar, Zebulun, and Naphtali came bringing
food on donkeys, camels, mules, and
oxen—abundant supplies of flour, fig cakes and
raisin cakes, wine and oil, oxen and sheep.
Indeed, there was joy in Israel.

13

1 Then David conferred with all his leaders,
the commanders of thousands and of hundreds.
2 And he said to the whole assembly of Israel,
"If it seems good to you, and if this is of the
LORD our God, let us send word far and wide to
the rest of our brothers in all the land of Israel,
and also to the priests and Levites in their cities
and pasturelands, so that they may join us.
3 Then let us bring back the ark of our God, for
we did not inquire of it* in the days of Saul."
4 And because this proposal seemed right to all
the people, the whole assembly agreed to it.
5 So David assembled all Israel, from the River
Shihor† in Egypt to Lebo-hamath, to bring the
ark of God from Kiriath-jearim.

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* **13:3 13:3** Or *of him* † **13:5 13:5** Hebrew *from the Shihor*

6 David and all Israel went up to Baalah of
Judah (that is, Kiriath-jearim) to bring up from
there the ark of God the LORD, who is enthroned
between the cherubim—the ark that is called by
the Name.‡
7 So they carried the ark of God from the
house of Abinadab on a new cart, with Uzzah
and Ahio guiding the cart.
8 David and all the Israelites were celebrating
before God with all their might, with songs and
on harps and lyres, with tambourines, cymbals,
and trumpets.
9 When they came to the threshing floor of
Chidon,§ Uzzah reached out and took hold of the
ark, because the oxen had stumbled.
10 And the anger of the LORD burned against
Uzzah, and he struck him down because he had
put his hand on the ark. So he died there before
God.
11 Then David became angry because the
LORD had burst forth against Uzzah. So he
named that place Perez-uzzah,* as it is called to
this day.
12 That day David feared God and asked, "How
can I ever bring the ark of God to me?"
13 So he did not move the ark with him to the
City of David; instead, he took it aside to the
house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

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‡ **13:6 13:6** Or *the ark of God, which is called by the Name of the LORD who is enthroned between the cherubim*; or *the ark of God, the LORD, who is enthroned between the cherubim, where his Name is called* § **13:9 13:9** *Chidon* is a variant of *Nacon*; see 2 Samuel 6:6. * **13:11 13:11** *Perez-uzzah* means *outbreak against Uzzah.*

14 Thus the ark of God remained with the
family of Obed-edom in his house for three
months, and the LORD blessed his household
and everything he owned.

14

1 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent envoys to
David, along with cedar logs, stonemasons, and
carpenters, to build a palace for him.
2 And David realized that the LORD had
established him as king over Israel and had
highly exalted his kingdom for the sake of his
people Israel.
3 And David took more wives in Jerusalem and
became the father of 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, they all went
in search of him; but David learned of this and
went out to face them.
9 Now the Philistines had come and raided the
Valley of Rephaim.
10 So David inquired of God, “Should I go up
against the Philistines? Will you deliver them
into my hand?”

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* **14:4 14:4** *Shammua* is a variant of *Shimea*; see 1 Chronicles 3:5.
† **14:7 14:7** *Beeliada* is a variant of *Eliada*; see 2 Samuel 5:16.

"Go," replied the LORD, "for I will deliver them into your hand."

11 So David and his men went up to
Baal-perazim, where he defeated the Philistines
and said, "Like a bursting flood, God has burst
out against my enemies by my hand." So they
called that place Baal-perazim.‡

12 There the Philistines abandoned their gods,
and David ordered that they be burned in the
fire.

13 Once again the Philistines raided the valley.

14 So David again inquired of God, who
answered him, "Do not march up after them, but
circle around them and attack them in front of
the balsam trees.§

15 As soon as you hear the sound of marching
in the tops of the balsam trees, move out to
battle, because this will mean that God has gone
out before you to strike the camp of the
Philistines."

16 So David did as God had commanded him,
and they struck down the army of the Philistines
all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.

17 And David's fame went out into every land,
and the LORD caused all nations to fear him.

15

1 David constructed buildings for himself in
the City of David, and he prepared a place for
the ark of God and pitched a tent for it.

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‡ **14:11 14:11** *Baal-perazim* means *The Lord Bursts Out*. § **14:14 14:14** Or *aspen trees* or *poplar trees*; also in verse 15

2 Then David said, “No one but the Levites may
carry the ark of God, because the LORD has
chosen them to carry the ark of the LORD and to
minister before him forever.”
3 And David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem
to bring up the ark of the LORD to the place he
had prepared for it.
4 Then he gathered together the descendants
of Aaron and the Levites:

5 From the Kohathites, Uriel the chief and 120
of his relatives;
6 from the Merarites, Asaiah the chief and 220
of his relatives;
7 from the Gershomites,* Joel the chief and 130
of his relatives;
8 from the Elizaphanites, Shemaiah the chief
and 200 of his relatives;
9 from the Hebronites, Eliel the chief and 80 of
his relatives;
10 and from the Uzzielites, Amminadab the
chief and 112 of his relatives.
11 David summoned the priests Zadok and
Abiathar and the Levites Uriel, Asaiah, Joel,
Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab.
12 And he said to them, “You are the heads of
the Levitical families. You and your relatives
must consecrate yourselves so that you may
bring the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to
the place I have prepared for it.
13 It was because you Levites were not with us
the first time that the LORD our God burst forth

* **15:7 15:7** *Gershomites* is a variant of *Gershonites*; see 1 Chronicles 23:7.

in anger against us. For we did not consult him
about the proper order."
14 So the priests and Levites consecrated
themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD, the
God of Israel.
15 And the Levites carried the ark of God on
their shoulders with the poles, as Moses had
commanded in accordance with the word of the
LORD.
16 David also told the leaders of the Levites to
appoint their relatives as singers to lift up their
voices with joy, accompanied by musical
instruments—harps, lyres, and cymbals.
17 So the Levites appointed Heman son of Joel;
from his brothers, Asaph son of Berechiah; from
their brothers the Merarites, Ethan son of
Kushaiah;
18 and with them their brothers next in rank:
Zechariah, Ben,† Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel,
Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah,
Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, and the gatekeepers
Obed-edom and Jeiel.‡
19 The musicians Heman, Asaph, and Ethan
were to sound the bronze cymbals.
20 Zechariah, Aziel,§ Shemiramoth, Jehiel,
Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah were to play
the harps according to Alamoth.*

† **15:18 15:18** Leningrad Codex and most Hebrew manuscripts; several Hebrew manuscripts and most LXX manuscripts (see also verse 20 and 1 Chronicles 16:5) *Zechariah* ‡ **15:18 15:18** Some LXX manuscripts *Obed-edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah* or *Obed-edom, Jeiel, and Ozias* § **15:20 15:20** *Aziel* is a variant of *Jaaziel*; see verse 18. * **15:20 15:20** *Alamoth* is probably a musical or liturgical term; here and in Psalm 46:1.

21 And Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah,
Obed-edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah were to lead the
music with lyres according to Sheminith.†
22 Chenaniah the head Levite was the director
of the music because he was highly skilled.
23 Berechiah and Elkanah were to be
gatekeepers for the ark.‡
24 Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai,
Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer—the
priests—were to blow the trumpets before the
ark of God. Obed-edom and Jehiah were also to
be gatekeepers for the ark.
25 So David, the elders of Israel, and the
commanders of thousands went with rejoicing
to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD
from the house of Obed-edom.
26 And because God helped the Levites who
were carrying the ark of the covenant of the
LORD, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven
rams.
27 Now David was dressed in a robe of fine
linen, as were all the Levites who were carrying
the ark, as well as the singers and Chenaniah,
the director of music for the singers. David also
wore a linen ephod.
28 So all Israel brought up the ark of the
covenant of the LORD with shouting, with the
sounding of rams' horns and trumpets, and with
cymbals and the music of harps and lyres.
29 As the ark of the covenant of the LORD was
entering the City of David, Saul's daughter

† **15:21 15:21** *Sheminith* is probably a musical term; here and in Psalm 6:1 and Psalm 12:1. ‡ **15:23 15:23** Or *guardians*; also in verse 24

Michal looked down from a window and saw
King David dancing and celebrating, and she
despised him in her heart.

16

1 So they brought the ark of God and placed it
inside the tent that David had pitched for it. And
they presented burnt offerings and peace
offerings before God.
2 When David had finished sacrificing the
burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed
the people in the name of the LORD.
3 Then he distributed to every man and
woman of Israel a loaf of bread, a date cake,*
and a raisin cake.
4 David appointed some of the Levites to
minister before the ark of the LORD, to
celebrate, to give thanks, and to praise the
LORD, the God of Israel.
5 Asaph was the chief, Zechariah was second,
then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah,
Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel. They were
to play the harps and lyres, while Asaph
sounded the cymbals
6 and the priests Benaiah and Jahaziel blew
the trumpets regularly before the ark of the
covenant of God.
7 On that day David first committed to Asaph
and his associates this song of thanksgiving to
the LORD:

8 “Give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

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* **16:3 16:3** Or *a portion of meat*

make known his deeds among the nations.
9 Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonders.
10 Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD
rejoice.
11 Seek out the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always.
12 Remember the wonders he has done,
his marvels, and the judgments he has
pronounced,
13 O offspring of his servant Israel,
O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.

14 He is the LORD our God;
his judgments carry throughout the earth.
15 Remember† his covenant forever,
the word he ordained for a thousand
generations—
16 the covenant he made with Abraham,
and the oath he swore to Isaac.
17 He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant:
18 'I will give you the land of Canaan
as the portion of your inheritance.'

19 When you were‡ few in number,
few indeed, and strangers in the land,
20 they wandered from nation to nation,
from one kingdom to another.
21 He let no man oppress them;

† **16:15 16:15** Some LXX manuscripts *he remembers*; see Psalm 105:8. ‡ **16:19 16:19** Psalm 105:12 *they were*

he rebuked kings on their behalf:
22 ‘Do not touch my anointed ones!
Do no harm to my prophets!’
23 Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Proclaim his deliverance day after day.
24 Declare his glory among the nations,
his wonders among all peoples.

25 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be
praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
26 For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
27 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy fill his dwelling.

28 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
29 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him.
Worship the LORD in the splendor of his
holiness;
30 tremble before him, all the earth.
The world is firmly established;
it cannot be moved.

31 Let the heavens be glad,
and the earth rejoice.
Let them say among the nations,
‘The LORD reigns!’
32 Let the sea resound,
and all that fills it;
let the fields exult,

and all that is in them.
33 Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy
before the LORD,
for he is coming to judge the earth.

34 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his loving devotion§ endures forever.
35 Then cry out: 'Save us, O God of our
deliverance;
gather and deliver us from the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name,
that we may glory in your praise.'

36 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting."
Then all the people said, "Amen!" and "Praise
the LORD!"
37 So David left Asaph and his associates there
before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to
minister there regularly according to the daily
requirements,
38 along with Obed-edom and his sixty-eight
relatives. Obed-edom son of Jeduthun, and also
Hosah, were to be gatekeepers.
39 And David left Zadok the priest and his
fellow priests before the tabernacle of the LORD
at the high place in Gibeon
40 to regularly present burnt offerings to the
LORD on the altar of burnt offerings, morning

§ **16:34 16:34** Forms of the Hebrew *chesed* are translated here and in most cases throughout the Scriptures as *loving devotion*; the range of meaning includes *love*, *goodness*, *kindness*, *faithfulness*, and *mercy*, as well as *loyalty to a covenant*.

and evening, according to all that was written in the Teaching of the LORD, which he had commanded Israel to keep.
41 With them were Heman, Jeduthun, and the rest of those chosen and designated by name to give thanks to the LORD, for “His loving devotion endures forever.”
42 Heman and Jeduthun had with them trumpets and cymbals for the music and instruments for the songs of God.* And the sons of Jeduthun were stationed at the gate.
43 Then all the people departed for their homes, and David returned home to bless his household.

17

1 After David had settled into his palace, 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 a tent.”
2 And Nathan replied 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, saying,
4 “Go and tell my servant David that this is what the LORD says: You are not the one to build me a house in which to dwell.
5 For I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought Israel up* until this day, but I have moved from tent to tent and dwelling to dwelling.

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* **16:42 16:42** Or *instruments for the sacred music* * **17:5 17:5** 2 Samuel 7:6 *brought Israel up out of Egypt*

6 In all my journeys with all the Israelites,
have I ever asked any of the judges† I appointed
to shepherd my people, 'Why haven't you built
me a house of cedar?'
7 Now then, you are to tell my servant David
that this is what the LORD of Hosts says: I took
you from the pasture, from following the flock,
to be the ruler over my people Israel.
8 I have been with you wherever you have
gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from
before you. Now I will make for you a name like
that of the greatest in the land.
9 And I will provide a place for my people
Israel and will plant them so that they may
dwell in a place of their own and be disturbed
no more. No longer will the sons of wickedness
oppress them as they did at the beginning
10 and have done since the day I appointed
judges over my people Israel. And I will subdue
all your enemies.

Moreover, I declare to you that the LORD will
build a house for you.
11 And when your days are fulfilled and you go
to be with your fathers, I will raise up your
descendant after you, one of your own sons, and
I will establish his kingdom.
12 He will build a house for me, and I will
establish his throne forever.
13 I will be his Father, and he will be my son.
And I will never remove my loving devotion
from him as I removed it from your predecessor.

† **17:6 17:6** Or *leaders*; see verse 10.

14 But I will set him over my house and my
kingdom forever, and his throne will be
established forever."
15 So Nathan relayed to David all the words of
this entire revelation.
16 Then King David went in, sat before the
LORD, and said, "Who am I, O LORD God, and
what is my house, that you have brought me this
far?
17 And as if this was a small thing in your eyes,
O God, you have spoken about the future of the
house of your servant and have regarded me as
a man of great distinction,‡ O LORD God.
18 What more can David say to you for
honoring your servant? For you know your
servant,
19 O LORD, for the sake of your servant and
according to your own heart, you have
accomplished this great thing and made known
all these great promises.
20 O LORD, there is none like you, and there is
no God but you, according to everything we
have heard with our own ears.
21 And who is like your people Israel—the one
nation on earth whom God went out to redeem
as a people for himself? You made a name for
yourself through great and awesome wonders
by driving out nations from before your people,
whom you redeemed from Egypt.
22 For you have made your people Israel your
very own forever, and you, O LORD, have
become their God.

‡ **17:17 17:17** Or *and have shown me future generations*

23 And now, O LORD, let the word you have
spoken concerning your servant and his house
be established forever. Do as you have promised,
24 so that your name will be established and
magnified forever when it is said, 'The LORD of
Hosts, the God of Israel, is God over Israel.' And
may the house of your servant David 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 the courage to
pray before you.
26 And now, O LORD, you are God! And you
have promised this goodness to your servant.
27 So now you have been pleased to bless the
house of your servant, that it may continue
forever before you. For you, O LORD, have
blessed it, and it will be blessed forever."

18

1 Some time later, David defeated the
Philistines, subdued them, and took Gath and its
villages from the hand of the Philistines.
2 David also defeated the Moabites, and they
became subject to David and brought him
tribute.
3 As far as Hamath, David also defeated King
Hadadezer of Zobah, who had marched out to
establish his dominion* along the Euphrates
River.

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§ **17:25 17:25** Literally *have uncovered the ear of your servant*

* **18:3 18:3** Hebrew *his hand*

4 David captured from him a thousand
chariots, seven thousand charioteers, and
twenty thousand foot soldiers, and he
hamstrung all the horses except a hundred he
kept for the chariots.
5 When the Arameans of Damascus came to
help King Hadadezer of Zobah, David struck
down twenty-two thousand of their men.
6 Then David placed garrisons† in Aram of
Damascus, and the Arameans became subject to
David and brought him tribute. So the LORD
made David victorious‡ wherever he went.
7 And David took the gold shields that
belonged to the officers of Hadadezer and
brought them to Jerusalem.
8 And from Tibhath§ and Cun, cities of
Hadadezer, David took a large amount of
bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze
Sea, the pillars, and various bronze articles.
9 When King Tou* of Hamath heard that David
had defeated the entire army of Hadadezer king
of Zobah,
10 he sent his son Hadoram† to greet King
David and bless him for fighting and defeating
Hadadezer, who had been at war with Tou.
Hadoram brought all kinds of articles of gold
and silver and bronze,

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† **18:6 18:6** Hebrew does not include *garrisons*; supplied from 2 Samuel 8:6, as also in LXX and Vulgate. ‡ **18:6 18:6** Or *the LORD saved David*; also in verse 13 § **18:8 18:8** *Tibhath* is a variant of *Tebah*; see 2 Samuel 8:8 LXX. * **18:9 18:9** *Tou* is a variant of *Toi*; also in verse 10; see 2 Samuel 8:9. † **18:10 18:10** *Hadoram* is a variant of *Joram*; see 2 Samuel 8:10.

11 and King David dedicated these to the
LORD, along with the silver and gold he had
carried off from all these nations—from Edom
and Moab, and from the Ammonites, Philistines,
and Amalekites.
12 Moreover, Abishai son of Zeruiah struck
down eighteen thousand Edomites in the Valley
of Salt.
13 He placed garrisons in Edom, and all the
Edomites were subject to David. So the LORD
made David victorious wherever he went.
14 Thus David reigned over all Israel and
administered justice and righteousness for all
his people:

15 Joab son of Zeruiah was over the army;
Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was the recorder;
16 Zadok son of Ahitub and Abimelech‡ son of
Abiathar were priests;
Shavsha§ was the scribe;
17 Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over the
Cherethites and Pelethites;
and David's sons were chief officials at the
king's side.

19

1 Some time later, Nahash king of the
Ammonites died and was succeeded by his son.

‡ **18:16 18:16** Leningrad Codex and most Hebrew manuscripts; some Hebrew manuscripts, Vulgate, and Syriac (see also 2 Samuel 8:17) *Ahimelech* § **18:16 18:16** *Shavsha* is also called *Seraiah*, *Sheva*, and *Shisha*; see 2 Samuel 8:17, 2 Samuel 20:25, and 1 Kings 4:3.

2 And David said, “I will show kindness to
Hanun son of Nahash, because his father
showed kindness to me.”
So David sent messengers to console Hanun
concerning his father. But when David’s
servants arrived in the land of the Ammonites to
console him,
3 the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun,
“Just because David has sent you comforters, do
you really believe he is showing respect for your
father? Have not his servants come to you to
explore the land, spy it out, and overthrow it?”
4 So Hanun took David’s servants, shaved their
beards, cut off their garments at the hips, and
sent them away.
5 When someone came and told David about
his men, he sent messengers to meet them, since
the men had been thoroughly humiliated. The
king told them, “Stay in Jericho until your beards
have grown back, and then return.”
6 When the Ammonites realized that they had
become a stench to David, Hanun and the
Ammonites sent a thousand talents of silver* to
hire for themselves chariots and horsemen from
Aram-naharaim,† Aram-maacah, and Zobah.
7 So they hired for themselves thirty-two
thousand chariots, as well as the king of Maacah
with his troops, who came and camped near

* **19:6 19:6** *1,000 talents* is approximately 37.7 tons or 34.2 metric tons of silver. † **19:6 19:6** That is, Mesopotamia; *Aram-naharaim* means *Aram of the two rivers*, likely the region between the Euphrates and Balih Rivers in northwestern Mesopotamia.

Medeba while the Ammonites were mustered
from their cities and marched out for battle.
8 On hearing this, David sent Joab and the
entire army of mighty men.
9 The Ammonites marched out and arrayed
themselves for battle at the entrance to the city,
while the kings who had come stayed by
themselves in the open country.
10 When Joab saw the battle lines before him
and behind him, he selected some of the best
men of Israel and arrayed them against the
Arameans.
11 And he placed the rest of the troops under
the command of his brother Abishai, who
arrayed them against the Ammonites.
12 "If the Arameans are too strong for me," said
Joab, "then you will come to my rescue. And if
the Ammonites are too strong for you, then I
will come to your rescue.
13 Be strong and let us fight bravely for our
people and for the cities of our God. May the
LORD do what is good in his sight."
14 So Joab and his troops advanced to fight the
Arameans, who fled before him.
15 When the Ammonites saw that the
Arameans had fled, they too fled before Joab's
brother Abishai, and they entered the city. So
Joab went back to Jerusalem.
16 When the Arameans saw that they had been
defeated by Israel, they sent messengers to bring
more Arameans from beyond the Euphrates,‡

‡ **19:16 19:16** Hebrew *the River*

with Shophach§ the commander of Hadadezer's
army leading them.
17 When this was reported to David, he
gathered all Israel, crossed the Jordan, advanced
toward the Arameans, and arrayed for battle
against them. When David lined up to engage
them in battle, they fought against him.
18 But the Arameans fled before Israel, and
David killed seven thousand of their charioteers
and forty thousand foot soldiers. He also killed
Shophach the commander of their army.
19 When Hadadezer's subjects saw that they
had been defeated by Israel, they made peace
with David and became subject to him. So the
Arameans were unwilling to help the
Ammonites anymore.

20

1 At the turn of the year,* at the time when
kings march out to war, Joab led out the army
and ravaged the land of the Ammonites. He
came to Rabbah and besieged it, but David
remained in Jerusalem. And Joab attacked
Rabbah and demolished it.
2 Then David took the crown from the head of
their king.† It was found to weigh a talent of
gold‡ and was set with precious stones, and it

§ **19:16 19:16** *Shophach* is a variant of *Shobach*; also in verse 18; see 2 Samuel 10:16. * **20:1 20:1** Or *In the spring* † **20:2 20:2** Or *from the head of Milcom*. Milcom, also called Molech, was god of the Ammonites; see Leviticus 18:21 and 1 Kings 11:7. ‡ **20:2 20:2** *A talent* is approximately 75.4 pounds or 34.2 kilograms of gold.

was placed on David's head. And David took a great amount of plunder from the city.

3 David brought out the people who were there and cut them§ with saws, iron picks, and saws.* And he did the same to all the Ammonite cities. Then David and all his troops returned to Jerusalem.

4 Some time later, war broke out with the Philistines at Gezer. At that time Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Sippai,† a descendant of the Rephaim,‡ and the Philistines were subdued.

5 Once again there was a battle with the Philistines, and Elhanan son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother§ of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

6 And there was also a battle 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 and when he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of David's brother Shimea* killed him.

8 So these descendants of Rapha in Gath fell at the hands of David and his servants.

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§ **20:3 20:3** Or *put them to work* * **20:3 20:3** Compare 2 Samuel 12:31, *axes* † **20:4 20:4** *Sippai* is a variant of *Saph*; see 2 Samuel 21:18. ‡ **20:4 20:4** Or *the giants*; see also *descendants of Rapha* in verses 6 and 8. § **20:5 20:5** Or *Elhanan son of Jair the Bethlehemite killed the brother*; see 2 Samuel 21:19. * **20:7 20:7** 2 Samuel 21:21 *Shimei*

21

1 Then Satan* rose up against Israel and
incited David to take a census of Israel.
2 So David said to Joab and the commanders of
the troops, “Go and count the Israelites from
Beersheba to Dan and bring me a report, so that
I may know their number.”
3 But Joab replied, “May the LORD multiply his
troops a hundred times over. My lord the king,
are they not all servants of my lord? Why does
my lord want to do this? Why should he bring
guilt on Israel?”
4 Nevertheless, the king’s word prevailed
against Joab. So Joab departed and traveled
throughout Israel, and then he returned to
Jerusalem.
5 And Joab reported to David the total number
of the troops. In all Israel there were 1,100,000
men who drew the sword, including 470,000 in
Judah.
6 But Joab did not include Levi and Benjamin
in the count, because the king’s command was
detestable to him.
7 This command was also evil in the sight of
God; so he struck Israel.
8 Then David said to God, “I have sinned
greatly because I have done this thing. Now I
beg you to take away the iniquity of your
servant, for I have acted very foolishly.”
9 And the LORD instructed Gad, David’s seer,

* **21:1 21:1** That is, *the Accuser* or *the Adversary*

10 “Go and tell David that this is what the LORD
says: ‘I am offering you three options. Choose
one of them, and I will carry it out against you.’ ”
11 So Gad went and said to David, “This is what
the LORD says: ‘You must choose
12 between three years of famine, three
months of being swept away† before your
enemies and overtaken by their swords, or three
days of the sword of the LORD—days of plague
upon the land, with the angel of the LORD
ravaging every part of Israel.’ Now then, decide
how I should reply to him who sent me.”
13 David answered Gad, “I am deeply
distressed. Please, let me fall into the hand of
the LORD, for his mercies are very great; but do
not let me fall into the hands of men.”
14 So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel, and
seventy thousand men of Israel fell dead.
15 Then God sent an angel to destroy
Jerusalem, but as the angel was doing so, the
LORD saw it and relented from the calamity, and
he said to the destroying angel, “Enough!
Withdraw your hand now!”
At that time the angel of the LORD was
standing by the threshing floor of Ornan‡ the
Jebusite.
16 When David lifted up his eyes and saw the
angel of the LORD standing between heaven and
earth, with a drawn sword in his hand stretched

† **21:12 21:12** LXX and Vulgate *of fleeing*; see 2 Samuel 24:13.
‡ **21:15 21:15** *Ornan* is a variant of *Araunah*; also in verses 18–28; see 2 Samuel 24:16.

out over Jerusalem, David and the elders,
clothed in sackcloth, fell facedown.
17 And David said to God, “Was it not I who
gave the order to count the people? I§ am the
one who has sinned and acted wickedly. But
these sheep, what have they done? O LORD my
God, please let your hand fall upon me and my
father's house, but do not let this plague remain
upon your people.”

18 Then the angel of the LORD ordered Gad to
tell David to go up and build an altar to the
LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the
Jebusite.
19 So David went up at the word that Gad had
spoken in the name of the LORD.

20 Now Ornan was threshing wheat when he
turned and saw the angel; and his four sons who
were with him hid themselves.
21 David came to Ornan, and when Ornan
looked out and saw David, he left the threshing
floor and bowed facedown before David.

22 Then David said to Ornan, “Grant me the site
of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar
to the LORD. Sell it to me for the full price, so
that the plague upon the people may be halted.”

23 Ornan said to David, “Take it! May my lord
the king do whatever seems good to him. Look, I
will give the oxen for the burnt offerings, the
threshing sledges for the wood, and the wheat
for the grain offering—I will give it all.”

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§ **21:17 21:17** Or *I, the shepherd,* see 2 Samuel 24:17 DSS and LXX.

24 “No,” replied King David, “I insist on paying
the full price, for I will not take for the LORD
what belongs to you, nor will I offer burnt
offerings that cost me nothing.”
25 So David paid Ornan six hundred shekels of
gold* for the site.
26 And there he built an altar to the LORD and
offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. He
called upon the LORD, who answered him with
fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering.
27 Then the LORD spoke to the angel, who put
his sword back into its sheath.
28 At that time, when David saw that the LORD
had answered him at the threshing floor of
Ornan the Jebusite, he offered sacrifices there.
29 For the tabernacle of the LORD that Moses
had made in the wilderness and the altar of
burnt offering were presently at the high place
in Gibeon,
30 but David could not go before it to inquire
of God, because he was afraid of the sword of
the angel of the LORD.

22

1 Then David said, “Here shall be the house of
the LORD God, as well as the altar of burnt
offering for Israel.”
2 So David gave orders to gather the foreigners
in the land of Israel, from whom he appointed
stonecutters to prepare finished stones for
building the house of God.

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* **21:25 21:25** *600 shekels* is approximately 15.1 pounds or 6.8 kilograms of gold.

3 David provided a large quantity of iron to
make the nails for the doors of the gateways and
for the fittings, together with more bronze than
could be weighed
4 and more cedar logs than could be counted;
for the Sidonians and Tyrians had brought a
large quantity of cedar logs to David.
5 And David said, “My son Solomon is young
and inexperienced, and the house to be built for
the LORD must be exceedingly
magnificent—famous and glorious throughout
all lands. Therefore I must make preparations
for it.” So David made lavish preparations
before his death.
6 Then David called for his son Solomon and
instructed him to build a house for the LORD,
the God of Israel.
7 “My son,”* said David to Solomon, “it was in
my heart to build a house for the Name of the
LORD my God,
8 but this word of the LORD came to me: ‘You
have shed much blood and waged great wars.
You are not to build a house for my Name
because you have shed so much blood on the
ground before me.
9 But a son will be born to you who will be a
man of rest. I will give him rest from all his
enemies on every side; for his name will be
Solomon,† and I will grant to Israel peace and
quiet during his reign.

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* **22:7 22:7** Qere; Ketiv *David said to Solomon his son* † **22:9 22:9** *Solomon* sounds like and is probably derived from the Hebrew word for *peace*.

10 He is the one who will build a house for my
Name. He will be my son, and I will be his
Father. And 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 said you would.
12 Above all, may the LORD give you insight
and understanding when he puts you in
command over Israel, so that you may keep the
Teaching of the LORD your God.
13 Then you will succeed, if you carefully
follow the statutes and ordinances that the
LORD commanded Moses for Israel. Be strong
and courageous. Do not be afraid or
discouraged.
14 Now behold, I have taken great pains to
provide for the house of the LORD—100,000
talents of gold,‡ 1,000,000 talents of silver,§ and
bronze and iron too great to be weighed. I have
also provided timber and stone, and you may
add to them.
15 You also have many workers: stonecutters,
masons, carpenters, and men skilled in every
kind of work—
16 in gold and silver, bronze and
iron—craftsmen beyond number. Now begin the
work, and may the LORD be with you."
17 Then David ordered all the leaders of Israel
to help his son Solomon:

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‡ **22:14** **22:14** *100,000 talents* is approximately 3,770 tons or 3,420 metric tons of gold. § **22:14** **22:14** *1,000,000 talents* is approximately 37,700 tons or 34,200 metric tons of silver.

18 “Is not the LORD your God with you, and has
he not granted you rest on every side? For he
has given the inhabitants of the land into my
hand, and the land has been subdued before the
LORD and his people.
19 Now set your heart and soul to seek the
LORD your God. Begin building the sanctuary of
the LORD God, so that you may bring the ark of
the covenant of the LORD and the holy articles
of God into the temple that will be built for the
Name of the LORD.”

23

1 When David was old and full of years, he
installed his son Solomon as king over Israel.
2 Then he gathered all the leaders of Israel, as
well as the priests and Levites.
3 The Levites thirty years of age or older were
counted, and the total number of men was
38,000.
4 “Of these, 24,000 are to oversee the work of
the house of the LORD, 6,000 are to be officers
and judges,
5 4,000 are to be gatekeepers, and 4,000 are to
praise the LORD with the instruments I have
made for giving praise.”
6 Then David divided the Levites into divisions
according to the sons of Levi:

Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
7 The Gershonites: Ladan* and Shimei.

* **23:7 23:7** *Ladan* is a variant of *Libni*; also in verses 8 and 9; see 1 Chronicles 6:2.

8 The sons of Ladan: Jehiel† the first, Zetham,
and Joel—three in all.
9 The sons of Shimei: Shelomoth, Haziel, and
Haran—three in all. These were the heads
of the families of Ladan.
10 And the sons of Shimei:‡ Jahath, Zina,§
Jeush, and Beriah. These were the sons of
Shimei—four in all.
11 Jahath was the first and Zizah was the
second; but Jeush and Beriah did not have many
sons, so they were counted as one family and
received a single assignment.
12 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron,
and Uzziel—four in all.
13 The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses.
Aaron and his descendants were set apart
forever to consecrate the most holy things,
to burn incense before the LORD, to
minister before him, and to pronounce
blessings in his name forever.
14 As for Moses the man of God, his sons were
named among the tribe of Levi.
15 The sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer.
16 The descendants of Gershom: Shebuel was
the first.
17 The descendants of Eliezer: Rehabiah was
the first. Eliezer did not have any other
sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very
numerous.
18 The sons of Izhar: Shelomith was the first.

† **23:8 23:8** *Jehiel* is a variant of *Jehieli*; see 1 Chronicles 26:21.
‡ **23:10 23:10** *Shimei* was possibly a son or grandson of the *Shimei* listed in verse 9. § **23:10 23:10** Most Hebrew manuscripts; one Hebrew manuscript, LXX, and Vulgate (see also verse 11) *Zizah*

19 The sons of Hebron: Jeriah was the first,
Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and
Jekameam the fourth.
20 The sons of Uzziel: Micah was the first and
Isshiah the second.
21 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi.
The sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish.
22 Eleazar died without having any sons; he
had only daughters. Their cousins, the sons of
Kish, married them.
23 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and
Jeremoth*—three in all.
24 These were the descendants of Levi by their
families—the heads of families, registered
individually by name—those twenty years of
age or older who worked in the service of the
house of the LORD.
25 For David had said, "The LORD, the God of
Israel, has given rest to his people and has come
to dwell in Jerusalem forever.
26 So now the Levites no longer need to carry
the tabernacle or any of the articles for its
service."
27 For according to the final instructions of
David, the Levites twenty years of age or older
were counted,
28 but their duty was to assist the descendants
of Aaron with the service of the house of the
LORD, being responsible for the courts and
chambers, the purification of all the holy things,
and the work of the service of the house of God,

* **23:23 23:23** *Jeremoth* is a variant of *Jerimoth*; see 1 Chronicles 24:30.

29 as well as for the rows of the showbread,
the fine flour for the grain offering, the wafers
of unleavened bread, the baking, the mixing,
and all measurements of quantity and size.
30 They were also to stand every morning to
give thanks and praise to the LORD, and likewise
in the evening.
31 Whenever burnt offerings were presented
to the LORD on the Sabbaths, New Moons, and
appointed feasts, they were to serve regularly
before the LORD in the numbers prescribed for
them.
32 So the Levites were to carry out the
responsibilities for the Tent of Meeting and the
Holy Place, and, under their brothers the
descendants of Aaron, the service of the house
of the LORD.

24

1 These were the divisions of the descendants
of Aaron. The sons of Aaron were Nadab, Abihu,
Eleazar, and Ithamar.
2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their
father did, and they had no sons; so Eleazar and
Ithamar served as priests.
3 With the help of Eleazar's descendant Zadok
and Ithamar's descendant Ahimelech, David
divided them according to the offices of their
service.
4 Since more leaders were found among
Eleazar's descendants than those of Ithamar,
they were divided accordingly. There were
sixteen heads of families from the descendants

of Eleazar and eight from the descendants of
Ithamar.
5 Thus they were divided by lot, for there were
officers of the sanctuary and officers of God
among both Eleazar's and Ithamar's
descendants.
6 The scribe, Shemaiah son of Nethanel, a
Levite, recorded their names in the presence of
the king and of the officers: Zadok the priest,
Ahimelech son of Abiathar, and the heads of
families of the priests and the Levites—one
family being taken from Eleazar, and then one
from 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 This was their appointed order for service
when they entered the house of the LORD,
according to the regulations prescribed for them
by their forefather Aaron, as the LORD, the God
of Israel, had commanded him.
20 Now these were the rest of the descendants
of Levi:

From the sons of Amram: Shubael;*
from the sons of Shubael: Jehdeiah.
21 As for Rehabiah, from his sons: The first
was Isshiah.†
22 From the Izharites: Shelomoth;‡
from the sons of Shelomoth: Jahath.
23 The sons: Jeriah,§ Amariah the second,
Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.
24 From the sons of Uzziel: Micah;
from the sons of Micah: Shamir.
25 The brother of Micah: Isshiah;
from the sons of Isshiah: Zechariah.
26 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi.
The son of Jaaziah: Beno.
27 The descendants of Merari from Jaaziah:
Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.

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* **24:20 24:20** *Shubael* (twice in this verse) is a variant of *Shebuel*; see 1 Chronicles 23:16 and 1 Chronicles 26:24. † **24:21 24:21** *Isshiah* is a variant of *Jeshaiah*; see 1 Chronicles 26:25. ‡ **24:22 24:22** *Shelomoth* (twice in this verse) is a variant of *Shelomith*; see 1 Chronicles 23:18. § **24:23 24:23** That is, the sons of Hebron; see 1 Chronicles 23:19, which adds *the first*.

28 From Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.
29 From Kish: Jerahmeel the son of Kish.
30 And the sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and
Jerimoth.*

These were the sons of the Levites, according to their families.
31 As their brothers the descendants of Aaron did, they also cast lots in the presence of King David and of Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the families of the priests and Levites—the family heads and their younger brothers alike.

25

1 Additionally, David and the commanders of the army set apart some of the sons of Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun to prophesy with the accompaniment of lyres, harps, and cymbals. The following is the list of the men who performed this 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 direction of the
king.
3 From the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri,
Jeshaiah,* Hashabiah, and Mattithiah—six
in all—under the direction of their father

* **24:30 24:30** *Jerimoth* is a variant of *Jeremoth*; see 1 Chronicles 23:23. * **25:3 25:3** Leningrad Codex and most Hebrew manuscripts; one Hebrew manuscript and some LXX manuscripts (see also verse 17) add *Shimei*

Jeduthun, who prophesied with the harp,
giving thanks and praise to the LORD.
4 From the sons of Heman: Bukkiah,
Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel,† Jerimoth,‡
Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti,
Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi,
Hothir, and Mahazioth.
5 All these sons of Heman the king's seer were
given him through the promises of God to exalt
him, for God had given Heman fourteen sons
and three daughters.
6 All these were under the direction of their
fathers for the music of 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
direction of the king.
7 Together with their relatives, who were all
trained and skillful in the songs of the LORD,
they numbered 288.
8 They cast lots for their duties, young and old
alike, teacher as well as pupil.

9 The first lot, which was for Asaph, fell to
Joseph;§
the second to Gedaliah, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
10 the third to Zaccur, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;

† **25:4** **25:4** *Shebuel* is a variant of *Shubael*; see verse 20. ‡ **25:4** **25:4** *Jerimoth* is a variant of *Jeremoth*; see verse 22. § **25:9** **25:9** LXX (see also the total in verse 7) adds *his sons, and his brothers—12 in all*

11 the fourth to Izri,* his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
12 the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
13 the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
14 the seventh to Jesarelah,† his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
15 the eighth to Jeshaiah, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
16 the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
17 the tenth to Shimei, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
18 the eleventh to Azarel,‡ his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
19 the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
20 the thirteenth to Shubael, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
21 the fourteenth to Mattithiah, his sons, and
his brothers—12 in all;
22 the fifteenth to Jeremoth,§ his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
23 the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
24 the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons,
and his brothers—12 in all;
25 the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;

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* **25:11 25:11** *Izri* is a variant of *Zeri*; see verse 3. † **25:14 25:14** *Jesarelah* is a variant of *Asarelah*; see verse 2. ‡ **25:18 25:18** *Azarel* is a variant of *Uzziel*; see verse 4. § **25:22 25:22** *Jeremoth* is a variant of *Jerimoth*; see verse 4.

26 the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
27 the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
28 the twenty-first to Hothir, his sons, and his
brothers—12 in all;
29 the twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons, and
his brothers—12 in all;
30 the twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons, and
his brothers—12 in all;
31 and the twenty-fourth to Romamti-ezer, his
sons, and his brothers—12 in all.

26

1 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers:

From the Korahites: Meshelemiah son of Kore,
one of the sons of Asaph.
2 Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the
firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the
third, Jathniel the fourth,
3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, and
Eliehoenai the seventh.
4 And Obed-edom also had sons: Shemaiah the
firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the
third, Sachar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth,
5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, and
Peullethai the eighth. For God had blessed
Obed-edom.
6 Also to his son Shemaiah were born sons
who ruled over their families because they
were strong, capable men.

7 Shemaiah's sons were Othni, Rephael, Obed,
and Elzabad; his brothers were Elihu and
Semachiah, also capable men.
8 All these were descendants of Obed-edom;
they and their sons and brothers were capable
men with strength to do the work—62 in all
from Obed-edom.
9 Meshelemiah also had sons and brothers
who were capable men—18 in all.
10 Hosah the Merarite also had sons: Shimri
the first (although he was not the firstborn,
his father had appointed him as the first),
11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, and
Zechariah the fourth. The sons and brothers of
Hosah numbered 13 in all.
12 These divisions of the gatekeepers, through
their chief men, had duties for ministering in
the house of the LORD, just as their relatives did.
13 They cast lots for each gate, according to
their families, young and old alike.

14 The lot for the East Gate fell to Shelemiah.*
Then lots were cast for his son Zechariah, a
wise counselor, and the lot for the North
Gate fell to him.
15 The lot for the South Gate fell to Obed-edom,
and the lot for the storehouses to his sons.
16 The lots for the West Gate and the
Shallecheth Gate on the ascending highway†
fell to Shuppim and Hosah.
There were guards stationed at every watch.

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* **26:14 26:14** *Shelemiah* is a variant of *Meshelemiah*; see verse 2.
† **26:16 26:16** Or *on the upper road*

17 Each day there were six Levites on the east,
four on the north, four on the south, and two
pairs at the storehouse.
18 As for the court‡ on the west, there were
four at the highway and two at the court.
19 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers
who were descendants of Korah and Merari.
20 As for the Levites, Ahijah was§ in charge of
the treasuries of the house of God and the
treasuries of the dedicated things.
21 From the descendants of Ladan, who were
Gershonites through Ladan* and heads of the
families of Ladan the Gershonite, were Jehieli,†
22 the sons of Jehieli, Zetham, and his brother
Joel. They were in charge of the treasuries of the
house of the LORD.
23 From the Amramites, the Izharites, the
Hebronites, and the Uzzielites:

24 Shebuel, a descendant of Gershom son of
Moses, was the officer in charge of the
treasuries.
25 His relatives through Eliezer included
Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiah‡ his son, Joram his
son, Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son.
26 This Shelomith and his brothers were in
charge of all the treasuries for the things
dedicated by King David, by the heads of

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‡ **26:18 26:18** Hebrew *parbar*; twice in this verse § **26:20 26:20** LXX *Now their fellow Levites were* * **26:21 26:21** *Ladan* is a variant of *Libni*; see 1 Chronicles 6:2. † **26:21 26:21** *Jehieli* is a variant of *Jehiel*; also in verse 22; see 1 Chronicles 23:8. ‡ **26:25 26:25** *Jeshaiah* is a variant of *Isshiah*; see 1 Chronicles 24:21.

families who were the commanders of
thousands and of hundreds, and by the army
commanders.
27 They had dedicated some of the plunder
from their battles to the repair of the house of
the LORD.
28 Everything that had been dedicated by
Samuel the seer, Saul son of Kish, Abner son of
Ner, and Joab son of Zeruiah, along with
everything else that was dedicated, was under
the care of Shelomith and his brothers.

29 From the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons
had the outside duties§ as officers and
judges over Israel.
30 From the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his
relatives, 1,700 capable men, had charge of
the affairs of Israel west of the Jordan for all
the work of the LORD and for the service of
the king.
31 As for the Hebronites, Jerijah* was the chief
of the Hebronites, according to the genealogies
of his ancestors. In the fortieth year of David's
reign the records were searched, and strong,
capable men were found among the Hebronites
at Jazer in Gilead.
32 Among Jerijah's relatives there were 2,700
capable men who were heads of families. King
David appointed them over the Reubenites, the
Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh for
every matter pertaining to God and for the

§ **26:29 26:29** Or *the duties outside (the temple)* or *the duties outside (Jerusalem)* * **26:31 26:31** *Jerijah* is a variant of *Jeriah*; see 1 Chronicles 23:19.

affairs of the king.

27

1 This is the list of the Israelites—the heads of
families, the commanders of thousands and of
hundreds, and their officers who served the king
in every matter concerning the divisions on
rotating military duty each month throughout
the year. There were 24,000 men in each
division:

2 Jashobeam son of Zabdiel was in charge of
the first division, which was assigned the
first month. There were 24,000 men in his
division.
3 He was a descendant of Perez and chief of all
the army commanders for the first month.
4 Dodai* the Ahohite was in charge of the
division for the second month, and Mikloth
was the leader. There were 24,000 men in
his division.
5 The third army commander, as chief for the
third month, was Benaiah son of Jehoiada
the priest. There were 24,000 men in his
division.
6 This Benaiah was mighty among the Thirty
and was over the Thirty, and his son
Ammizabad was in charge of his division.
7 The fourth, for the fourth month, was Joab's
brother Asahel, and his son Zebadiah was
commander after him. There were 24,000
men in his division.

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* **27:4 27:4** *Dodai* is a variant of *Dodo*; see 2 Samuel 23:9.

8 The fifth, for the fifth month, was the
commander Shamhuth† the Izrahite. There
were 24,000 men in his division.
9 The sixth, for the sixth month, was Ira son of
Ikkesh the Tekoite. There were 24,000 men
in his division.
10 The seventh, for the seventh month, was
Helez the Pelonite, an Ephraimite. There
were 24,000 men in his division.
11 The eighth, for the eighth month, was
Sibbecai the Hushathite, a Zerahite. There
were 24,000 men in his division.
12 The ninth, for the ninth month, was Abiezer
the Anathothite, a Benjamite. There were
24,000 men in his division.
13 The tenth, for the tenth month, was Maharai
the Netophathite, a Zerahite. There were
24,000 men in his division.
14 The eleventh, for the eleventh month, was
Benaiah the Pirathonite, an Ephraimite.
There were 24,000 men in his division.
15 The twelfth, for the twelfth month, was
Heldai‡ the Netophathite, from the family of
Othniel. There were 24,000 men in his
division.
16 These officers were in charge of the tribes of
Israel:

Over the Reubenites was Eliezer son of Zichri;
over the Simeonites was Shephatiah son of
Maacah;

† **27:8 27:8** *Shamhuth* is a variant of *Shammoth* or *Shammah*; see 1 Chronicles 11:27 and 2 Samuel 23:25. ‡ **27:15 27:15** *Heldai* is a variant of *Heled*; see 1 Chronicles 11:30 and 2 Samuel 23:29.

17 over Levi was Hashabiah son of Kemuel;
over Aaron was Zadok;
18 over Judah was Elihu, one of David's
brothers;
over Issachar was Omri son of Michael;
19 over Zebulun was Ishmaiah son of Obadiah;
over Naphtali was Jerimoth son of Azriel;
20 over the Ephraimites was Hoshea son of
Azaziah;
over one of the half-tribes of Manasseh was
Joel son of Pedaiah;
21 over the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead
was Iddo son of Zechariah;
over Benjamin was Jaasiel son of Abner;
22 and over Dan was Azarel son of Jeroham.

These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel.
23 David did not count the men aged twenty or
under, because the LORD had said that he would
make Israel as numerous as the stars of the sky.
24 Joab son of Zeruiah began to count the men
but did not finish. For because of this census
wrath came upon Israel, and the number was
not entered in the Book of the Chronicles of King
David.
25 Azmaveth son of Adiel was in charge of the
royal storehouses.
Jonathan son of Uzziah was in charge of the
storehouses in the country, in the cities, in
the villages, and in the fortresses.
26 Ezri son of Chelub was in charge of the
workers in the fields who tilled the soil.
27 Shimei the Ramathite was in charge of the
vineyards.

Zabdi the Shiphmite was in charge of the
produce of the vineyards for the wine vats.
28 Baal-hanan the Gederite was in charge of
the olive and sycamore trees in the
foothills.§
Joash was in charge of the stores of olive oil.
29 Shirtai* the Sharonite was in charge of the
herds grazing in Sharon.
Shaphat son of Adlai was in charge of the
herds in the valleys.
30 Obil the Ishmaelite was in charge of the
camels.
Jehdeiah the Meronothite was in charge of the
donkeys.
31 Jaziz the Hagrite was in charge of the flocks.
All these officials were in charge of King
David's property.
32 David's uncle Jonathan was a counselor; he
was a man of insight and a scribe.
Jehiel son of Hachmoni attended to the sons of
the king.
33 Ahithophel was the king's counselor.
Hushai the Archite was the king's friend.
34 Ahithophel was succeeded by Jehoiada son
of Benaiah, then by Abiathar.
Joab was the commander of the king's army.

28

1 Now David summoned all the leaders of
Israel to Jerusalem: the leaders of the tribes, the

§ **27:28 27:28** Hebrew *Shephelah* or *lowlands*; that is, the western foothills of Judea * **27:29 27:29** Qere; Ketiv *Shitrai*

leaders of the divisions in the king's service, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officials in charge of all the property and cattle of the king and his sons, along with the court officials and mighty men—every mighty man of valor.

2 Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Listen to me, my brothers and my people. It was in my heart to build a house as a resting place for the ark of the covenant of the LORD and as a footstool for our God. I had 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 who has shed blood.'

4 Yet the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me out of all my father's house to be king over Israel forever. For he chose Judah as leader, and from the house of Judah he chose my father's household, and from my father's sons he was pleased to make me king over all Israel.

5 And of all my sons—for the LORD has given me many sons—he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

6 And he said to me, 'Solomon your son is the one who will build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him as my son, and I will be his Father.

7 I will establish his kingdom forever, if he resolutely carries out my commandments and ordinances, as is being done this day.'

8 So now in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, keep

and seek out all the commandments of the LORD
your God, so that you may possess this good
land and leave it as an inheritance to your
descendants forever.
9 As for you, Solomon my son, know the God of
your father and serve him wholeheartedly and
with a willing mind, for the LORD searches
every heart and understands the intent of every
thought. If you seek him, he will be found by
you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you
forever.
10 Consider now that the LORD has chosen you
to build a house for the sanctuary. Be strong and
do it."
11 Then David gave his son Solomon the plans
for the portico,* its buildings, storehouses, upper
rooms, inner rooms, and the room for the cover.†
12 The plans contained everything David had
with him by the spirit‡ for the courts of the
house of the LORD, for all the surrounding
rooms, for the treasuries of the house of God
and of the dedicated things,
13 for the divisions of the priests and Levites,
for all the work of service in the house of the
LORD, and for all the articles of service in the
house of the LORD:

14 the weight of all the gold articles for every
kind of service;
the weight of all the silver articles for every
kind of service;

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* **28:11 28:11** LXX adds *of the temple* † **28:11 28:11** Or *atonement cover* or *mercy seat*; Hebrew *kapporet* ‡ **28:12 28:12** Or *had in mind*

15 the weight of the gold lampstands and their
lamps, including the weight of each
lampstand and its lamps;
the weight of each silver lampstand and its
lamps, according to the use of each
lampstand;
16 the weight of gold for each table of
showbread, and of silver for the silver
tables;
17 the weight of the pure gold for the forks,
sprinkling bowls, and pitchers;
the weight of each gold dish;
the weight of each silver bowl;
18 the weight of the refined gold for the altar
of incense;
and the plans for the chariot of the gold
cherubim that spread their wings and
overshadowed the ark of the covenant of
the LORD.
19 "All this," said David, "all the details of this
plan, the LORD has made clear to me in writing
by his hand upon me."
20 David also 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 neither fail you nor
forsake you before all the work for the service of
the house of the LORD is finished.
21 The divisions of the priests and Levites are
ready for all the service of the house of God, and
every willing man of every skill will be at your
disposal for the work. The officials and all the
people are fully at your command."

29

1 Then King David said to the whole assembly,
“My son Solomon, the one whom God has
chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is
great because this palace is not for man, but for
the LORD God.
2 Now with all my ability I have made
provision for the house of my God—gold for the
gold articles, silver for the silver, bronze for the
bronze, iron for the iron, and wood for the
wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise,
stones of various colors, all kinds of precious
stones, and slabs of marble—all in abundance.

3 Moreover, because of my delight in the house
of my God, I now give for it my personal
treasures of gold and silver, over and above all
that I have provided for this holy temple:

4 three thousand talents of gold* (the gold of
Ophir) and seven thousand talents of refined
silver,† to overlay the walls of the buildings,
5 for the gold work and the silver work, and
for all the work to be done by the craftsmen.
Now who is willing to consecrate himself to the
LORD today?”

6 Then the leaders of the families, the officers
of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of
thousands and of hundreds, and the officials in
charge of the king’s work gave willingly.

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* **29:4 29:4** *3,000 talents* is approximately 113 tons or 103 metric tons of gold. † **29:4 29:4** *7,000 talents* is approximately 264 tons or 239.5 metric tons of silver.

7 Toward the service of God's house they gave
5,000 talents‡ and 10,000 darics of gold,§ 10,000
talents of silver,* 18,000 talents of bronze,† and
100,000 talents of iron.‡
8 Whoever had precious stones gave them to
the treasury of the house of the LORD, under the
care of Jehiel§ the Gershonite.
9 And the people rejoiced at the willing
response of their leaders, for they had given to
the LORD freely and wholeheartedly. And King
David also rejoiced greatly.
10 Then David blessed the LORD in the sight of
all the assembly and said:
"May you be blessed, O LORD, God of our
father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the
power and the glory and the splendor and the
majesty, for everything in heaven and on earth
belongs to you.
Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom, and you are
exalted as head over all.
12 Both riches and honor come from you, and
you are the ruler over all. In your hands are

‡ **29:7 29:7** *5,000 talents* is approximately 188.5 tons or 171 metric tons of gold. § **29:7 29:7** Or *10,000 gold drachmas*; that is, approximately 185.2 pounds or 84 kilograms of gold coins * **29:7 29:7** *10,000 talents* is approximately 377 tons or 342 metric tons of silver. † **29:7 29:7** *18,000 talents* is approximately 678.6 tons or 615.6 metric tons of bronze. ‡ **29:7 29:7** *100,000 talents* is approximately 3,770 tons or 3,420 metric tons of iron. § **29:8 29:8** *Jehiel* is a variant of *Jehieli*; see 1 Chronicles 26:21.

power and might to exalt and give strength to all.
13 Now therefore, our God, we give you
thanks, and we praise your glorious name.
14 But who am I, and who are my people, that
we should be able to give as generously as this?
For everything comes from you, and from your
own hand we have given to you.
15 For we are foreigners and strangers in your
presence, as were all our forefathers. Our days
on earth are like a shadow, without hope.
16 O LORD our God, from your hand comes all
this abundance that we have provided to build
you a house for your holy Name, and all of it
belongs to you.
17 I know, my God, that you test the heart and
delight in uprightness. All these things I have
given willingly and with an upright heart, and
now I have seen your people who are present
here giving joyfully and willingly to you.
18 O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac,
and Israel, keep this desire forever in the
intentions of the hearts of your people, and
direct their hearts toward you.
19 And give my son Solomon a whole heart to
keep and carry out all your commandments,
decrees, and statutes, and to build your palace
for which I have made provision."
20 Then David said to the whole assembly,
"Bless the LORD your God."
So the whole assembly blessed the LORD, the
God of their fathers. They bowed down and paid
homage to the LORD and to the king.

21 The next day they offered sacrifices and
presented burnt offerings to the LORD: a
thousand bulls, a thousand rams, and a
thousand lambs, along with their drink
offerings, and other sacrifices in abundance for
all Israel.
22 That day they ate and drank with great joy
in the presence of the LORD.

Then, for a second time, they designated
David's son Solomon as king, anointing him
before the LORD as ruler, and Zadok as the
priest.
23 So Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD
as king in place of his father David. He
prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.
24 All the officials and mighty men, as well as
all of King David's sons, pledged their allegiance
to King Solomon.
25 The LORD highly exalted Solomon in the
sight of all Israel and bestowed on him royal
majesty such as had not been bestowed on any
king in Israel before him.
26 David son of Jesse was king over all Israel.
27 The length of David's reign over Israel was
forty years—seven years in Hebron and
thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
28 He died at a ripe old age, full of years,
riches, and honor, and his son Solomon reigned
in his place.
29 Now the acts of King David, from first to
last, are indeed written in the Chronicles of
Samuel the Seer, the Chronicles of Nathan the
Prophet, and the Chronicles of Gad the Seer,

30 together with all the details of his reign, his
might, and the circumstances that came upon
him and Israel and all the kingdoms of the lands.

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