

1 Chronicles

- Adam, Seth, Enosh; Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared; Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech;
Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The descendants of Japheth: Gomer,
Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. The descendants of
Gomer: Ashkenaz, Diphath, and Togarmah. The descendants of Javan:
- 5 Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim. The descendants of Ham: Cush,
Egypt, Put, and Canaan. The descendants of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabta,
Raama, and Sabteca. The descendants of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. Cush
became the father of Nimrod; he was the first to be a mighty one on the
earth. Egypt became the father of Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,
- 10 Pathrusim, Casluhim, and Caphtorim, from whom the Philistines come.
Canaan became the father of Sidon his firstborn, and Heth, and the
Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,
the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. The descendants of Shem:
Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.
- 15 Arpachshad became the father of Shelah; and Shelah became the father of
Eber. To Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg (for in
his days the earth was divided), and the name of his brother Joktan. Joktan
became the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, Hadoram, Uzal,
Diklah, Ebal, Abimael, Sheba, Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these were
- 20 the descendants of Joktan. Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah; Eber, Peleg, Reu;

Serug, Nahor, Terah; Abram, that is, Abraham. The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael. These are their genealogies: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; and Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael. The

5 sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bore Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan. The sons of Midian: Ephah, Ephher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the descendants of Keturah. Abraham became the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel. The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam,

10 and Korah. The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zephi, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek. The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. The sons of Seir: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. The sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam; and Lotan's sister was Timna. The sons of Shobal: Alian, Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. The sons of

15 Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. The sons of Anah: Dishon. The sons of Dishon: Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran. The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Jaakan. The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran. These are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the Israelites: Bela son of Beor, whose city was called Dinhabah. When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah

20 of Bozrah succeeded him. When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the

Temanites succeeded him. When Husham died, Hadad son of Bedad, who
 defeated Midian in the country of Moab, succeeded him; and the name of his
 city was Avith. When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah succeeded him.
 When Samlah died, Shaul of Rehoboth on the Euphrates succeeded him.
 5 When Shaul died, Baal-hanan son of Achbor succeeded him. When Baal-
 hanan died, Hadad succeeded him; the name of his city was Pai, and his
 wife's name Mehetabel daughter of Matred, daughter of Me-zahab. And
 Hadad died. The clans of Edom were: clans Timna, Aliah, Jetheth,
 Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon, Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar, Magdiel, and Iram; these
 10 are the clans of Edom. These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi,
 Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.
 The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, and Shelah; these three the Canaanite woman
 Bath-shua bore to him. Now Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of
 the LORD, and he put him to death. His daughter-in-law Tamar also bore
 15 him Perez and Zerah. Judah had five sons in all. The sons of Perez:
 Hezron and Hamul. The sons of Zerah: Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and
 Dara, five in all. The sons of Carmi: Achar, the troubler of Israel, who
 transgressed in the matter of the devoted thing; and Ethan's son was
 Azariah. The sons of Hezron, who were born to him: Jerahmeel, Ram, and
 20 Chelubai. Ram became the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab became

the father of Nahshon, prince of the sons of Judah. Nahshon became the
 father of Salma, Salma of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, Obed of Jesse. Jesse
 became the father of Eliab his firstborn, Abinadab the second, Shimea the
 third, Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, Ozem the sixth, David the
 5 seventh; and their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. The sons of Zeruiah:
 Abishai, Joab, and Asahel, three. Abigail bore Amasa, and the father of
 Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite. Caleb son of Hezron had children by his
 wife Azubah, and by Jerioth; these were her sons: Jesher, Shobab, and
 Ardon. When Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur.
 10 Hur became the father of Uri, and Uri became the father of Bezalel.
 Afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir father of Gilead, whom
 he married when he was sixty years old; and she bore him Segub; and
 Segub became the father of Jair, who had twenty-three towns in the land of
 Gilead. But Geshur and Aram took from them Havvoth-jair, Kenath and its
 15 villages, sixty towns. All these were descendants of Machir, father of Gilead.
 After the death of Hezron, in Caleb-ephraiah, Abijah wife of Hezron bore
 him Ashhur, father of Tekoa. The sons of Jerahmeel, the firstborn of
 Hezron: Ram his firstborn, Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah. Jerahmeel also
 had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.
 20 The sons of Ram, the firstborn of Jerahmeel: Maaz, Jamin, and Eker. The

sons of Onam: Shammai and Jada. The sons of Shammai: Nadab and
 Abishur. The name of Abishur's wife was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban
 and Molid. The sons of Nadab: Seled and Appaim; and Seled died childless.
 The son of Appaim: Ishi. The son of Ishi: Sheshan. The son of Sheshan:

5 Ahlai. The sons of Jada, Shammai's brother: Jether and Jonathan; and Jether
 died childless. The sons of Jonathan: Peleth and Zaza. These were the
 descendants of Jerahmeel. Now Sheshan had no sons, only daughters; but
 Sheshan had an Egyptian slave, whose name was Jarha. So Sheshan gave
 his daughter in marriage to his slave Jarha; and she bore him Attai. Attai

10 became the father of Nathan, and Nathan of Zabad. Zabad became the
 father of Ephlal, and Ephlal of Obed. Obed became the father of Jehu, and
 Jehu of Azariah. Azariah became the father of Helez, and Helez of Eleasah.
 Eleasah became the father of Sismai, and Sismai of Shallum. Shallum
 became the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah of Elishama. The sons of

15 Caleb brother of Jerahmeel: Mesha his firstborn, who was father of Ziph.
 The sons of Mareshah father of Hebron. The sons of Hebron: Korah,
 Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema. Shema became father of Raham, father of
 Jorkeam; and Rekem became the father of Shammai. The son of Shammai:

20 Maon; and Maon was the father of Beth-zur. Ephah also, Caleb's concubine,
 bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez; and Haran became the father of Gazez. The

sons of Jahdai: Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph. Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah. She also bore Shaaph father of Madmannah, Sheva father of Machbenah and father of Gibeah; and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah. These were the descendants of Caleb. The

5 sons of Hur the firstborn of Ephrathah: Shobal father of Kiriath-jearim, Salma father of Bethlehem, and Hareph father of Beth-gader. Shobal father of Kiriath-jearim had other sons: Haroeh, half of the Menuhoth. And the families of Kiriath-jearim: the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; from these came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites. The sons of

10 Salma: Bethlehem, the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites. The families also of the scribes that lived at Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and the Sucathites. These are the Kenites who came from Hammath, father of the house of Rechab. These are the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn Amnon,

15 by Ahinoam the Jezreelite; the second Daniel, by Abigail the Carmelite; the third Absalom, son of Maacah, daughter of King Talmai of Geshur; the fourth Adonijah, son of Haggith; the fifth Shephatiah, by Abital; the sixth Ithream, by his wife Eglah; six were born to him in Hebron, where he reigned for seven years and six months. And he reigned thirty-three years in

20 Jerusalem. These were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan,

and Solomon, four by Bath-shua, daughter of Ammiel; then Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet, Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.

All these were David's sons, besides the sons of the concubines; and Tamar was their sister. The descendants of Solomon: Rehoboam, Abijah his son,

5 Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son, Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son, Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son, Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, Amon his son, Josiah his son. The sons of Josiah: Johanan the firstborn, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum. The descendants of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his

10 son, Zedekiah his son; and the sons of Jeconiah, the captive: Shealtiel his son, Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah; The sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei; and the sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam and Hananiah, and Shelomith was their sister; and Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-hesed, five. The sons of Hananiah:

15 Pelatiah and Jeshaiah, his son Rephaiah, his son Arnan, his son Obadiah, his son Shecaniah. The son of Shecaniah: Shemaiah. And the sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat, six. The sons of Neariah: Elioenai, Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three. The sons of Elioenai: Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani, seven. The sons of

20 Judah: Perez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal. Reaiah son of Shobal

became the father of Jahath, and Jahath became the father of Ahumai and
 Lahad. These were the families of the Zorathites. These were the sons of
 Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister was
 Hazzelelponi, and Penuel was the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of
 5 Hushah. These were the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, the father of
 Bethlehem. Ashhur father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah;
 Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hepher, Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the
 sons of Naarah. The sons of Helah: Zereth, Izhar, and Ethnan. Koz became
 the father of Anub, Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel son of Harum.
 10 Jabez was honored more than his brothers; and his mother named him Jabez,
 saying, "Because I bore him in pain." Jabez called on the God of Israel,
 saying, "Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your
 hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from hurt and harm!"
 And God granted what he asked. Chelub the brother of Shuhah became the
 15 father of Mehir, who was the father of Eshton. Eshton became the father of
 Beth-rapha, Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Irnash. These are the men
 of Recah. The sons of Kenaz: Othniel and Seraiah; and the sons of Othniel:
 Hathath and Meonothai. Meonothai became the father of Ophrah; and
 Seraiah became the father of Joab father of Ge-harashim, so-called because
 20 they were artisans. The sons of Caleb son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and

Naam; and the son of Elah: Kenaz. The sons of Jehallelel: Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel. The sons of Ezrah: Jether, Mered, Ephraim, and Jalon. These are the sons of Bithiah, daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered married; and she conceived and bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah father of

5 Eshtemoa. And his Judean wife bore Jered father of Gedor, Heber father of Soco, and Jekuthiel father of Zanoah. The sons of the wife of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, were the fathers of Keilah the Garmite and Eshtemoa the Maacathite. The sons of Shimon: Amnon, Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. The sons of Ishi: Zoheth and Ben-zoheth. The sons of Shelah son of Judah:

10 Er father of Lecah, Laadah father of Mareshah, and the families of the guild of linen workers at Beth-ashbea; and Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who married into Moab but returned to Lehem (now the records are ancient). These were the potters and inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah; they lived there with the king in his service. The sons of Simeon:

15 Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul; Shallum was his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son. The sons of Mishma: Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son. Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers did not have many children, nor did all their family multiply like the Judeans. They lived in Beer-sheba, Moladah, Hazar-shual, Bilhah, Ezem,

20 Tolad, Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag, Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susim, Beth-biri,

and Shaaraim. These were their towns until David became king. And their villages were Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan, five towns, along with all their villages that were around these towns as far as Baal. These were their settlements. And they kept a genealogical record. Meshobab,

5 Jamlech, Joshah son of Amaziah, Joel, Jehu son of Joshibiah son of Seraiah son of Asiel, Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah, Ziza son of Shiphi son of Allon son of Jedaiah son of Shimri son of Shemaiah-- these mentioned by name were leaders in their families, and their clans increased greatly. They journeyed to the entrance of Gedor, to

10 the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks, where they found rich, good pasture, and the land was very broad, quiet, and peaceful; for the former inhabitants there belonged to Ham. These, registered by name, came in the days of King Hezekiah of Judah, and attacked their tents and the Meunim who were found there, and exterminated them to this day,

15 and settled in their place, because there was pasture there for their flocks. And some of them, five hundred men of the Simeonites, went to Mount Seir, having as their leaders Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, sons of Ishi; they destroyed the remnant of the Amalekites that had escaped, and they have lived there to this day. The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel. (He

20 was the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's bed his birthright was

given to the sons of Joseph son of Israel, so that he is not enrolled in the
 genealogy according to the birthright; though Judah became prominent
 among his brothers and a ruler came from him, yet the birthright belonged to
 Joseph.) The sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron,
 5 and Carmi. The sons of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his
 son, Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son, Beerah his son, whom
 King Tilgath-pilneser of Assyria carried away into exile; he was a chieftain
 of the Reubenites. And his kindred by their families, when the genealogy of
 their generations was reckoned: the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah, and Bela son
 10 of Azaz, son of Shema, son of Joel, who lived in Aroer, as far as Nebo and
 Baal-meon. He also lived to the east as far as the beginning of the desert
 this side of the Euphrates, because their cattle had multiplied in the land of
 Gilead. And in the days of Saul they made war on the Hagrites, who fell
 by their hand; and they lived in their tents throughout all the region east of
 15 Gilead. The sons of Gad lived beside them in the land of Bashan as far as
 Salecah: Joel the chief, Shapham the second, Janai, and Shaphat in Bashan.
 And their kindred according to their clans: Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai,
 Jacan, Zia, and Eber, seven. These were the sons of Abihail son of Huri,
 son of Jaroah, son of Gilead, son of Michael, son of Jeshishai, son of Jahdo,
 20 son of Buz; Ahi son of Abdiel, son of Guni, was chief in their clan; and

they lived in Gilead, in Bashan and in its towns, and in all the pasture lands of Sharon to their limits. All of these were enrolled by genealogies in the days of King Jotham of Judah, and in the days of King Jeroboam of Israel. The Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh had valiant

5 warriors, who carried shield and sword, and drew the bow, expert in war, forty-four thousand seven hundred sixty, ready for service. They made war on the Hagarites, Jetur, Naphish, and Nodab; and when they received help against them, the Hagarites and all who were with them were given into their hands, for they cried to God in the battle, and he granted their entreaty

10 because they trusted in him. They captured their livestock: fifty thousand of their camels, two hundred fifty thousand sheep, two thousand donkeys, and one hundred thousand captives. Many fell slain, because the war was of God. And they lived in their territory until the exile. The members of the half-tribe of Manasseh lived in the land; they were very numerous from

15 Bashan to Baal-hermon, Senir, and Mount Hermon. These were the heads of their clans: Ephraim, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty warriors, famous men, heads of their clans. But they transgressed against the God of their ancestors, and prostituted themselves to the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God had destroyed before them. So the God of Israel

20 stirred up the spirit of King Pul of Assyria, the spirit of King Tilgath-

pilneser of Assyria, and he carried them away, namely, the Reubenites, the
 Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, Habor,
 Hara, and the river Gozan, to this day. The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath,
 and Merari. The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. The
 5 children of Amram: Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. The sons of Aaron: Nadab,
 Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. Eleazar became the father of Phinehas,
 Phinehas of Abishua, Abishua of Bukki, Bukki of Uzzi, Uzzi of Zerahiah,
 Zerahiah of Meraioth, Meraioth of Amariah, Amariah of Ahitub, Ahitub of
 Zadok, Zadok of Ahimaaz, Ahimaaz of Azariah, Azariah of Johanan, and
 10 Johanan of Azariah (it was he who served as priest in the house that
 Solomon built in Jerusalem). Azariah became the father of Amariah,
 Amariah of Ahitub, Ahitub of Zadok, Zadok of Shallum, Shallum of
 Hilkiah, Hilkiah of Azariah, Azariah of Seraiah, Seraiah of Jehozadak; and
 Jehozadak went into exile when the LORD sent Judah and Jerusalem into
 15 exile by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar. The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath,
 and Merari. These are the names of the sons of Gershom: Libni and
 Shimei. The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. The sons
 of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the clans of the Levites according to
 their ancestry. Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,
 20 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son. The sons of

Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, Elkanah his son,
 Ebiasaph his son, Assir his son, Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his
 son, and Shaul his son. The sons of Elkanah: Amasai and Ahimoth,
 Elkanah his son, Zophai his son, Nahath his son, Eliab his son, Jeroham his
 5 son, Elkanah his son. The sons of Samuel: Joel his firstborn, the second
 Abijah. The sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah
 his son, Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, and Asaiah his son. These are
 the men whom David put in charge of the service of song in the house of
 the LORD, after the ark came to rest there. They ministered with song
 10 before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, until Solomon had built the
 house of the LORD in Jerusalem; and they performed their service in due
 order. These are the men who served; and their sons were: Of the
 Kohathites: Heman, the singer, son of Joel, son of Samuel, son of Elkanah,
 son of Jeroham, son of Eliel, son of Toah, son of Zuph, son of Elkanah,
 15 son of Mahath, son of Amasai, son of Elkanah, son of Joel, son of Azariah,
 son of Zephaniah, son of Tahath, son of Assir, son of Ebiasaph, son of
 Korah, son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, son of Israel; and his
 brother Asaph, who stood on his right, namely, Asaph son of Berechiah, son
 of Shimea, son of Michael, son of Baaseiah, son of Malchijah, son of
 20 Ethni, son of Zerah, son of Adaiah, son of Ethan, son of Zimmah, son of

Shimei, son of Jahath, son of Gershom, son of Levi. On the left were
their kindred the sons of Merari: Ethan son of Kishi, son of Abdi, son of
Malluch, son of Hashabiah, son of Amaziah, son of Hilkiah, son of Amzi,
son of Bani, son of Shemer, son of Mahli, son of Mushi, son of Merari,
5 son of Levi; and their kindred the Levites were appointed for all the service
of the tabernacle of the house of God. But Aaron and his sons made
offerings on the altar of burnt offering and on the altar of incense, doing all
the work of the most holy place, to make atonement for Israel, according to
all that Moses the servant of God had commanded. These are the sons of
10 Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, Bukki his son,
Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son, Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub
his son, Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son. These are their dwelling places
according to their settlements within their borders: to the sons of Aaron of
the families of Kohathites--for the lot fell to them first-- to them they gave
15 Hebron in the land of Judah and its surrounding pasture lands, but the
fields of the city and its villages they gave to Caleb son of Jephunneh. To
the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge: Hebron, Libnah with its
pasture lands, Jattir, Eshtemoa with its pasture lands, Hilen with its pasture
lands, Debir with its pasture lands, Ashan with its pasture lands, and Beth-
20 shemesh with its pasture lands. From the tribe of Benjamin, Geba with its

pasture lands, Alemeth with its pasture lands, and Anathoth with its pasture lands. All their towns throughout their families were thirteen. To the rest of the Kohathites were given by lot out of the family of the tribe, out of the half-tribe, the half of Manasseh, ten towns. To the Gershomites according to

5 their families were allotted thirteen towns out of the tribes of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and Manasseh in Bashan. To the Merarites according to their families were allotted twelve towns out of the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun. So the people of Israel gave the Levites the towns with their pasture lands. They also gave them by lot out of the tribes of Judah,

10 Simeon, and Benjamin these towns that are mentioned by name. And some of the families of the sons of Kohath had towns of their territory out of the tribe of Ephraim. They were given the cities of refuge: Shechem with its pasture lands in the hill country of Ephraim, Gezer with its pasture lands, Jokmeam with its pasture lands, Beth-horon with its pasture lands, Aijalon

15 with its pasture lands, Gath-rimmon with its pasture lands; and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Aner with its pasture lands, and Bileam with its pasture lands, for the rest of the families of the Kohathites. To the Gershomites: out of the half-tribe of Manasseh: Golan in Bashan with its pasture lands and Ashtaroth with its pasture lands; and out of the tribe of

20 Issachar: Kedesh with its pasture lands, Daberath with its pasture lands,

Ramoth with its pasture lands, and Anem with its pasture lands; out of the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its pasture lands, Abdon with its pasture lands, Hukok with its pasture lands, and Rehob with its pasture lands; and out of the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its pasture lands, Hammon with its pasture lands, and Kiriathaim with its pasture lands. To the rest of the Merarites out of the tribe of Zebulun: Rimmono with its pasture lands, Tabor with its pasture lands, and across the Jordan from Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, out of the tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the steppe with its pasture lands, Jahzah with its pasture lands, Kedemoth with its pasture lands, and Mephaath with its pasture lands; and out of the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with its pasture lands, Mahanaim with its pasture lands, Heshbon with its pasture lands, and Jazer with its pasture lands. The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four. The sons of Tola: Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their ancestral houses, namely of Tola, mighty warriors of their generations, their number in the days of David being twenty-two thousand six hundred. The son of Uzzi: Izrahiah. And the sons of Izrahiah: Michael, Obadiah, Joel, and Isshiah, five, all of them chiefs; and along with them, by their generations, according to their ancestral houses, were units of the fighting force, thirty-six thousand, for they had many wives and sons. Their kindred belonging to all the families

of Issachar were in all eighty-seven thousand mighty warriors, enrolled by
genealogy. The sons of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, and Jediahel, three. The
sons of Bela: Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri, five, heads of ancestral
houses, mighty warriors; and their enrollment by genealogies was twenty-two
5 thousand thirty-four. The sons of Becher: Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Eliezer,
Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were the sons of
Becher; and their enrollment by genealogies, according to their generations,
as heads of their ancestral houses, mighty warriors, was twenty thousand two
hundred. The sons of Jediahel: Bilhan. And the sons of Bilhan: Jeush,
10 Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar. All these were
the sons of Jediahel according to the heads of their ancestral houses, mighty
warriors, seventeen thousand two hundred, ready for service in war. And
Shuppim and Huppim were the sons of Ir, Hushim the son of Aher. The
descendants of Naphtali: Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shallum, the descendants of
15 Bilhah. The sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom his Aramean concubine bore;
she bore Machir the father of Gilead. And Machir took a wife for Huppim
and for Shuppim. The name of his sister was Maacah. And the name of the
second was Zelophehad; and Zelophehad had daughters. Maacah the wife of
Machir bore a son, and she named him Peresh; the name of his brother was
20 Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rekem. The son of Ulam: Bedan.

These were the sons of Gilead son of Machir, son of Manasseh. And his
 sister Hammolecheth bore Ishhod, Abiezer, and Mahlah. The sons of
 Shemida were Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam. The sons of Ephraim:
 Shuthelah, and Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eleadah his son, Tahath his
 5 son, Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, and Ezer and Elead. Now the people
 of Gath, who were born in the land, killed them, because they came down to
 raid their cattle. And their father Ephraim mourned many days, and his
 brothers came to comfort him. Ephraim went in to his wife, and she
 conceived and bore a son; and he named him Beriah, because disaster had
 10 befallen his house. His daughter was Sheerah, who built both Lower and
 Upper Beth-horon, and Uzzen-sheerah. Rephah was his son, Resheph his
 son, Telah his son, Tahan his son, Ladan his son, Ammihud his son,
 Elishama his son, Nun his son, Joshua his son. Their possessions and
 settlements were Bethel and its towns, and eastward Naaran, and westward
 15 Gezer and its towns, Shechem and its towns, as far as Ayyah and its towns;
 also along the borders of the Manassites, Beth-shean and its towns, Taanach
 and its towns, Megiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these lived the
 sons of Joseph son of Israel. The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi,
 Beriah, and their sister Serah. The sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel, who
 20 was the father of Birzaith. Heber became the father of Japhlet, Shomer,

Hotham, and their sister Shua. The sons of Japhlet: Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the sons of Japhlet. The sons of Shemer: Ahi, Rohgah, Hubbah, and Aram. The sons of Helem his brother: Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal. The sons of Zophah: Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah,

5 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera. The sons of Jether: Jephunneh, Pispah, and Ara. The sons of Ulla: Arah, Hanniel, and Rizia.

All of these were men of Asher, heads of ancestral houses, select mighty warriors, chief of the princes. Their number enrolled by genealogies, for service in war, was twenty-six thousand men. Benjamin became the father

10 of Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, Aharah the third, Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. And Bela had sons: Addar, Gera, Abihud, Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah, Gera, Shephuphan, and Hiram. These are the sons of Ehud (they were heads of ancestral houses of the inhabitants of Geba, and they were carried into exile to Manahath): Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera, that

15 is, Heglam, who became the father of Uzza and Ahihud. And Shaharaim had sons in the country of Moab after he had sent away his wives Hushim and Baara. He had sons by his wife Hodesh: Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam, Jeuz, Sachia, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of ancestral houses.

He also had sons by Hushim: Abitub and Elpaal. The sons of Elpaal: Eber,

20 Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod with its towns, and Beriah

and Shema (they were heads of ancestral houses of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath); and Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth. Zebadiah, Arad, Eder, Michael, Ishpah, and Joha were sons of Beriah. Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber, Ishmerai, Izliah, and Jobab

5 were the sons of Elpaal. Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi, Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel, Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath were the sons of Shimei. Ishpan, Eber, Eliel, Abdon, Zichri, Hanan, Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah, Iphdeiah, and Penuel were the sons of Shashak. Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah, Jareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri were the sons of Jeroham. These were the heads of

10 ancestral houses, according to their generations, chiefs. These lived in Jerusalem. Jeiel the father of Gibeon lived in Gibeon, and the name of his wife was Maacah. His firstborn son: Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab, Gedor, Ahio, Zecher, and Mikloth, who became the father of Shimeah. Now these also lived opposite their kindred in Jerusalem, with their kindred. Ner

15 became the father of Kish, Kish of Saul, Saul of Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Esh-baal; and the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and Merib-baal became the father of Micah. The sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz. Ahaz became the father of Jehoaddah; and Jehoaddah became the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; Zimri became the father

20 of Moza. Moza became the father of Binea; Raphah was his son, Eleasah

his son, Azel his son. Azel had six sons, and these are their names:

Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan; all these were the sons of Azel. The sons of his brother Eshek: Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third. The sons of Ulam were mighty warriors,

5 archers, having many children and grandchildren, one hundred fifty. All these were Benjaminites. So all Israel was enrolled by genealogies; and these are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel. And Judah was taken into exile in Babylon because of their unfaithfulness. Now the first to live again in their possessions in their towns were Israelites, priests, Levites, and temple

10 servants. And some of the people of Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh lived in Jerusalem: Uthai son of Ammihud, son of Omri, son of Imri, son of Bani, from the sons of Perez son of Judah. And of the Shilonites: Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons. Of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel and their kin, six hundred ninety. Of the Benjaminites: Sallu son of

15 Meshullam, son of Hodaviah, son of Hassenuah, Ibneiah son of Jeroham, Elah son of Uzzi, son of Michri, and Meshullam son of Shephatiah, son of Reuel, son of Ibrijah; and their kindred according to their generations, nine hundred fifty-six. All these were heads of families according to their ancestral houses. Of the priests: Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, Jachin, and Azariah son of

20 Hilkiah, son of Meshullam, son of Zadok, son of Meraioth, son of Ahitub,

the chief officer of the house of God; and Adaiah son of Jeroham, son of Pashhur, son of Malchijah, and Maasai son of Adiel, son of Jahzerah, son of Meshullam, son of Meshillemith, son of Immer; besides their kindred, heads of their ancestral houses, one thousand seven hundred sixty, qualified for the

5 work of the service of the house of God. Of the Levites: Shemaiah son of Hasshub, son of Azrikam, son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; and Bakkakkar, Heresh, Galal, and Mattaniah son of Mica, son of Zichri, son of Asaph; and Obadiah son of Shemaiah, son of Galal, son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah son of Asa, son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the

10 Netophathites. The gatekeepers were: Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman; and their kindred Shallum was the chief, stationed previously in the king's gate on the east side. These were the gatekeepers of the camp of the Levites.

Shallum son of Kore, son of Ebiasaph, son of Korah, and his kindred of his ancestral house, the Korahites, were in charge of the work of the service,

15 guardians of the thresholds of the tent, as their ancestors had been in charge of the camp of the LORD, guardians of the entrance. And Phinehas son of Eleazar was chief over them in former times; the LORD was with him.

Zechariah son of Meshelemiah was gatekeeper at the entrance of the tent of meeting. All these, who were chosen as gatekeepers at the thresholds, were

20 two hundred twelve. They were enrolled by genealogies in their villages.

David and the seer Samuel established them in their office of trust. So they and their descendants were in charge of the gates of the house of the LORD, that is, the house of the tent, as guards. The gatekeepers were on the four sides, east, west, north, and south; and their kindred who were in their

5 villages were obliged to come in every seven days, in turn, to be with them; for the four chief gatekeepers, who were Levites, were in charge of the chambers and the treasures of the house of God. And they would spend the night near the house of God; for on them lay the duty of watching, and they had charge of opening it every morning. Some of them had charge of the

10 utensils of service, for they were required to count them when they were brought in and taken out. Others of them were appointed over the furniture, and over all the holy utensils, also over the choice flour, the wine, the oil, the incense, and the spices. Others, of the sons of the priests, prepared the mixing of the spices, and Mattithiah, one of the Levites, the firstborn of

15 Shallum the Korahite, was in charge of making the flat cakes. Also some of their kindred of the Kohathites had charge of the rows of bread, to prepare them for each sabbath. Now these are the singers, the heads of ancestral houses of the Levites, living in the chambers of the temple free from other service, for they were on duty day and night. These were heads of ancestral

20 houses of the Levites, according to their generations; these leaders lived in

Jerusalem. In Gibeon lived the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, and the name of his wife was Maacah. His firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab, Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth; and Mikloth became the father of Shimeam; and these also lived opposite their kindred in Jerusalem,

5 with their kindred. Ner became the father of Kish, Kish of Saul, Saul of Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Esh-baal; and the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and Merib-baal became the father of Micah. The sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, and Ahaz; and Ahaz became the father of Jarah, and Jarah of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri became the father of

10 Moza. Moza became the father of Binea; and Rephaiah was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. Azel had six sons, and these are their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan; these were the sons of Azel. Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa. The

15 Philistines overtook Saul and his sons; and the Philistines killed Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchishua, sons of Saul. The battle pressed hard on Saul; and the archers found him, and he was wounded by the archers. Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, so that these uncircumcised may not come and make sport of me." But his

20 armor-bearer was unwilling, for he was terrified. So Saul took his own sword

and fell on it. When his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died. Thus Saul died; he and his three sons and all his house died together. When all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that the army had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they

5 abandoned their towns and fled; and the Philistines came and occupied them.

The next day when the Philistines came to strip the dead, they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. They stripped him and took his head and his armor, and sent messengers throughout the land of the Philistines to carry the good news to their idols and to the people. They put his armor in

10 the temple of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon. But when all Jabesh-gilead heard everything that the Philistines had done to Saul, all the valiant warriors got up and took away the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh. Then they buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. So Saul died for his

15 unfaithfulness; he was unfaithful to the LORD in that he did not keep the command of the LORD; moreover, he had consulted a medium, seeking guidance, and did not seek guidance from the LORD. Therefore the LORD put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse. Then all Israel gathered together to David at Hebron and said, "See, we are your

20 bone and flesh. For some time now, even while Saul was king, it was you

who commanded the army of Israel. The LORD your God said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over my people Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And

5 they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel. David and all Israel marched to Jerusalem, that is Jebus, where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You will not come in here." Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion, now the city of David. David had said, "Whoever attacks the

10 Jebusites first shall be chief and commander." And Joab son of Zeruiah went up first, so he became chief. David resided in the stronghold; therefore it was called the city of David. He built the city all around, from the Millo in complete circuit; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD of hosts was with him. Now

15 these are the chiefs of David's warriors, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel. This is an account of David's mighty warriors: Jashobeam, son of Hachmoni, was chief of the Three; he wielded his spear against three hundred whom he killed at one time. And next to

20 him among the three warriors was Eleazar son of Dodo, the Ahohite. He

was with David at Pas-dammim when the Philistines were gathered there for battle. There was a plot of ground full of barley. Now the people had fled from the Philistines, but he and David took their stand in the middle of the plot, defended it, and killed the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a

5 great victory. Three of the thirty chiefs went down to the rock to David at the cave of Adullam, while the army of Philistines was encamped in the valley of Rephaim. David was then in the stronghold; and the garrison of the Philistines was then at Bethlehem. David said longingly, "O that

10 someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate!" Then the Three broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and they brought it to David. But David would not drink of it; he poured it out to the LORD, and said, "My God forbid that I should do this. Can I drink the blood of these men? For at the risk of their lives they brought it." Therefore

15 he would not drink it. The three warriors did these things. Now Abishai, the brother of Joab, was chief of the Thirty. With his spear he fought against three hundred and killed them, and won a name beside the Three. He was the most renowned of the Thirty, and became their commander; but he did not attain to the Three. Benaiah son of Jehoiada was a valiant man

20 of Kabzeel, a doer of great deeds; he struck down two sons of Ariel of

Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in a pit on a day when snow
 had fallen. And he killed an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits
 tall. The Egyptian had in his hand a spear like a weaver's beam; but Benaiah
 went against him with a staff, snatched the spear out of the Egyptian's hand,
 5 and killed him with his own spear. Such were the things Benaiah son of
 Jehoiada did, and he won a name beside the three warriors. He was
 renowned among the Thirty, but he did not attain to the Three. And David
 put him in charge of his bodyguard. The warriors of the armies were
 Asahel brother of Joab, Elhanan son of Dodo of Bethlehem, Shammoth of
 10 Harod, Helez the Pelonite, Ira son of Ikesh of Tekoa, Abiezer of Anathoth,
 Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, Maharai of Netophah, Heled son
 of Baanah of Netophah, Ithai son of Ribai of Gibeah of the Benjaminites,
 Benaiah of Pirathon, Hurai of the wadis of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,
 Azmaveth of Baharum, Eliahba of Shaalbon, Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan
 15 son of Shagee the Hararite, Ahiam son of Sachar the Hararite, Eliphal son
 of Ur, Hopher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, Hezro of Carmel,
 Naarai son of Ezbai, Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar son of Hagri,
 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai of Beeroth, the armor-bearer of Joab son of
 Zeruah, Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, Uriah the Hittite, Zabad son of
 20 Ahlai, Adina son of Shiza the Reubenite, a leader of the Reubenites, and

thirty with him, Hanan son of Maacah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel sons of Hotham the Aroerite, Jedaiel son of Shimri, and his brother Joha the Tizite, Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai and Joshaviah sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, Eliel, and Obed,

5 and Jaasiel the Mezobaite. The following are those who came to David at Ziklag, while he could not move about freely because of Saul son of Kish; they were among the mighty warriors who helped him in war. They were archers, and could shoot arrows and sling stones with either the right hand or the left; they were Benjaminites, Saul's kindred. The chief was Ahiezer, then

10 Joash, both sons of Shemaah of Gibeah; also Jeziel and Pelet sons of Azmaveth; Beracah, Jehu of Anathoth, Ishmaiah of Gibeon, a warrior among the Thirty and a leader over the Thirty; Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, Jozabad of Gederah, Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, Shephatiah the Haruphite; Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites; and Joelah

15 and Zebadiah, sons of Jeroham of Gedor. From the Gadites there went over to David at the stronghold in the wilderness mighty and experienced warriors, expert with shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and who were swift as gazelles on the mountains: Ezer the chief, Obadiah second, Eliab third, Mishmannah fourth, Jeremiah fifth, Attai sixth, Eliel

20 seventh, Johanan eighth, Elzabad ninth, Jeremiah tenth, Machbannai

eleventh. These Gadites were officers of the army, the least equal to a hundred and the greatest to a thousand. These are the men who crossed the Jordan in the first month, when it was overflowing all its banks, and put to flight all those in the valleys, to the east and to the west. Some

5 Benjaminites and Judahites came to the stronghold to David. David went out to meet them and said to them, "If you have come to me in friendship, to help me, then my heart will be knit to you; but if you have come to betray me to my adversaries, though my hands have done no wrong, then may the God of our ancestors see and give judgment." Then the spirit came upon

10 Amasai, chief of the Thirty, and he said, "We are yours, O David; and with you, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, and peace to the one who helps you! For your God is the one who helps you." Then David received them, and made them officers of his troops. Some of the Manassites deserted to David when he came with the Philistines for the battle against Saul. (Yet he

15 did not help them, for the rulers of the Philistines took counsel and sent him away, saying, "He will desert to his master Saul at the cost of our heads.")

As he went to Ziklag these Manassites deserted to him: Adnah, Jozabad, Jediahel, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, chiefs of the thousands in Manasseh. They helped David against the band of raiders, for they were all

20 warriors and commanders in the army. Indeed from day to day people kept

coming to David to help him, until there was a great army, like an army of God. These are the numbers of the divisions of the armed troops who came to David in Hebron to turn the kingdom of Saul over to him, according to the word of the LORD. The people of Judah bearing shield and spear

5 numbered six thousand eight hundred armed troops. Of the Simeonites, mighty warriors, seven thousand one hundred. Of the Levites four thousand six hundred. Jehoiada, leader of the house of Aaron, and with him three thousand seven hundred. Zadok, a young warrior, and twenty-two commanders from his own ancestral house. Of the Benjaminites, the kindred

10 of Saul, three thousand, of whom the majority had continued to keep their allegiance to the house of Saul. Of the Ephraimites, twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty warriors, notables in their ancestral houses. Of the half-tribe of Manasseh, eighteen thousand, who were expressly named to come and make David king. Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to

15 know what Israel ought to do, two hundred chiefs, and all their kindred under their command. Of Zebulun, fifty thousand seasoned troops, equipped for battle with all the weapons of war, to help David with singleness of purpose. Of Naphtali, a thousand commanders, with whom there were thirty-

20 seven thousand armed with shield and spear. Of the Danites, twenty-eight thousand six hundred equipped for battle. Of Asher, forty thousand seasoned

troops ready for battle. Of the Reubenites and Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh from beyond the Jordan, one hundred twenty thousand armed with all the weapons of war. All these, warriors arrayed in battle order, came to Hebron with full intent to make David king over all Israel; likewise all the

5 rest of Israel were of a single mind to make David king. They were there with David for three days, eating and drinking, for their kindred had provided for them. And also their neighbors, from as far away as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, came bringing food on donkeys, camels, mules, and oxen--abundant provisions of meal, cakes of figs, clusters of raisins,

10 wine, oil, oxen, and sheep, for there was joy in Israel. David consulted with the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, with every leader. David said to the whole assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is the will of the LORD our God, let us send abroad to our kindred who remain in all the land of Israel, including the priests and Levites in the cities

15 that have pasture lands, that they may come together to us. Then let us bring again the ark of our God to us; for we did not turn to it in the days of Saul." The whole assembly agreed to do so, for the thing pleased all the people. So David assembled all Israel from the Shihor of Egypt to Lebo-

20 hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim. And David and all Israel went up to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath-jearim, which belongs to Judah,

to bring up from there the ark of God, the LORD, who is enthroned on the cherubim, which is called by his name. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, from the house of Abinadab, and Uzzah and Ahio were driving the cart. David and all Israel were dancing before God with all their might,

5 with song and lyres and harps and tambourines and cymbals and trumpets.

When they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzzah put out his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen shook it. The anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; he struck him down because he put out his hand to the ark; and he died there before God. David was angry because the LORD had

10 burst out against Uzzah; so that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day.

David was afraid of God that day; he said, "How can I bring the ark of God into my care?" So David did not take the ark into his care into the city of David; he took it instead to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

The ark of God remained with the household of Obed-edom in his house

15 three months, and the LORD blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that he had. King Hiram of Tyre sent messengers to David, along with cedar logs, and masons and carpenters to build a house for him. David then perceived that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that his kingdom was highly exalted for the sake of his people Israel. David

20 took more wives in Jerusalem, and David became the father of more sons

and daughters. These are the names of the children whom he had in
Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, and Nathan; Solomon, Ibhar, Elishua, and
Elpelet; Nogah, Nepheg, and Japhia; Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.
When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel,
5 all the Philistines went up in search of David; and David heard of it and
went out against them. Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in
the valley of Rephaim. David inquired of God, "Shall I go up against the
Philistines? Will you give them into my hand?" The LORD said to him, "Go
up, and I will give them into your hand." So he went up to Baal-perazim,
10 and David defeated them there. David said, "God has burst out against my
enemies by my hand, like a bursting flood." Therefore that place is called
Baal-perazim. They abandoned their gods there, and at David's command
they were burned. Once again the Philistines made a raid in the valley.
When David again inquired of God, God said to him, "You shall not go up
15 after them; go around and come on them opposite the balsam trees. When
you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then go out
to battle; for God has gone out before you to strike down the army of the
Philistines." David did as God had commanded him, and they struck down
the Philistine army from Gibeon to Gezer. The fame of David went out into
20 all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him on all nations. David built

houses for himself in the city of David, and he prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it. Then David commanded that no one but the Levites were to carry the ark of God, for the LORD had chosen them to carry the ark of the LORD and to minister to him forever. David assembled

5 all Israel in Jerusalem to bring up the ark of the LORD to its place, which he had prepared for it. Then David gathered together the descendants of Aaron and the Levites: of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, with one hundred twenty of his kindred; of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, with two hundred twenty of his kindred; of the sons of Gershon, Joel the chief,

10 with one hundred thirty of his kindred; of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, with two hundred of his kindred; of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, with eighty of his kindred; of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, with one hundred twelve of his kindred. David summoned the priests Zadok and Abiathar, and the Levites Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and

15 Amminadab. He said to them, "You are the heads of families of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your kindred, so that you may bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the place that I have prepared for it. Because you did not carry it the first time, the LORD our God burst out against us, because we did not give it proper care." So the priests and

20 the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD, the God

of Israel. And the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their kindred as the singers to play on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals,

5 to raise loud sounds of joy. So the Levites appointed Heman son of Joel; and of his kindred Asaph son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari, their kindred, Ethan son of Kushaiah; and with them their kindred of the second order, Zechariah, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and the gatekeepers Obed-edom and

10 Jeiel. The singers Heman, Asaph, and Ethan were to sound bronze cymbals; Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah were to play harps according to Alamoth; but Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah were to lead with lyres according to the Sheminith. Chenaniah, leader of the Levites in music, was to direct

15 the music, for he understood it. Berechiah and Elkanah were to be gatekeepers for the ark. Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, were to blow the trumpets before the ark of God. Obed-edom and Jehiah also were to be gatekeepers for the ark. So

David and the elders of Israel, and the commanders of the thousands, went

20 to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-

edom with rejoicing. And because God helped the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as also were all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah

5 the leader of the music of the singers; and David wore a linen ephod. So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, to the sound of the horn, trumpets, and cymbals, and made loud music on harps and lyres. As the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King

10 David leaping and dancing; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of God, and set it inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and they offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before God.

When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD; and he

15 distributed to every person in Israel--man and woman alike--to each a loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. He appointed certain of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the LORD, to invoke, to thank, and to praise the LORD, the God of Israel. Asaph was the chief, and second to him Zechariah, Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-

20 edom, and Jeiel, with harps and lyres; Asaph was to sound the cymbals,

and the priests Benaiah and Jahaziel were to blow trumpets regularly, before the ark of the covenant of God. Then on that day David first appointed the singing of praises to the LORD by Asaph and his kindred. O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

5 Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Israel, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. He is the

10 LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. Remember his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

15 When they were few in number, of little account, and strangers in the land, wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people, he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account, saying, "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm." Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his

20 glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For

great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all
gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the
heavens. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his
place. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the
5 LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the LORD in holy
splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. The world is firmly established;
it shall never be moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The LORD is king!" Let the sea roar,
10 and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall the
trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the
earth. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love
endures forever. Say also: "Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and
rescue us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy
15 name, and glory in your praise. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting." Then all the people said "Amen!" and
praised the LORD. David left Asaph and his kinsfolk there before the ark
of the covenant of the LORD to minister regularly before the ark as each
day required, and also Obed-edom and his sixty-eight kinsfolk; while Obed-
20 edom son of Jeduthun and Hosah were to be gatekeepers. And he left the

priest Zadok and his kindred the priests before the tabernacle of the LORD
in the high place that was at Gibeon, to offer burnt offerings to the LORD
on the altar of burnt offering regularly, morning and evening, according to all
that is written in the law of the LORD that he commanded Israel. With
5 them were Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest of those chosen and expressly
named to render thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever.
Heman and Jeduthun had with them trumpets and cymbals for the music, and
instruments for sacred song. The sons of Jeduthun were appointed to the
gate. Then all the people departed to their homes, and David went home to
10 bless his household. Now when David settled in his house, David said to
the prophet Nathan, "I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of the
covenant of the LORD is under a tent." Nathan said to David, "Do all that
you have in mind, for God is with you." But that same night the word of
the LORD came to Nathan, saying: Go and tell my servant David: Thus
15 says the LORD: You shall not build me a house to live in. For I have not
lived in a house since the day I brought out Israel to this very day, but I
have lived in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among
all Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I
commanded to shepherd my people, saying, Why have you not built me a
20 house of cedar? Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David:

Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies before you; and I will make for you a name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. I will

5 appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall wear them down no more, as they did formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover I declare to you that the LORD will build you a house. When your days

10 are fulfilled to go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from him who was before you, but I will

15 confirm him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever. In accordance with all these words and all this vision, Nathan spoke to David. Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and said, "Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? And even this was a small thing in your

20 sight, O God; you have also spoken of your servant's house for a great while

to come. You regard me as someone of high rank, O LORD God! And what more can David say to you for honoring your servant? You know your servant. For your servant's sake, O LORD, and according to your own heart, you have done all these great deeds, making known all these great things.

- 5 There is no one like you, O LORD, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. Who is like your people Israel, one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making for yourself a name for great and terrible things, in driving out nations before your people whom you redeemed from Egypt? And you made
- 10 your people Israel to be your people forever; and you, O LORD, became their God. "And now, O LORD, as for the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, let it be established forever, and do as you have promised. Thus your name will be established and magnified forever in the saying, 'The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
- 15 is Israel's God'; and the house of your servant David will be established in your presence. For you, my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build a house for him; therefore your servant has found it possible to pray before you. And now, O LORD, you are God, and you have promised this good thing to your servant; therefore may it please you to bless the
- 20 house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you. For you, O

LORD, have blessed and are blessed forever." Some time afterward, David attacked the Philistines and subdued them; he took Gath and its villages from the Philistines. He defeated Moab, and the Moabites became subject to David and brought tribute. David also struck down King Hadadezer of

5 Zobah, toward Hamath, as he went to set up a monument at the river Euphrates. David took from him one thousand chariots, seven thousand cavalry, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. David hamstringed all the chariot horses, but left one hundred of them. When the Arameans of Damascus came to help King Hadadezer of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand

10 Arameans. Then David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus; and the Arameans became subject to David, and brought tribute. The LORD gave victory to David wherever he went. David took the gold shields that were carried by the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. From Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took a vast quantity of

15 bronze; with it Solomon made the bronze sea and the pillars and the vessels of bronze. When King Tou of Hamath heard that David had defeated the whole army of King Hadadezer of Zobah, he sent his son Hadoram to King David, to greet him and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him. Now Hadadezer had often been at war with

20 Tou. He sent all sorts of articles of gold, of silver, and of bronze; these

also King David dedicated to the LORD, together with the silver and gold that he had carried off from all the nations, from Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, and Amalek. Abishai son of Zeruiah killed eighteen thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt. He put garrisons in

5 Edom; and all the Edomites became subject to David. And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went. So David reigned over all Israel; and he administered justice and equity to all his people. Joab son of Zeruiah was over the army; Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was recorder; Zadok son of Ahitub and Ahimelech son of Abiathar were priests; Shavsha was secretary;

10 Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were the chief officials in the service of the king. Some time afterward, King Nahash of the Ammonites died, and his son succeeded him. David said, "I will deal loyally with Hanun son of Nahash, for his father dealt loyally with me." So David sent messengers to console him concerning

15 his father. When David's servants came to Hanun in the land of the Ammonites, to console him, the officials of the Ammonites said to Hanun, "Do you think, because David has sent consolers to you, that he is honoring your father? Have not his servants come to you to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land?" So Hanun seized David's servants, shaved them,

20 cut off their garments in the middle at their hips, and sent them away; and

they departed. When David was told about the men, he sent messengers to them, for they felt greatly humiliated. The king said, "Remain at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return." When the Ammonites saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the Ammonites sent a

5 thousand talents of silver to hire chariots and cavalry from Mesopotamia, from Aram-maacah and from Zobah. They hired thirty-two thousand chariots and the king of Maacah with his army, who came and camped before Medeba. And the Ammonites were mustered from their cities and came to battle. When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of the

10 warriors. The Ammonites came out and drew up in battle array at the entrance of the city, and the kings who had come were by themselves in the open country. When Joab saw that the line of battle was set against him both in front and in the rear, he chose some of the picked men of Israel and arrayed them against the Arameans; the rest of his troops he put in the

15 charge of his brother Abishai, and they were arrayed against the Ammonites. He said, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the Ammonites are too strong for you, then I will help you. Be strong, and let us be courageous for our people and for the cities of our God; and may the LORD do what seems good to him." So Joab and the

20 troops who were with him advanced toward the Arameans for battle; and

they fled before him. When the Ammonites saw that the Arameans fled,
they likewise fled before Abishai, Joab's brother, and entered the city. Then
Joab came to Jerusalem. But when the Arameans saw that they had been
defeated by Israel, they sent messengers and brought out the Arameans who
5 were beyond the Euphrates, with Shophach the commander of the army of
Hadadezer at their head. When David was informed, he gathered all Israel
together, crossed the Jordan, came to them, and drew up his forces against
them. When David set the battle in array against the Arameans, they fought
with him. The Arameans fled before Israel; and David killed seven thousand
10 Aramean charioteers and forty thousand foot soldiers, and also killed
Shophach the commander of their army. When the servants of Hadadezer
saw that they had been defeated by Israel, they made peace with David, and
became subject to him. So the Arameans were not willing to help the
Ammonites any more. In the spring of the year, the time when kings go
15 out to battle, Joab led out the army, ravaged the country of the Ammonites,
and came and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. Joab
attacked Rabbah, and overthrew it. David took the crown of Milcom from
his head; he found that it weighed a talent of gold, and in it was a precious
stone; and it was placed on David's head. He also brought out the booty of
20 the city, a very great amount. He brought out the people who were in it,

and set them to work with saws and iron picks and axes. Thus David did to all the cities of the Ammonites. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem. After this, war broke out with the Philistines at Gezer; then Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Sippai, who was one of the descendants of the

5 giants; and the Philistines were subdued. Again there was war 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. Again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of great size, who had six fingers on each hand, and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; he also was

10 descended from the giants. When he taunted Israel, Jonathan son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him. These were descended from the giants in Gath; they fell by the hand of David and his servants. Satan stood up against Israel, and incited David to count the people of Israel. So David said to Joab and the commanders of the army, "Go, number Israel, from Beer-sheba

15 to Dan, and bring me a report, so that I may know their number." But Joab said, "May the LORD increase the number of his people a hundredfold! Are they not, my lord the king, all of them my lord's servants? Why then should my lord require this? Why should he bring guilt on Israel?" But the king's word prevailed against Joab. So Joab departed and went throughout all

20 Israel, and came back to Jerusalem. Joab gave the total count of the people

to David. In all Israel there were one million one hundred thousand men who drew the sword, and in Judah four hundred seventy thousand who drew the sword. But he did not include Levi and Benjamin in the numbering, for the king's command was abhorrent to Joab. But God was displeased with

5 this thing, and he struck Israel. David said to God, "I have sinned greatly in that I have done this thing. But now, I pray you, take away the guilt of your servant; for I have done very foolishly." The LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, "Go and say to David, 'Thus says the LORD: Three things I offer you; choose one of them, so that I may do it to you.'" So

10 Gad came to David and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Take your choice: either three years of famine; or three months of devastation by your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or three days of the sword of the LORD, pestilence on the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now decide what answer I

15 shall return to the one who sent me." Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress; let me fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is very great; but let me not fall into human hands." So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel; and seventy thousand persons fell in Israel. And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it; but when he was about to destroy

20 it, the LORD took note and relented concerning the calamity; he said to the

destroying angel, "Enough! Stay your hand." The angel of the LORD was then standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. David looked up and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, and in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the

5 elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. And David said to God, "Was it not I who gave the command to count the people? It is I who have sinned and done very wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done? Let your hand, I pray, O LORD my God, be against me and against my father's house; but do not let your people be plagued!" Then the angel of the

10 LORD commanded Gad to tell David that he should go up and erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. So David went up following Gad's instructions, which he had spoken in the name of the LORD. Ornan turned and saw the angel; and while his four sons who were with him hid themselves, Ornan continued to thresh wheat. As David came

15 to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David; he went out from the threshing floor, and did obeisance to David with his face to the ground. David said to Ornan, "Give me the site of the threshing floor that I may build on it an altar to the LORD--give it to me at its full price--so that the plague may be averted from the people." Then Ornan said to David, "Take it; and let my

20 lord the king do what seems good to him; see, I present the oxen for burnt

offerings, and the threshing sledges for the wood, and the wheat for a grain offering. I give it all." But King David said to Ornan, "No; I will buy them for the full price. I will not take for the LORD what is yours, nor offer burnt offerings that cost me nothing." So David paid Ornan six

5 hundred shekels of gold by weight for the site. David built there an altar to the LORD and presented burnt offerings and offerings of well-being. He called upon the LORD, and he answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering. Then the LORD commanded the angel, and he put his sword back into its sheath. At that time, when David saw that the

10 LORD had answered him at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he made his sacrifices there. For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering were at that time in the high place at Gibeon; but David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid of the sword of the angel of the LORD. Then

15 David said, "Here shall be the house of the LORD God and here the altar of burnt offering for Israel." David gave orders to gather together the aliens who were residing in the land of Israel, and he set stonecutters to prepare dressed stones for building the house of God. David also provided great stores of iron for nails for the doors of the gates and for clamps, as well as

20 bronze in quantities beyond weighing, and cedar logs without number--for

the Sidonians and Tyrians brought great quantities of cedar to David. For David said, "My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the LORD must be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorified throughout all lands; I will therefore make preparation for it."

- 5 So David provided materials in great quantity before his death. Then he called for his son Solomon and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel. David said to Solomon, "My son, I had planned to build a house to the name of the LORD my God. But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have waged great wars;
- 10 you shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed so much blood in my sight on the earth. See, a son shall be born to you; he shall be a man of peace. I will give him peace from all his enemies on every side; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days. He shall build a house for my name. He shall be a son
- 15 to me, and I will be a father to him, and I will establish his royal throne in Israel forever.' Now, my son, the LORD be with you, so that you may succeed in building the house of the LORD your God, as he has spoken concerning you. Only, may the LORD grant you discretion and
- 20 understanding, so that when he gives you charge over Israel you may keep the law of the LORD your God. Then you will prosper if you are careful

to observe the statutes and the ordinances that the LORD commanded Moses
for Israel. Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid or dismayed.
With great pains I have provided for the house of the LORD one hundred
thousand talents of gold, one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron
5 beyond weighing, for there is so much of it; timber and stone too I have
provided. To these you must add more. You have an abundance of workers:
stonecutters, masons, carpenters, and all kinds of artisans without number,
skilled in working gold, silver, bronze, and iron. Now begin the work, and
the LORD be with you." David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to
10 help his son Solomon, saying, "Is not the LORD your God with you? Has
he not given you peace on every side? For he has delivered the inhabitants
of the land into my hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD and his
people. Now set your mind and heart to seek the LORD your God. Go and
build the sanctuary of the LORD God so that the ark of the covenant of the
15 LORD and the holy vessels of God may be brought into a house built for
the name of the LORD." When David was old and full of days, he made
his son Solomon king over Israel. David assembled all the leaders of Israel
and the priests and the Levites. The Levites, thirty years old and upward,
were counted, and the total was thirty-eight thousand. "Twenty-four thousand
20 of these," David said, "shall have charge of the work in the house of the

LORD, six thousand shall be officers and judges, four thousand gatekeepers, and four thousand shall offer praises to the LORD with the instruments that I have made for praise." And David organized them in divisions corresponding to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. The sons of Gershon were Ladan and Shimei. The sons of Ladan: Jehiel the chief, Zetham, and Joel, three. The sons of Shimei: Shelomoth, Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the heads of families of Ladan. And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei. Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second; but Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons, so they were enrolled as a single family. The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses. Aaron was set apart to consecrate the most holy things, so that he and his sons forever should make offerings before the LORD, and minister to him and pronounce blessings in his name forever; but as for Moses the man of God, his sons were to be reckoned among the tribe of Levi. The sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer. The sons of Gershom: Shebuel the chief. The sons of Eliezer: Rehabiah the chief; Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very numerous. The sons of Izhar: Shelomith the chief. The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. The sons of Uzziel: Micah the chief and Isshiah

the second. The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli:
Eleazar and Kish. Eleazar died having no sons, but only daughters; their
kindred, the sons of Kish, married them. The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder,
and Jeremoth, three. These were the sons of Levi by their ancestral houses,
5 the heads of families as they were enrolled according to the number of the
names of the individuals from twenty years old and upward who were to do
the work for the service of the house of the LORD. For David said, "The
LORD, the God of Israel, has given rest to his people; and he resides in
Jerusalem forever. And so the Levites no longer need to carry the tabernacle
10 or any of the things for its service"-- for according to the last words of
David these were the number of the Levites from twenty years old and
upward-- "but their duty shall be to assist the descendants of Aaron for the
service of the house of the LORD, having the care of the courts and the
chambers, the cleansing of all that is holy, and any work for the service of
15 the house of God; to assist also with the rows of bread, the choice flour
for the grain offering, the wafers of unleavened bread, the baked offering, the
offering mixed with oil, and all measures of quantity or size. And they
shall stand every morning, thanking and praising the LORD, and likewise at
evening, and whenever burnt offerings are offered to the LORD on sabbaths,
20 new moons, and appointed festivals, according to the number required of

them, regularly before the LORD. Thus they shall keep charge of the tent of meeting and the sanctuary, and shall attend the descendants of Aaron, their kindred, for the service of the house of the LORD." The divisions of the descendants of Aaron were these. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, Abihu,

5 Eleazar, and Ithamar. But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no sons; so Eleazar and Ithamar became the priests. Along with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, David organized them according to the appointed duties in their service. Since more chief men were found among the sons of Eleazar than among the sons

10 of Ithamar, they organized them under sixteen heads of ancestral houses of the sons of Eleazar, and eight of the sons of Ithamar. They organized them by lot, all alike, for there were officers of the sanctuary and officers of God among both the sons of Eleazar and the sons of Ithamar. The scribe Shemaiah son of Nethanel, a Levite, recorded them in the presence of the

15 king, and the officers, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech son of Abiathar, and the heads of ancestral houses of the priests and of the Levites; one ancestral house being chosen for Eleazar and one chosen for Ithamar. The first lot fell to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, the seventh

20 to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, the thirteenth to Huppah, the
 fourteenth to Jeshebeab, the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, the
 seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzetz, the nineteenth to
 Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel, the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-
 5 second to Gamul, the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah.
 These had as their appointed duty in their service to enter the house of the
 LORD according to the procedure established for them by their ancestor
 Aaron, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him. And of the rest of
 the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael,
 10 Jehdeiah. Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the chief. Of the
 Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath. The sons of Hebron:
 Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.
 The sons of Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of Micah, Shamir. The brother of
 Micah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah. The sons of Merari: Mahli
 15 and Mushi. The sons of Jaaziah: Beno. The sons of Merari: of Jaaziah,
 Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri. Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons. Of
 Kish, the sons of Kish: Jerahmeel. The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and
 Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites according to their ancestral
 houses. These also cast lots corresponding to their kindred, the descendants
 20 of Aaron, in the presence of King David, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads

of ancestral houses of the priests and of the Levites, the chief as well as the youngest brother. David and the officers of the army also set apart for the service the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with lyres, harps, and cymbals. The list of those who did the work

5 and of their duties was: Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asarelah, sons of Asaph, under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied under the direction of the king. Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with the lyre in

10 thanksgiving and praise to the LORD. Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth. All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer, according to the promise of God to exalt him; for God had given Heman fourteen sons

15 and three daughters. They were all under the direction of their father for the music in the house of the LORD with cymbals, harps, and lyres for the service of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the order of the king. They and their kindred, who were trained in singing to the LORD, all of whom were skillful, numbered two hundred eighty-eight.

20 And they cast lots for their duties, small and great, teacher and pupil alike.

The first lot fell for Asaph to Joseph; the second to Gedaliah, to him and
 his brothers and his sons, twelve; the third to Zaccur, his sons and his
 brothers, twelve; the fourth to Izri, his sons and his brothers, twelve; the
 fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; the sixth to Bukkiah,
 5 his sons and his brothers, twelve; the seventh to Jesarelah, his sons and his
 brothers, twelve; the eighth to Jeshaiiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;
 the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; the tenth to
 Shimei, his sons and his brothers, twelve; the eleventh to Azarel, his sons
 and his brothers, twelve; the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers,
 10 twelve; to the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his brothers, twelve; to the
 fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; to the fifteenth, to
 Jeremoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve; to the sixteenth, to Hananiah,
 his sons and his brothers, twelve; to the seventeenth, to Joshbekashah, his
 sons and his brothers, twelve; to the eighteenth, to Hanani, his sons and his
 15 brothers, twelve; to the nineteenth, to Mallothi, his sons and his brothers,
 twelve; to the twentieth, to Eliathah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; to
 the twenty-first, to Hothir, his sons and his brothers, twelve; to the twenty-
 second, to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, twelve; to the twenty-third, to
 Mahazioth, his sons and his brothers, twelve; to the twenty-fourth, to
 20 Romamti-ezer, his sons and his brothers, twelve. As for the divisions of the

gatekeepers: of the Korahites, Meshelemiah son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediahel the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh. Obed-edom had sons: Shemaiah the firstborn,

5 Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sachar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth, Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth; for God blessed him. Also to his son Shemaiah sons were born who exercised authority in their ancestral houses, for they were men of great ability. The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose brothers were able men,

10 Elihu and Semachiah. All these, sons of Obed-edom with their sons and brothers, were able men qualified for the service; sixty-two of Obed-edom. Meshelemiah had sons and brothers, able men, eighteen. Hosah, of the sons of Merari, had sons: Shimri the chief (for though he was not the firstborn, his father made him chief), Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah

15 the fourth: all the sons and brothers of Hosah totaled thirteen. These divisions of the gatekeepers, corresponding to their leaders, had duties, just as their kindred did, ministering in the house of the LORD; and they cast lots by ancestral houses, small and great alike, for their gates. The lot for the east fell to Shelemiah. They cast lots also for his son Zechariah, a prudent

20 counselor, and his lot came out for the north. Obed-edom's came out for the

south, and to his sons was allotted the storehouse. For Shuppim and Hosah
it came out for the west, at the gate of Shallecheth on the ascending road.
Guard corresponded to guard. On the east there were six Levites each day,
on the north four each day, on the south four each day, as well as two and
5 two at the storehouse; and for the colonnade on the west there were four at
the road and two at the colonnade. These were the divisions of the
gatekeepers among the Korahites and the sons of Merari. And of the
Levites, Ahijah had charge of the treasuries of the house of God and the
treasuries of the dedicated gifts. The sons of Ladan, the sons of the
10 Gershonites belonging to Ladan, the heads of families belonging to Ladan the
Gershonite: Jehieli. The sons of Jehieli, Zetham and his brother Joel, were
in charge of the treasuries of the house of the LORD. Of the Amramites,
the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites: Shebuel son of Gershom,
son of Moses, was chief officer in charge of the treasuries. His brothers:
15 from Eliezer were his son Rehabiah, his son Jeshaiah, his son Joram, his son
Zichri, and his son Shelomoth. This Shelomoth and his brothers were in
charge of all the treasuries of the dedicated gifts that King David, and the
heads of families, and the officers of the thousands and the hundreds, and
the commanders of the army, had dedicated. From booty won in battles they
20 dedicated gifts for the maintenance of the house of the LORD. Also all that

Samuel the seer, and Saul son of Kish, and Abner son of Ner, and Joab son of Zeruiah had dedicated--all dedicated gifts were in the care of Shelomoth and his brothers. Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were appointed to outside duties for Israel, as officers and judges. Of the Hebronites,

5 Hashabiah and his brothers, one thousand seven hundred men of ability, had the oversight of Israel west of the Jordan for all the work of the LORD and for the service of the king. Of the Hebronites, Jerijah was chief of the Hebronites. (In the fortieth year of David's reign search was made, of whatever genealogy or family, and men of great ability among them were

10 found at Jazer in Gilead.) King David appointed him and his brothers, two thousand seven hundred men of ability, heads of families, to have the oversight of the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites for everything pertaining to God and for the affairs of the king. This is the list of the people of Israel, the heads of families, the commanders of the

15 thousands and the hundreds, and their officers who served the king in all matters concerning the divisions that came and went, month after month throughout the year, each division numbering twenty-four thousand:

Jashobeam son of Zabdiel was in charge of the first division in the first month; in his division were twenty-four thousand. He was a descendant of

20 Perez, and was chief of all the commanders of the army for the first month.

Dodai the Ahohite was in charge of the division of the second month;
Mikloth was the chief officer of his division. In his division were twenty-four
thousand. The third commander, for the third month, was Benaiah son of
the priest Jehoiada, as chief; in his division were twenty-four thousand. This
5 is the Benaiah who was a mighty man of the Thirty and in command of the
Thirty; his son Ammizabad was in charge of his division. Asahel brother of
Joab was fourth, for the fourth month, and his son Zebadiah after him; in
his division were twenty-four thousand. The fifth commander, for the fifth
month, was Shamhuth, the Izrahite; in his division were twenty-four thousand.
10 Sixth, for the sixth month, was Ira son of Ikkes the Tekoite; in his division
were twenty-four thousand. Seventh, for the seventh month, was Helez the
Pelonite, of the Ephraimites; in his division were twenty-four thousand.
Eighth, for the eighth month, was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zerahites;
in his division were twenty-four thousand. Ninth, for the ninth month, was
15 Abiezer of Anathoth, a Benjaminite; in his division were twenty-four
thousand. Tenth, for the tenth month, was Maharai of Netophah, of the
Zerahites; in his division were twenty-four thousand. Eleventh, for the
eleventh month, was Benaiah of Pirathon, of the Ephraimites; in his division
were twenty-four thousand. Twelfth, for the twelfth month, was Heldai the
20 Netophathite, of Othniel; in his division were twenty-four thousand. Over the

tribes of Israel, for the Reubenites, Eliezer son of Zichri was chief officer;
for the Simeonites, Shephatiah son of Maacah; for Levi, Hashabiah son of
Kemuel; for Aaron, Zadok; for Judah, Elihu, one of David's brothers; for
Issachar, Omri son of Michael; for Zebulun, Ishmaiah son of Obadiah; for
5 Naphtali, Jerimoth son of Azriel; for the Ephraimites, Hoshea son of
Azaziah; for the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel son of Pedaiah; for the half-
tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo son of Zechariah; for Benjamin, Jaasiel
son of Abner; for Dan, Azarel son of Jeroham. These were the leaders of
the tribes of Israel. David did not count those below twenty years of age,
10 for the LORD had promised to make Israel as numerous as the stars of
heaven. Joab son of Zeruiah began to count them, but did not finish; yet
wrath came upon Israel for this, and the number was not entered into the
account of the Annals of King David. Over the king's treasuries was
Azmaveth son of Adiel. Over the treasuries in the country, in the cities, in
15 the villages and in the towers, was Jonathan son of Uzziah. Over those who
did the work of the field, tilling the soil, was Ezri son of Chelub. Over the
vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite. Over the produce of the vineyards for
the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite. Over the olive and sycamore
trees in the Shephelah was Baal-hanan the Gederite. Over the stores of oil
20 was Joash. Over the herds that pastured in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite.

Over the herds in the valleys was Shaphat son of Adlai. Over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite. Over the donkeys was Jehdeiah the Meronothite. Over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite. All these were stewards of King David's property. Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, being a man of understanding and a scribe; Jehiel son of Hachmoni attended the king's sons. Ahithophel was the king's counselor, and Hushai the Archite was the king's friend. After Ahithophel came Jehoiada son of Benaiah, and Abiathar. Joab was commander of the king's army. David assembled at Jerusalem all the officials of Israel, the officials of the tribes, the officers of the divisions that served the king, the commanders of the thousands, the commanders of the hundreds, the stewards of all the property and cattle of the king and his sons, together with the palace officials, the mighty warriors, and all the warriors. Then King David rose to his feet and said: "Hear me, my brothers and my people. I had planned to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, for the footstool of our God; and I made preparations for building. But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for my name, for you are a warrior and have shed blood.' Yet the LORD God of Israel chose me from all my ancestral house to be king over Israel forever; for he chose Judah as leader, and in the house of Judah my father's house, and among my father's sons he took delight in making me king over

all Israel. And of all my sons, for the LORD has given me many, he has
chosen my son Solomon to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD
over Israel. He said to me, 'It is your son Solomon who shall build my
house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be a son to me, and I will
5 be a father to him. I will establish his kingdom forever if he continues
resolute in keeping my commandments and my ordinances, as he is today.'
Now therefore in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in
the hearing of our God, observe and search out all the commandments of the
LORD your God; that you may possess this good land, and leave it for an
10 inheritance to your children after you forever. "And you, my son Solomon,
know the God of your father, and serve him with single mind and willing
heart; for the LORD searches every mind, and understands every plan and
thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him,
he will abandon you forever. Take heed now, for the LORD has chosen
15 you to build a house as the sanctuary; be strong, and act." Then David
gave his son Solomon the plan of the vestibule of the temple, and of its
houses, its treasuries, its upper rooms, and its inner chambers, and of the
room for the mercy seat; and the plan of all that he had in mind: for the
courts of the house of the LORD, all the surrounding chambers, the
20 treasuries of the house of God, and the treasuries for dedicated gifts; for the

divisions of the priests and of the Levites, and all the work of the service in the house of the LORD; for all the vessels for the service in the house of the LORD, the weight of gold for all golden vessels for each service, the weight of silver vessels for each service, the weight of the golden

5 lampstands and their lamps, the weight of gold for each lampstand and its lamps, the weight of silver for a lampstand and its lamps, according to the use of each in the service, the weight of gold for each table for the rows of bread, the silver for the silver tables, and pure gold for the forks, the basins, and the cups; for the golden bowls and the weight of each; for the

10 silver bowls and the weight of each; for the altar of incense made of refined gold, and its weight; also his plan for the golden chariot of the cherubim that spread their wings and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD. "All this, in writing at the Lord's direction, he made clear to me-- the plan of all the works." David said further to his son Solomon, "Be

15 strong and of good courage, and act. Do not be afraid or dismayed; for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished. Here are the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God; and with you in all the work will be every volunteer who has skill

20 for any kind of service; also the officers and all the people will be wholly

at your command." King David said to the whole assembly, "My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great; for the temple will not be for mortals but for the LORD God. So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold

5 for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones, and marble in abundance.

Moreover, in addition to all that I have provided for the holy house, I have

10 a treasure of my own of gold and silver, and because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God: three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for overlaying the walls of the house, and for all the work to be done by artisans, gold for the things of gold and silver for the things of silver. Who

15 then will offer willingly, consecrating themselves today to the LORD?" Then the leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. They gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten

20 thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one

hundred thousand talents of iron. Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, into the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the LORD; King David also

5 rejoiced greatly. Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head

10 above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of

15 your own have we given you. For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure

20 in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these

things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. Grant to my son

5 Solomon that with single mind he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes, performing all of them, and that he may build the temple for which I have made provision." Then David said to the whole assembly, "Bless the LORD your God." And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and bowed their heads and prostrated

10 themselves before the LORD and the king. On the next day they offered sacrifices and burnt offerings to the LORD, a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their libations, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel; and they ate and drank before the LORD on that day with great joy. They made David's son Solomon king a second time; they anointed

15 him as the Lord's prince, and Zadok as priest. Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD, succeeding his father David as king; he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him. All the leaders and the mighty warriors, and also all the sons of King David, pledged their allegiance to King Solomon. The LORD highly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon

20 him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

Thus David son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. The period that he reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. He died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor; and his son Solomon succeeded him. Now the acts of King

- 5 David, from first to last, are written in the records of the seer Samuel, and in the records of the prophet Nathan, and in the records of the seer Gad, with accounts of all his rule and his might and of the events that befell him and Israel and all the kingdoms of the earth. *

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