

1 CHRONICLES

Conversational Yahveh Covenant

1:¹Adam Avi-Seth Avi-Enosh Avi-²Kenan Avi-Mahalalel Avi-Jared Avi-³Enoch Avi-Methuselah Avi-Lamech Avi-⁴Noah Avi-Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

⁵The sons of **Japheth**: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, Tiras

⁶The sons of Gomer *were* Ashkenaz, Diphath, Togarmah;

⁷the sons of Javan: Elisha, Tarshish, Kittim, Rodanim;

⁸The sons of **Ham**: Cush, Mizraim, Put, Canaan

⁹The sons of Cush *were* Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raama, Sabteca.

The sons of Raamah were Sheba, Dedan;

¹⁰Cush was father of Nimrod, a mighty man in the world.

¹¹The sons of Mizraim *were* the people of Lud, Anam, Lehab, Naphtuh, ¹²Pathrus, Casluh, where the Philistines came from, and Caphtor;

¹³The sons of Canaan were Sidon, his firstborn; Heth, ¹⁴the Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites, ¹⁵Hivites, Arkites, Sinites, ¹⁶Arvadites, Zemarites, Hamathites;

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¹⁷The sons of **Shem**: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech

¹⁸The son of Arpachshad was Shelah Avi-Eber.

¹⁹Eber had two sons: Peleg (during his life the earth was divided) and Joktan.

²⁰Joktan was the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

²¹Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, ²²Ebal, Abimael, Sheba, ²³Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All those were the sons of Joktan.

²⁴Shem *was father of* Arpachshad Avi-Shelah Avi-²⁵Eber *Avi-Peleg*

Avi-Reu Avi-²⁶Serug Avi-Nahor Avi-Terah Avi-²⁷Abram (Abraham).

²⁸The sons of **Abraham**: Isaac and Ishmael

²⁹These are their genealogies: Ishmael's firstborn *was* Nebaioth, *then* Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, ³⁰Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, ³¹Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.

³²The sons by Keturah, Abraham's concubine: Zimram, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

The sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan.

³³The sons of Midian: Ephah, Ephher, Hanoah, Abida, and Eldaah.

All those were the descendants of Keturah.

³⁴Abraham was the father of Isaac Avi-Esau and Israel.

³⁵The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah

³⁶The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zephi, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek

³⁷The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah 1 Ch 1:28-37

³⁸The sons of Seir: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan

³⁹The sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam; Lotan's sister *was* Timna.

⁴⁰The sons of Shobal: Alian, Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, and Onam

The sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah

⁴¹The son of Anah: Dishon

The sons of Dishon: Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran

⁴²The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Jaakan

The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran 1 Ch 1:38-42

⁴³The kings that ruled in Edom before Israel had a king

Bela *was* son of Beor; his city was Dinhabah.

⁴⁴When Bela died, Jobab Ben-Zerah of Bozrah became king.

⁴⁵When Jobab died, Husham from the land of the Temanites became king.

⁴⁶When Husham died, Hadad Ben-Bedad, who defeated Midian in the field of Moah, became king. His city was Avith.

⁴⁷When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah became king.

⁴⁸When Samlah died, Shaul of Rehoboth by the *Euphrates* River became king.

⁴⁹When Shaul died, Baal-hanan Ben-Achbor became king.

⁵⁰When Baal-hanan died, Hadad became king. His city was Pai; his wife was Mehetabel Bat-Matred Bat-Mezahab.

⁵¹Then Hadad died.

The chiefs of Edom were Timna, Aliah, Jetheth, ⁵²Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon, ⁵³Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar, ⁵⁴Magdiel, Iram. 1 Ch 1:43-54

2:¹The sons of **Israel**: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, ²Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher

³The sons of **JUDAH**: Er, Onan, and Shelah by Bath-shua the Canaanitess
Er, Judah's firstborn, was sinful; so Yahveh took his life.

⁴Tamar *Judah's* daughter-in-law bore him Perez and Zerah. Judah had five sons in all.

⁵The sons of Perez were **Hezron** and Hamul.

⁶The sons of Zerah were Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara—five.

(⁷The son of Carmi was Achar, the troubler of Israel, who violated the ban.)

⁸The son of Ethan was Azariah.

1 Ch 2:1-8

⁹The sons of **Hezron** were Jerahmeel, Ram, Chelubai, and *Caleb*.

¹⁰Ram was the Avi-Amminadab Avi-Nahshon, leader of the sons of Judah.

¹¹Nahshon was the father of

Salma Avi-

¹²Boaz Avi-

Obed Avi-

¹³Jesse Avi-Eliab, then Abinadab, then Shimea,

¹⁴then Nethanel, then Raddai, ¹⁵then Ozem, then

David ¹⁶and sisters Zeruiah and Abigail.

Zeruiah bore Abshai, Joab, and Asahel.

¹⁷Abigail bore Amasa by Jether the Ishmaelite.

¹⁸Caleb Ben-Hezron had sons by Azubah his wife and by Jerioth. Her sons were Jeshar, Shobab, and Ardon.

¹⁹When Azubah died, he married Ephrath mother of Hur.

²⁰Hur was father of Uri Avi-Bezalel.

²¹Afterward **Hezron** married the daughter of Machir (Avi-Gilead).

He married her when he was 60 and she bore Segub.

²²Segub was father of Jair, who governed 23 towns in Gilead. ²³But Geshur and Aram captured the towns of Jair from them along with Kenath and its 60 surrounding villages. Those were sons of Machir Avi-Gilead.

²⁴After the death of **Hezron** in Caleb-ephrathah, Abijah his wife bore him Ashhur Avi-Tekoa.

1 Ch 2:9-24

²⁵The sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were Ram, then Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah. ²⁶Jerahmeel had another wife, Atarah mother of Onam.

²⁷The sons of Ram, Jerahmeel's firstborn, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.

²⁸The sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada.

The sons of Shammai were Nadab and Abishur.

²⁹Abishur's wife *was* Abihail Em-Ahban and Molid.

³⁰The sons of Nadab *were* Seled and Appaim; Seled died without sons.

³¹The son of Appaim *was* Ishi
Avi-**Sheshan** Avi-Ahlai.

³²The sons of Jada brother of Shammai *were* Jether and Jonathan. Jether died without sons.

³³The sons of Jonathan: Peleth and Zaza.

Those were the descendants of Jarahmeel. 1 Ch 2:25-33

³⁴**Sheshan** had only daughters. He had an Egyptian servant named Jarha. ³⁵He gave his daughter to Jarha in marriage, and she bore ³⁶Attai Avi-Nathan Avi-³⁷Zabad Avi-Ephlal Avi-³⁸Obed Avi-Jehu Avi-³⁹Azariah Avi-Helez Avi-⁴⁰Eleasah Avi-Sismai Avi-⁴¹Shallum Avi-Jekamiah Avi-Elishama. 1 Ch 2:34-41

⁴²The sons of Caleb, brother of Jerahmeel, *were* Mesha, his firstborn, Avi-Ziph Avi-Mareshah Avi-Hebron.

⁴³The sons of Hebron *were* Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.

⁴⁴Shema was father of Raham Avi-Jorkeam.

Rekem was father of Shammai ⁴⁵Avi-Maon
Avi-Beth-zur. 1 Ch 2:42-45

⁴⁶Caleb's concubine Ephah bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez.

Haran was father of Gazez. ⁴⁷The sons of Jahdai *were* Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

⁴⁸Caleb's concubine Maacah bore Sheber and Tirhanah, ⁴⁹as well as Shaaph Avi-Madmannah, Sheva Avi-Machbena and Gibeah. Caleb's daughter was Achsah. ⁵⁰Those were the sons of Caleb.

The sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, *were* Shobal founder of Kiriath-jearim, ⁵¹Salma founder of Bethlehem, *and* Hareph Avi-Beth-gader.

⁵²Shobal, founder of Kiriath-jearim, was father of Haroeh, half of the Manahathites, ⁵³and the families in Kiriath-jearim: the Ithrites, Puthites, Shumathites, and Mishraitites; from them came the Zorathites and Eshtaolites.

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

⁵⁵The families of scribes that lived at Jabez *were* the Tirathites, Shimeathites, and Sucathites. Those are the Kenites that came from Hammath, father of the House of Rechab. 1 Ch 2:46-55

3¹These were David's six sons born in Hebron:

the firstborn *was* Ammon by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;

the second *was* Daniel by Abigail the Carmelitess;

²the third *was* Absalom Ben-Maacah Bat-Talmai, king of Geshur;

the fourth *was* Adonijah Ben-Haggith;

³the fifth *was* Shephatiah by Abital;

the sixth was Ithream by his wife Eglah.

⁴He ruled in Hebron for 7½ years and in Jerusalem for 33.

⁵These were born in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon—four by Bathshua Bat-Ammiel; ⁶and Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet, ⁷Nogah, Nepheg, and Japhia, ⁸Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet—nine. ⁹All of *those* were sons of David besides the sons of concubines. Tamar *was* their sister. 1 Ch 3:1-9

¹⁰Solomon's son was Rehoboam Avi-Abijah Avi-Asa Avi-Jehoshaphat Avi-¹¹Joram Avi-Ahaziah Avi-Joash Avi-¹²Amaziah Avi-Azariah Avi-Jotham Avi-¹³Ahaz Avi-Hezekiah Avi-Manasseh Avi-¹⁴Amon Avi-Josiah Avi-¹⁵Johanan his firstborn, Jehoiakim second, Zedekiah third, and Shallum fourth.

¹⁶The sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son *and* Zedekiah his son

¹⁷The sons of Jeconiah the prisoner *were* Shealtiel, ¹⁸Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

¹⁹The sons of Pedaiah *were* Zerubbabel and Shimei.

The sons of Zerubbabel *were* Meshullam and Hananiah;

Shelomith *was* their sister; ²⁰Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-hesed—5. 1 Ch 3:10-20

²¹The sons of Hananiah *were* Pelatiah and Jeshaiiah, the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, *and* the sons of Shecaniah,

²²The son of Shecaniah *was* Shemaiah.

The sons of Shemaiah *were* Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat—6.

²³The sons of Neariah *were* Elioenai, Hizkiah, and Azrikam—3.

²⁴The sons of Elioenai *were*
Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub,
Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani—7.

1 Ch 3:21-24

4:¹The sons of **JUDAH**: Perez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal

²Reaiah Ben-Shobal was father of Jahath Avi-Ahumai and Lahad. These were the families of the Zorathites.

³These *were* the sons of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash; their sister was Hazzelelponi.

⁴Penuel *was* father of Gedor and Ezer Avi-Hushah. Those *were* the sons of Hur firstborn of Ephrathah ancestor of Bethlehem.

⁵Ashhur father of Tekoa had two wives: Helah and Naarah. ⁶Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hopher, Temeni, and Haahashtari. ⁷The sons of Helah *were* Zereth, Izhar, Ethnan,

⁸and Koz, ancestor of Anub and Zobebah and the families of Aharhel Ben-Harum.

⁹A *man* named Jabez had more honor than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez because she bore him “in pain.” ¹⁰Jabez called on the God of Israel, “*Oh that you’d bless me and make my territory bigger, be with me, and keep me from harm so I won’t suffer!*” God gave him what he asked.

1 Ch 4:1-10

¹¹Chelub brother of Shuhah was father of Mehir Avi-Eshton.

¹²Eshton was father of Beth-rapha, Paseah, and Tehinnah Avi-Irnahash. These were the men of Recah.

¹³The sons of Kenaz *were* Othniel and Seraiah.

The son of Othniel was Hathath.

^{14b}Seraiah was father of Joab, founder of Ge-harashim, so-called because they were craftsmen.

^{14a}Meonothai was father of Ophrah.

¹⁵The sons of Caleb Ben-Jephunneh *were* Iru, Elah, and Naam.

The son of Elah *was* Kenaz.

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

¹⁷The sons of Ezra *were* Jether, Mered, Ephraim, and Jalon. These are the sons of Bithia Pharaoh’s daughter that Mered married. She *bore* Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah Avi-Eshtemoa.

¹⁸His Jewish wife bore Jered Avi-Gedor, Heber Avi-Soco, and Jekuthiel Avi-Zanoah. ¹⁹The sons of the wife of Hodia sister of Naham were the fathers of Keilah the Garmite and Eshtemoa the Maacathite.

1 Ch 4:11-19

²⁰The sons of Shimon *were* Amnon and Rinnah, Benhanan and Tilon.

The sons of Ishi *were* Zoheth and Benzoheth.

²¹The sons of Shelah Ben-Judah *were* Er Avi-Lecah, Laadah Avi-Mareshah, the families of the linen workers at Beth-ashbea, ²²Jokim the men of Cozeba, Joash Saraph, who ruled in Moab;

and Jashubi-lehem. The records are ancient. ²³These were the potters and people of Netaim and Gederah. They lived there with the king for his work. 1 Ch 4:20-23

²⁴The sons of **SIMEON**: Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul

²⁵*Shaul* was Avi-Shallum Avi-Mibsam Avi-Mishma.

²⁶Mishma was father of Hammuel, Zaccur, *and* Shimei.

²⁷Shimei had 16 sons and 6 daughters, but his brothers didn't have many sons. Their whole family didn't multiply like the descendants of Judah. ²⁸They lived in Beersheba, Moladah, and Hazar-shual, ²⁹at Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad, ³⁰Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag, ³¹Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susim, Beth-Birei, and Shaaraim. Those were their towns till David's reign. ³²Their villages *were* Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan—5 towns, ³³along with the villages that were around them as far as Baal. These were their settlements, and they kept a genealogy. ³⁴Meshobab, Jamlech, Joshah Ben-Amaziah; ³⁵Joel, Jehu Ben-Joshibiah Ben-Seraiah Ben-Asiel; ³⁶Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah, ³⁷Ziza Ben-Shiphi Ben-Allon Ben-Jedaiah Ben-Shimri Ben-Shemaiah: ³⁸these named *were* leaders in their clans, and their families increased greatly. ³⁹They went to the entrance of Gedor, to the east side of the valley, to look for pasture for their flocks. ⁴⁰They found good pasture, and the land was large and quiet and peaceful; the previous residents were Hamites. ⁴¹These, according to the records, came at the time of Hezekiah, king of Judah, and attacked their tents as well as the Meunites that were there, and destroyed them till today, and lived in place of them, because there was pasture for their flocks. ⁴²From them—from the descendants of Simeon—500 men went to Mount Seir with Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, sons of Ishi as their leaders. ⁴³They destroyed the remnant of the Amalekites that escaped and have lived there ever since. 1 Ch 4:24-43

5:1, ³The sons of **REUBEN** the firstborn of Israel: ³Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi

(Because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph Ben-Israel; so he's not enrolled in the genealogy by birthright. ²Although Judah prevailed over his brothers and the leader came from him, the birthright was Joseph's.)

⁴The sons of Joel *were* Shemaiah, Gog, Shimei, ⁵Micah, Reaiah, Baal, ⁶Beerah that Tilgath-pilneser, king of Assyria, took away into exile. He was leader in Reuben. ⁷His relatives by clans—when their genealogy was figured—*were* Jeiel the chief, then Zechariah, ⁸Bela Ben-Azaz Ben-Shema Ben-Joel that lived in Aroer as far as Nebo and Baal-meon. ⁹He lived to the east as far as the entrance to the desert this side of the River Euphrates because their livestock had multiplied in Gilead. ¹⁰At the time of Saul, they conquered the Hagarites and occupied their tents in the whole region east of Gilead. 1 Ch 5:1-10

¹¹The descendants of **GAD** lived across from them in Bashan as far as Salecah. ¹²Joel was the chief, Shapham second, then Janai and Shaphat in Bashan. ¹³Their kinsmen in their families *were* Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia, and Eber—7. ¹⁴These *were* the descendants of Abihail Ben-Huri Ben-Jaroah Ben-Gilead Ben-Michael Ben-Jeshishai Ben-Jahdo Ben-Buz. ¹⁵Ahi Ben-Abdiel Ben-Guni *was* head of their clans. ¹⁶The descendants of Gad lived in Gilead, in Bashan and its surrounding towns, in the pastureland of Sharon as far as their boundaries. ¹⁷These were enrolled in the genealogies at the time of Jotham, king of Judah, and Jeroboam^I, king of Israel.

¹⁸The descendants of Reuben, Gad, and the Manasseh half-tribe *were* 44,760—brave men who carried shield and sword, shot bow and arrow, were capable in battle. ¹⁹They fought the Hagrites, Jetur, Naphish, and Nodab. ²⁰God helped them and delivered the Hagrites and everybody that was with them, because they cried out to God in the battle. He granted their petition because they trusted in him. ²¹They took their livestock: 50,000 camels, 250,000 sheep, 2,000 donkeys, and 100,000 men. ²²Many fell slain because the war came from God. They settled in their place. ²³The descendants of the Manasseh half-tribe lived in the land. They were numerous from Bashan to Baal-hermon, Senir, and Mount Hermon. ²⁴The heads of their clans were Ephraim, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, trained soldiers, famous men. ²⁵But they sinned against their ancestors' God and committed prostitution with the gods of the people in the land God had destroyed. ²⁶The God of Israel stirred up Pul, king of Assyria—also known as Tilgath-pilneser/Tiglathpileser—and he took Reuben, Gad, and the Manasseh half-tribe into exile, to Halah, Habor, Hara, and the Gozan River ever since. 1 Ch 5:11-26

6:¹The descendants of **LEVI**: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari

²The descendants of Kohath *were* Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

³The children of Amram *were* Aaron, Moses, and Miriam.

The sons of Aaron *were* Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

⁴Eleazar was father of Phinehas Avi-⁵Abishua Avi-Bukki Avi-⁶Uzzi Avi-Zerahiah Avi-⁷Meraioth Avi-Amariah Avi-⁸Ahitub Avi-Zadok Avi-⁹Ahimaaz Avi-Azariah Avi-¹⁰Johanan Avi-Azariah (priest in the Temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem), and ¹¹Azariah was father of Amariah Avi-¹²Ahitub Avi-Zadok Avi-¹³Shallum Avi-Hilkiah Avi-¹⁴Azariah Avi-Seraiah Avi-¹⁵Jehozadak, who went into exile when Yahveh took Judah and Jerusalem away by Nebuchadnezzar. 1 Ch 6:1-15

¹⁶The sons of Levi *were* Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.

¹⁷The sons of Gershom *were* Libni/Ladan and Shimei.

¹⁸The sons of Kohath *were* Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

¹⁹The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi.

²⁰*The sons of Gershom were* Libni Avi-Jahath Avi-Zimmah Avi-²¹Joah Avi-Iddo Avi-Zerah Avi-Jeatherai.

²²The sons of Kohath *were* Amminadab Avi-Korah Avi-Assir Avi-²³Elkanah Avi-Ebiasaph Avi-Assir Avi-²⁴Tahath Avi-Uriel Avi-Uzziah Avi-Shaul.

²⁵The sons of Elkanah *were* Amasai and Ahimoth, ²⁶The sons of Elkanah *were* Zophai Avi-Nahath Avi-²⁷Eliab Avi-Jeroham Avi-Elkanah.

²⁸The sons of Samuel *were* Joel his firstborn and Ahijah second.

²⁹The sons of Merari *were* Mahli Avi-Libni Avi-Shimei Avi-Uzzah Avi-³⁰Shimea Avi-Haggiah Avi-Asaiah.

1 Ch 6:16-30

³¹These are the ones David appointed to sing in Yahveh's Tabernacle after the Ark rested there. ³²They served in song at the Tent of Meeting till Solomon built Yahveh's Temple in Jerusalem. They served in their order.

³³These are the ones with their sons that served. From the Kohathites *were* Heman the singer son of Joel Ben-Samuel (³⁴Ben-Elkanah Ben-Jeroham Ben-Eliel Ben-Toah ³⁵Ben-Zuph Ben-Elkanah Ben-Mahath Ben-Amasai ³⁶Ben-Elkanah Ben-Joel Ben-Azariah Ben-Zephaniah ³⁷Ben-Tahath Ben-Assir Ben-Ebiasaph Ben-Korah ³⁸Ben-Izhar Ben-Kohath) Ben-Levi Ben-Israel.

³⁹*Heman's* brother Asaph stood on his right, that is, Asaph Ben-Berechiah (Ben-Shimea ⁴⁰Ben-Michael Ben-Baaseiah Ben-Malchijah ⁴¹Ben-Ethni Ben-Zerah Ben-Adaiah ⁴²Ben-Ethan Ben-Zimmah Ben-Shimei ⁴³Ben-Jahath Ben-Gershom) Ben-Levi.

⁴⁴On the left *were* their relatives the sons of Merari: Ethan Ben-Kishi (Ben-Abdi Ben-Malluch ⁴⁵Ben-Hashabiah Ben-Amaziah Ben-Hilkiah ⁴⁶Ben-Amzi Ben-Bani Ben-Shemer ⁴⁷Ben-Mahli Ben-Mushi Ben-Merari) Ben-Levi.

⁴⁸Their relatives the Levites were appointed for the service of the Tabernacle, God's house.

1 Ch 6:31-48

⁴⁹Aaron and his sons offered on the altar of burnt offering and the altar of incense for the work of the Holy of Holies, and atoned for Israel like Moses had commanded.

⁵⁰These are the sons of Aaron: Eleazar Avi-Phinehas Avi-Abishua Avi-⁵¹Bukki Avi-Uzzi Avi-Zerahiah Avi-⁵²Meraioth Avi-Amariah Avi-Ahitub Avi-⁵³Zadok Avi-Ahimaaz.

⁵⁴These are their settlements according to their camps within their borders. To the descendants of Aaron of the clans of the Kohathites (Theirs was the *first* lot.), ⁵⁵they gave Hebron in Judah with its pastures around it. ⁵⁶But the fields around the town and its villages they gave to Caleb Ben-Jephunneh. ⁵⁷To Aaron's descendants they gave the following cities of refuge: Hebron, Libnah with its pastures, Jattir, Eshtemoa with its pastures, ⁵⁸Hilen with its pastures, Debir with its pastures, ⁵⁹Ashan with its pastures, and Beth-shemesh with its pastures. ⁶⁰From

Benjamin they gave Geba with its pastures, Allemeth with its pastures, and Anathoth with its pastures—13 towns. **1 Ch 6:49-60**

⁶¹To the rest of Kohath's descendants, they gave 10 towns by lot from the Manasseh half-tribe.

⁶²To Gershom's descendants according to their families, they gave 13 towns in Bashan from the tribes of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and Manasseh.

⁶³To Merari's descendants according to their families, they gave by lot 12 towns from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun.

⁶⁴Israel's descendants gave the Levites the towns with their pastures. ⁶⁵From the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin, they gave the towns by lot.

⁶⁶Some families of Kohath's descendants had towns from the tribe of Ephraim. ⁶⁷They gave them the following cities of refuge with their pastures: Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, Gezer, ⁶⁸Jokmeam, Beth-horon, ⁶⁹Aijalon, and Gath-rimmon. ⁷⁰From the Manasseh half-tribe *they gave* towns with their pastures: Aner and Bileam for the rest of the descendants of Kohath. **1 Ch 6:61-70**

⁷¹To Gershom's descendants they gave towns with their pastures from the family of the Manasseh half-tribe: Golan in Bashan and Ashtaroth. ⁷²From the tribe of Issachar *they gave* towns with their pastures: Kedesh, Daberath, ⁷³Ramoth, Anem. ⁷⁴From Asher *they gave towns* with their pastures: Mashal, Abdon, ⁷⁵Hukok, and Rehob. ⁷⁶From Naphtali *they gave towns* with their pastures: Kedesh in Galilee, Hammon, and Kiriathaim.

⁷⁷To the rest of *the Levites*, the sons of Merari, from the tribe of Zebulun *they gave towns* with their pastures: Rimmono and Tabor. ⁷⁸On the east side of the Jordan, from Reuben *they gave towns* with their pastures: Bezer in the open country, Jahzah, ⁷⁹Kedemoth, and Mephaath. ⁸⁰From Gad *they gave towns* with their pastures: Ramoth in Gilead, Mahanaim, ⁸¹Heshbon, and Jazer. **1 Ch 6:71-81**

7:1ISSACHAR had four sons: Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron.

²The sons of Tola were Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, and Samuel, heads of families. Tola's sons were trained soldiers in their generations. At the time of David they numbered 22,600.

³The son of Uzzi was Izrahiah.

The sons of Izrahiah *were* Michael, Obadiah, Joel, Isshiah—all five, mighty men.

⁴With them by their generations according to their families were 36,000

troops of the army, because they had many wives and sons. ⁵Their relatives among the descendants of Issachar *were* trained soldiers, enrolled by genealogy—87,000 in all. **1 Ch 7:1-5**

⁶**BENJAMIN** had three sons: Bela, Becher, and Jediael.

⁷Bela had five sons: Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri. They *were* heads of families, trained soldiers enrolled by genealogy—22,034.

⁸The sons of Becher *were* Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. ⁹They were enrolled by genealogy according to their generations, heads of their families—20,200 trained soldiers.

¹⁰The son of Jediael *was* Bilhan.

The sons of Bilhan *were* Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar. ¹¹These were descendants of Jediael according to the heads of Their families—17,200 trained soldiers prepared for war.

¹²Shuppm and Huppm *were* sons of Ir.

Hushim *was* the son of Aher.

1 Ch 7:6-12

¹³The sons of **NAPHTALI**: Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shallum, the descendants of Bilhah.

¹⁴The sons of **MANASSEH**, borne by his Aramaean concubine: Asriel and Machir Avi-Gilead.

¹⁵Machir took a wife for Huppm and for Shuppm. His sister was Maacah. The name of the second was Zelophehad, who had daughters. ¹⁶Maacah wife of Machir had a son she named Peresh. His brother was Sheresh Avi-Ulam and Rakem.

¹⁷The son of Ulam *was* Bedan.

These *were* the sons of Gilead Ben-Machir Ben-Manasseh.

¹⁸His sister Hammolecheth bore Ishbod, Abiezer, and Mahlah.

¹⁹The sons of Shemida were Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.

1 Ch 7:13-19

²⁰The sons of **EPHRAIM** *were* Shuthelah and Bered, Tahath his son, Eleadah his son, Tahath his son, ²¹Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, and Ezer and Elead that^{pl} the men in Gath who were born in the land killed because they came down to steal their livestock. ²²Their father Ephraim mourned a long time, and his relatives came to comfort him. ²³Then he slept with his wife, and she bore a son, and he named him Beriah, because “misfortune” had come on his family. ²⁴His daughter was Sheerah—who built lower and upper Beth-horon—as well as Uzzen-sheerah. ²⁵Rephah was his son along with Resheph Avi-Tahan Avi-²⁶Ladan Avi-Ammihud Avi-Elishama Avi-²⁷Non/*Nun* Avi-Joshua. ²⁸Their possessions and settlements *were* Bethel, Naaran to the east, Gezer to the west, and Shechem as far as Ayyah with their towns. ²⁹Along their border with the Manassites, *they had* Beth-shean, Taanach, Megiddo, and Dor with their towns. The descendants of Joseph lived in those towns.

1 Ch 7:20-29

³⁰The sons of **ASHER**: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, as well as their sister Serah

³¹The sons of Beriah *were* Heber and Malchiel Avi-Birzaith.

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

³³The sons of Japhlet *were* Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath.

³⁴The sons of Shemer *were* Ahi, Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

³⁵The sons of his brother Helem *were* Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.

³⁶The sons of Zophah *were* Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, and Imrah,

³⁷Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera.

³⁸The sons of Jether *were* Jephunneh, Pispah, and Ara.

³⁹The sons of Ulla *were* Arah, Hanniel, and Riziah.

⁴⁰These *were* descendants of Asher, heads of families, elite soldiers, principal leaders. The number enrolled by genealogy for service in war was 26,000 men. **1 Ch 7:30-40**

8:¹BENJAMIN was father of Bela his firstborn, Ashbel second, Aharah third, ²Nohah fourth, and Rapha fifth.

³Bela was father of Addar, Gera, Abihud, ⁴Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah, ⁵Gera, Shephuphan, and Hiram.

⁶These are the sons of Ehud, heads of families among the people in Geba. They were exiled to Manahath: ⁷Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera Avi-Uzza and Ahihud.

⁸Shaharaim was the father of children in Moab after he'd sent away his wives Hushim and Baara. ⁹By his wife Hodesh he became father of Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam, ¹⁰Jeuz, Sachia, Mirmah, sons and heads of families. ¹¹By Hushim he'd become father of Abitub and Elpaal.

1 Ch 8:1-11

¹²The sons of Elpaal *were* Eber, Misham, Shemed—who built Ono and Lod with their villages—¹³Beriah and Shema (heads of families among the people in Aijalon, who routed the people in Gath); ¹⁴Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth.

¹⁵Zebadiah, Arad, Eder, ¹⁶Michael, Ishpah, and Joha *were* sons of Beriah.

¹⁷Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber, ¹⁸Ishmerai, Izliah, and Jobab *were* sons of Elpaal.

¹⁹Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi, ²⁰Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel, ²¹Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath *were* sons of Shimei.

²²Ishpan, Eber, Eliel, ²³Abdon, Zichri, Hanan, ²⁴Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah, ²⁵Iphdeiah, and Penuel *were* the sons of Shashak.

²⁶Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah, ²⁷Jareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri *were* sons of Jeroham.

²⁸These were heads of families in their generations, chief men that lived in Jerusalem. **1 Ch 8:12-28**

²⁹*Jeiel* Avi-Gibeon lived in Gibeon; his wife was Maacah. ³⁰His firstborn son *was* Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab, ³¹Gedor, Ahio, Zecher, and ³²Mikloth Avi-Shimeah/*Shimeam*. These families lived near each other in Jerusalem.

³³Ner was father of Kish Avi-Saul Avi-Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

³⁴The son of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal Avi-³⁵Micah Avi Pithon, Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz. ³⁶Ahaz was father of Jehoaddah Avi-Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; Zimri was father of ³⁷Moza Avi-Binea Avi-Raphah Avi-Eleasah Avi-Azel. ³⁸Azel had six sons: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. ³⁹Azel's brother Eshek *was father of* Ulam his firstborn, Jeush second, and Eliphelet third. ⁴⁰The sons of Ulam were brave soldiers, archers, and had many sons and grandsons—150 *of them*.

Those were all descendants of Benjamin.

1 Ch 8:29-40

9:¹So Israel was enrolled by genealogies. They're recorded in *The Book of the Kings of Israel*. Judah was exiled to Babylon because they were unfaithful.

²The first to live again in their towns *were* Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the Temple servants. ³Some descendants of Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh lived in Jerusalem:

⁴from the descendants of Perez Ben-Judah *was* Uthai Ben-Ammihud Ben-Omri Ben-Imri Ben-Bani;

⁵from the Shilonites *were* Asaiah the firstborn and his sons;

⁶from the sons of Zerah *were* Jeuel and their relatives: 690;

⁷from the descendants of Benjamin *were* Sallu Ben-Meshullam Ben-Hodaviah Ben-Hassenuah, ⁸and Ibneiah Ben-Jeroham, Elah Ben-Uzzi Ben-Michri, and Meshullam Ben-Shephatiah Ben-Reuel Ben-Ibnijah, ⁹and their relatives by generations: 956. Those were heads of families.

1 Ch 9:1-9

¹⁰From the priests *were* Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, Jachin, ¹¹Azariah Ben-Hilkiah Ben-Meshullam Ben-Zadok Ben-Meraioth Ben-Ahitub, the chief officer of God's Temple; ¹²Adaiah Ben-Jeroham Ben-Pashhur Ben-Malchijah, Maasai Ben-Adiel Ben-Jahzerah Ben-Meshullam Ben-Meshillemith Ben-Immer, ¹³and their relatives, heads of their families: 1,760 capable men for the service of God's Temple.

¹⁴From the Levites *were* Shemaiah Ben-Hasshub Ben-Azrikam Ben-Hashabiah from the sons of Merari; ¹⁵Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, Mattaniah Ben-Mica Ben-Zichri Ben-Asaph, ¹⁶Obadiah Ben-Shemaiah Ben-Galal Ben-Jeduthun, Berechiah Ben-Asa Ben-Elkanah that lived in the villages of the Netophathites.

1 Ch 9:10-16

¹⁷The gatekeepers were Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their relatives, (Shallum the chief) ¹⁸stationed previously at the king's gate to the east. ¹⁹Shallum Ben-Kore Ben-Ebiasaph Ben-Korah, and his relatives from his family—the Korahites—*were* over the work of the service,

who kept the thresholds of the tent like their ancestors had done over the entrance to the camp of Yahveh. ²⁰Phinehas Ben-Elazar ruled over them previously; Yahveh was with him. ²¹Zechariah Ben-Meshelemiah was gatekeeper at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. ²²There were 212 chosen to be gatekeepers in the thresholds. They were enrolled by genealogy in their villages, men that David and Samuel the seer appointed in their office of trust. ²³They and their descendants guarded the gates of Yahveh's Temple—when it was a tabernacle—²⁴on all four sides. ²⁵Their relatives in their villages *were* to come in every seven days to be with them. ²⁶The four chief gatekeepers (Levites) were in an office of trust over the rooms and treasuries in God's Temple. ²⁷They spent the night around God's Temple, because they were responsible for guarding them. They were responsible for opening *the Temple* each morning.

²⁸Some of them were responsible for the utensils for service. They counted them when they brought them in and took them out. ²⁹Some were appointed to oversee the furniture and utensils for the sanctuary, the fine flour, the wine, oil, frankincense, and spices. ³⁰Some descendants of the priests mixed the spices. ³¹Mattithiah, one of the Levites, the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, was responsible for what was baked in pans. ³²Some relatives of the Kohathites prepared the showbread every Sabbath.

1 Ch 9:17-32

³³These are the singers, heads of families among the Levites. They lived in rooms in the Temple because they were on duty day and night. ³⁴They were heads of families among the Levites according to their generations, chief men living in Jerusalem.

³⁵Jeiel Avi-Gibeon lived in Gibeon; his wife was Maacah. ³⁶His firstborn *was* Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab, ³⁷Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.

³⁸Mikloth was father of Shimeam/*Shimeah*. All these families lived near each other in Jerusalem.

1 Ch 9:33-38

³⁹Ner was father of Kish Avi-Saul Avi-Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

⁴⁰Jonathan was father of Merib-baal Avi-Micah ⁴¹Avi-Pithon, Melech,

Tahrea, ⁴²and Ahaz Avi-Jarah Avi-Alemeth, Azmaveth, and

Zimri Avi-Moza ⁴³Avi-Binea, Rephaiah, Eleasah and Azel. ⁴⁴Azel had six sons: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan.

1 Ch 9:39-44

The Death of Saul and His Sons

10:¹The Philistines attacked Israel, and they fled and fell dead on Mount Gilboa. ²The Philistines overtook Saul and his sons and struck down his sons Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchi-shua. ³The battle grew intense against Saul, and the archers wounded him. ⁴He told his armor bearer, "*Draw your sword and thrust me through so these uncircumcised Philistines don't come and torture me.*" But his armor bearer was too afraid to do it; so Saul took his sword and fell on it. ⁵When his armor bearer saw he was dead, he fell on his sword too. ⁶So Saul's whole dynasty died together.

⁷When the Israelites in the valley saw they'd fled and Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their towns and fled; the Philistines came and lived in them. ⁸The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, they found Saul and his sons. ⁹They stripped him, took his head and armor, and sent messengers around the land of the Philistines to carry the good news to their idols and the people. ¹⁰They put his armor in the temple of their gods and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon. ¹¹When Jabesh-gilead heard what they'd done to Saul, ¹²brave men got up and took the bodies of Saul and his sons, buried their bones under the terebinth tree in Jabesh, and fasted for a week.

¹³So Saul died for his trespass against Yahveh ¹⁴and *because he* inquired from a medium instead of Yahveh. He killed him and turned the kingdom over to David. 1 Ch 10:1-14

David Anointed King

11:¹Then Israel gathered to David in Hebron,

"We're your flesh and bone. ²When Saul was king, you led out and brought in Israel. Yahveh your God said you would shepherd his people and be their leader."

³The elders in Israel came to him, and he made a treaty with them in Yahveh's presence. They anointed him king according to Yahveh's message through Samuel.

⁴Then David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (Jebus). The Jebusites, natives in the land, lived there. ⁵They told David, *"You won't get in here"*; but he captured the fortress of Zion (The City of David). ⁶He had said, *"Whoever strikes down the Jebusites first will be general of the army."* Joab Ben-Zeruiah went up first, so he became the general. ⁷David lived in the fortress; so they called it The City of David. ⁸He built the city all around from the Millo to the surrounding area, and Joab repaired the rest of Jerusalem. ⁹David became greater and greater because Yahveh was with him. 1 Ch 11:1-9

David's Mighty Men

¹⁰These are David's leading powerful warriors, who greatly supported him in his kingdom, along with all Israel, in making him king. ¹¹They were Jashobeam son of a Hachmonite, chief of the 30. He killed 300 men with his spear at one time. ¹²After him was Eleazar Ben-Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three powerful men. ¹³He was with David at Pasdammim when the Philistines converged there for battle. There was a barley field, and the people were fleeing from the Philistines. ¹⁴They took their stand in the middle of the plot, defended it, and struck down the Philistines. Yahveh gave them a great victory.

¹⁵Three of the 30 chief men went down to the rock to David into the cave near Adullam while the Philistine army was camping in the Valley of Rephaim. ¹⁶David was in the stronghold while the Philistine garrison was in Bethlehem. ¹⁷David was thirsty and said, *"Oh that somebody*

would give me a drink from the well by the gate at Bethlehem!”¹⁸ The three broke through the Philistine camp and drew water from the well at Bethlehem and took it to David. But he wouldn’t drink it; he poured it out to Yahveh.¹⁹ “*In the presence of my God, I can’t do that. Should I, in effect, drink these men’s blood who risked their lives to bring it?*” Those were exploits the three powerful men did. **1 Ch 11:10-19**

²⁰Abishai, Joab’s brother, was leader of the 30. He killed 300 with a spear; he had a reputation as well as the 30. ²¹Of the three in the second rank, he had the greatest honor and became their commander. But he didn’t measure up to the three.

²²Benaiah Ben-Jehoiada, son of a fearless warrior from Kabzeel, powerful in deeds, struck down the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion inside a pit on a snowy day. ²³He killed an Egyptian that was 7ft 6. The Egyptian had a spear like a weaver’s beam, but *Benaiah* went down to him with a club and snatched the spear from him and killed him with it. ²⁴⁻²⁵Benaiah was renowned among the 30, but he didn’t measure up to the three. David appointed him over his guard. **1 Ch 11:20-25**

²⁶The elite soldiers in the armies were Asahel brother of Joab, Elhanan Ben-Dodo from Bethlehem, ²⁷Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite, ²⁸Ira Ben-Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite, ²⁹Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, ³⁰Maharai the Netophathite, Heled Ben-Baanah the Netophathite, ³¹Ithai Ben-Ribai from Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, ³²Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite, ³³Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, ³⁴the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan Ben-Shagee the Hararite, ³⁵Ahiam Ben-Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal Ben-Ur, ³⁶Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, ³⁷Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai Ben-Ezbai, ³⁸Joel brother of Nathan, Mibhar Ben-Hagri, ³⁹Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armor bearer for Joab Ben-Zeruiah, ⁴⁰Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, ⁴¹Uriah the Hittite, Zabad Ben-Ahlai; ⁴²Adina Ben-Shiza the Reubenite, a chief in Reuben and 30 with him; ⁴³Hanan Ben-Maacah and Joshaphat the Mithnite, ⁴⁴Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel sons of Hotham the Aroerite, ⁴⁵Jediael Ben-Shimri and Joha his brother, the Tizite; ⁴⁶Eliel the Mahavite and Jeribai and Joshaviah sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite; ⁴⁷Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite. **1 Ch 11:26-47**

Warriors Join David

12:¹These are men that came over to David at Ziklag, while he still couldn’t move around freely because of Saul. They were among the elite soldiers that helped him during war. ²They used bows. With either hand they could sling stones and shoot arrows. They were Saul’s relatives from Benjamin. ³The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; Jeziel and Pelet, sons of Azmaveth; Beracah and Jehu the Anathothite; ⁴Ishmaiah the Gibeonite,

an elite soldier among the 30 and a leader over them. Then came Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, Jozabad the Gederathite, ⁵Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, Shephatiah the Haruphite; ⁶Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, Jashobeam, the Korahites; ⁷Joelah and Zebadiah, sons of Jerobam of Gedor.

⁸From Gad, brave soldiers came over to David in the stronghold in the open country. *They were men trained in war, who could handle shield and spear, whose faces were like lions' faces. They were as fast as gazelles on the mountains.* ⁹Numbered 1-11, they were Ezer, Obadiah, Eliab, ¹⁰Mishmannah, Jeremiah, ¹¹Attai, Eliel, ¹²Johanan, Elzabad, ¹³Jeremiah, and Machbannai. ¹⁴They were commanders in the army. The least was worth 100; the best was worth 1,000. ¹⁵They crossed the Jordan in the first month when it was flooding and put to flight everybody in the valleys to the east and the west. 1 Ch 12:1-15

¹⁶Then some men from Benjamin and Judah came to David's stronghold. ¹⁷He went out to meet them,

"If you come peacefully to help me, my heart will be with yours. But if you've come to betray me to my adversaries, since I haven't done anything wrong, may the God of our ancestors look at it and decide."

¹⁸The Spirit came on Amasai, chief of the 30,

*"We're yours, David;
we're with you, Ben-Jesse!
Peace, peace to you,
and peace to the One that helps you.
Indeed, your God helps you!"*

David accepted them and made them captains of the band.

1 Ch 12:16-18

¹⁹From Manasseh also some came over to David when he was going with the Philistines to fight Saul. (But he didn't end up helping them, because the lords of the Philistines conferred and sent him away, *"He might desert to his Saul and turn on us."*) ²⁰As he was going to Ziklag, these came over to him from Manasseh: Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, commanders of thousands in Manasseh. ²¹They helped him against the bands of raiders, because they were fearless soldiers and commanders in the army. ²²Daily, men kept coming over to help David, till there was a large army like God's army.

²³These are the divisions of armed troops that came to David in Hebron to turn Saul's kingdom over to him like Yahveh said:

²⁴from Judah: 6,800 armed troops that carried shield and spear;

²⁵from Simeon: 7,100 fearless soldiers;

²⁶from Levi: 4,600;

²⁷from Jehoiada, leader of Aaron's house: 3,700;

²⁸and Zadok, a fearless young soldier, of his family: 22 captains;

²⁹from Benjamin: 3,000 of Saul's relatives, the greater part previously allied with Saul's house.

³⁰from Ephraim: 20,800 fearless soldiers, famous in their families;

³¹from the Manasseh half-tribe: 18,000 men picked by name to make David king;

³²from Issachar: 200 chiefs that understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do; with their relatives at their command;

³³from Zebulun: 50,000 seasoned troops, ready for battle and equipped with all kinds of weapons; who helped David wholeheartedly.

³⁴from Naphtali: 1,000 captains and 37,000 that carried shield and spear;

³⁵from Dan: 28,600 equipped for battle;

³⁶from Asher: 40,000 seasoned troops ready for battle;

³⁷from beyond the Jordan—Reuben, Gad, and the Manasseh half-tribe: 120,000 armed with all kinds of weapons. 1 Ch 12:19-37

³⁸These battle-ready men came to Hebron fully intending to make **David** king over all Israel. The rest in Israel were also intent on making him king. ³⁹They were there with him three days, eating and drinking, because their relatives had made preparations for them. ⁴⁰People nearby and as far away as Issachar, Zebulun, and Naphtali brought food on donkeys, camels, mules, and oxen—great amounts of cakes, fig cakes and bunches of raisins, wine, oil, oxen, and sheep. There was happiness in Israel. 1 Ch 12:38-40

The Ark Brought from Kiriath-Jearim

13:¹Then David consulted with every commander of thousands and hundreds, ²and told the whole assembly,

"If it seems good to you and if Yahveh our God wills, let's send around to our relatives that are still in Israel, as well as to the priests and Levites that are with them in their towns and pastures, to have them meet with us. ³Let's bring the Ark back. We neglected it in Saul's time."

⁴The assembly agreed because it seemed right to them. ⁵He brought Israel together from the Shihor in Egypt to Lebo-hamath, to bring God's Ark from Kiriath-jearim. ⁶He and all Israel went up to Baalah (Kiriath-jearim) on the edge of Judah to bring up God's Ark, which wears the name Yahveh, who is enthroned between the cherubs. ⁷They hauled the Ark on a new cart from Abinadab's house; Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. ⁸David and all Israel were celebrating to God with all their energy—with songs and lyres, harps, tambourines, cymbals, and trumpets.

⁹When they came to the threshing floor of Chidon/*Nachon*, Uzza reached out to steady the Ark, because the oxen stumbled. ¹⁰Yahveh's anger burned against him, so he struck him down, and he died there in front of God. ¹¹David was mad because Yahveh "lashed out against Uzza," and has called the place Perez-uzza ever since. ¹²David was afraid of God that day, "*How*

can I bring the Ark home to me?" ¹³So he didn't take it to The City of David but to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite nearby. ¹⁴It stayed with his family for three months, and Yahveh blessed them and everybody he had.

1 Ch 13:1-14

David's Wives and Children

^{14:1}Hiram, king of Tyre, sent ambassadors to David with cedar trees, masons, and carpenters, to build him a palace. ²David saw that Yahveh had made him secure as king over Israel, and that his kingdom was highly regarded for Israel's sake. ³He took more wives at Jerusalem and had more sons and daughters. ⁴His children born in Jerusalem were Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, ⁵Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet, ⁶Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, ⁷Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

1 Ch 14:1-7

Philistines Defeated

⁸When the Philistines heard they'd anointed *David* king over all Israel, they went up to look for him. He heard about it and went out against them. ⁹They'd made a raid in the Valley of Rephaim. ¹⁰David asked God, "*Should I attack the Philistines? Will you deliver them to me?*" Yahveh said, "*Yes, go on up.*" ¹¹They went up to Baal-perazim, and David defeated them. He said, "*God has used me to 'break through' my enemies like a flash flood*"; so they named the place Baal-perazim. ¹²*The Philistines* abandoned their gods there; David had them burned.

¹³The Philistines made another raid in the valley. ¹⁴David asked God again, and he said, "*Don't attack them head on. Circle around behind them and come at them across from the balsam trees.*" ¹⁵*When you hear marching in the tops of the balsam trees, attack. God will have gone out ahead of you to strike their army.*"

¹⁶David did that, and they struck down the Philistine army from Gibeon to Gezer. ¹⁷His fame went out to all the countries, and Yahveh made them afraid of him.

1 Ch 14:8-17

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

^{15:1}David built houses for himself in The City of David and prepared a place for the Ark of God and pitched a tent for it. ²He said, "*Don't anybody carry the Ark but Levites. Yahveh chose them to carry it and serve him permanently.*" ³He gathered Israel to Jerusalem to bring the Ark up to the place he'd prepared. ⁴He gathered the sons of Aaron and the Levites:

- ⁵from the descendants of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and 120 of his relatives;
- ⁶from the descendants of Merari, Asaiah the chief and 220 of his relatives;
- ⁷from the descendants of Gershon, Joel the chief and 130 of his relatives;
- ⁸from the descendants of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief and 200 of his relatives;
- ⁹from the descendants of Hebron, Eliel the chief and 80 of his relatives;

¹⁰from the descendants of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief and 112 of his relatives.

¹¹David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests and for the Levites Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab,

¹²*“You’re heads of families among the Levites. Consecrate yourselves and your relatives so you can bring the Ark up to the place I’ve prepared. ¹³You didn’t carry it the first time, so Yahveh lashed out on us; we didn’t look to him according to the ordinance.”*

¹⁴The priests and Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the Ark. ¹⁵The Levites carried it on their shoulders, with the poles on it like Moses had commanded by Yahveh’s message.

1 Ch 15:1-15

¹⁶David told the chiefs among the Levites to appoint their relatives the singers and the ones with musical instruments—harps, lyres, loud cymbals—to make joyful music. ¹⁷The Levites appointed Heman Ben-Joel and his relatives, Asaph Ben-Berechiah, and Ethan Ben-Kushaiah from the descendants of Merari their relatives. ¹⁸*The Levites appointed* with them their relatives of the second rank: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, and the gatekeepers Obed-edom and Jeiel. ¹⁹The singers Heman, Asaph, and Ethan were appointed to sound loud bronze cymbals. ²⁰Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah were to play harps according to Alamothe. ²¹Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom, Jeiel, and Azariah were to lead with lyres pitched to *The Sheminith*. ²²Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was in charge of the singing. He taught singing because he was good at it. ²³Berechiah and Elkanah were gatekeepers for the Ark. ²⁴Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer the priests blew bugles ahead of the Ark. Obed-edom and Jehiah were also gatekeepers for the Ark. **1 Ch 15:16-24**

²⁵David, with the elders in Israel and the commanders of thousands, went to bring up the Ark from Obed-edom’s house with joy. ²⁶Because God was helping the Levites that were carrying the Ark, they sacrificed 7 bulls and 7 rams. ²⁷David dressed in a fine linen robe with the Levites that were carrying the Ark, the singers, and Chenaniah, who led the singing. David also wore a linen ephod. ²⁸Israel brought up the Ark with shouting, blowing rams’ horns and trumpets, crashing cymbals, and playing harps and lyres. ²⁹When the Ark came to The City of David, Saul’s daughter Michal looked out the window and saw King David dancing and celebrating; and she despised him. **1 Ch 15:25-29**

16:¹They put the Ark in the tent David had pitched for it and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings to God. ²When David had finished offering them, he blessed the people in Yahveh’s name. ³To every man and woman in Israel, he passed out a loaf of bread, a helping of meat, and a raisin cake.

⁴He appointed some Levites to serve at the Ark—to celebrate, thank, and praise Yahveh God of Israel: ⁵Asaph the chief, second to him Zechariah, *then* Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel,

Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel with musical instruments—harps and lyres. Asaph played the loud cymbals; ⁶Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests blew bugles constantly in front of the Ark.

⁷That day David first assigned Asaph and his relatives to give thanks to Yahveh.

1 Ch 16:1-7

David's Song of Thanks

⁸Thank Yahveh; call on him;

tell the nations what he's done.

⁹Sing to him, sing praises to him;

talk about his wonderful works.

¹⁰Take pride in his holy name;

let the people that look to him be happy.

¹¹Look to Yahveh and his strength;

look to him continually.

¹²Remember the wonderful things he's done,

his miracles and the judgments he's spoken,

¹³descendants of Israel his servant,

sons of Jacob his chosen ones.

1 Ch 16:8-13

¹⁴He's Yahveh our God;

his judgments are all over the world.

¹⁵Remember his covenant forever,

the message he commanded to a thousand generations,

¹⁶his covenant with Abraham,

his oath to Isaac.

¹⁷He confirmed it to Jacob as a statute,

to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

¹⁸*"I'll give you Canaan for an inheritance."*

¹⁹When they were just a few

with temporary residents included,

²⁰they wandered about from nation to nation,

from one kingdom to another.

1 Ch 16:14-20

²¹He didn't let anybody oppress them;

he reproved kings for their sakes:

²²*"Don't touch my anointed ones;*

don't harm my prophets."

²³Sing to Yahveh, all the earth;

tell the good news about his salvation every day.

- ²⁴Tell about his glory the world over,
his wonderful deeds among the nations.
- ²⁵Yahveh is great, and deserves great praise;
he's to be feared more than all *other* gods.
- ²⁶The people's gods are idols,
but Yahveh made the sky.
- ²⁷Honor and majesty are with him;
strength and joy belong to him. 1 Ch 16:21-27
- ²⁸Attribute to Yahveh, families of the nations,
attribute to him glory and strength.
- ²⁹Attribute to Yahveh the glory that's due him;
bring him an offering;
worship him in holy array.
- ³⁰Tremble in his presence, all the earth;
yes, the world stands firm; it won't be moved.
- ³¹Let the sky be happy and the earth celebrate;
let them say among the nations, "*Yahveh reigns!*"
- ³²Let the sea roar and everything that fills it;
let the field celebrate and everything in it. 1 Ch 16:28-32
- ³³Then the trees in the forest will sing for joy,
because Yahveh's coming to judge the world.
- ³⁴Give thanks to Yahveh because he's good;
his love endures forever.
- ³⁵Then say, "*Save us, our saving God;
gather us and deliver us from the nations
to give thanks to your holy name
and take pride in praising you.*"
- ³⁶Bless Yahveh God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

Then the people said "*Amen*" and praised Yahveh. 1 Ch 16:33-36

³⁷He left Asaph and his relatives at the Ark to serve continually as each day's work required. ³⁸*He left* Obed-edom with his 68 relatives and Hosah with the son of Jeduthun as gatekeepers. ³⁹He left Zadok the priest and his relatives at the Tabernacle in the high place at Gibeon ⁴⁰to offer burnt offerings every morning and evening, according to the law Yahveh commanded Israel. ⁴¹With them were Heman and Jeduthun and the rest that were designated by name to give thanks to Yahveh because his love endures forever. ⁴²With them were Heman and

Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for the ones that sounded out loud with instruments for the songs of God and the sons of Jeduthun for the gate. ⁴³Then the people left for home, and David went back to bless his household.

1 Ch 16:37-43

The LORD's Covenant with David

^{17:1}While David was living in his palace, he told Nathan the prophet, *"I'm living in a cedar palace, but Yahveh's Ark is under curtains."*

²Nathan said, *"Do what's in your mind. God is with you."*

³That same night, the message from God came to him,

⁴*"Go tell my servant David, 'Yahveh says, 'You're not to build me a temple. ⁵I haven't lived in a temple since I brought Israel up. I've gone from tent to tent and place to place. ⁶In all the places where I've lived with Israel, have I asked any judge that I've commanded to shepherd my people why he hasn't built me a cedar temple?'"* ⁷*Tell David, 'Yahveh of hosts says, "I took you out of the pasture from behind sheep and made you a leader over Israel. ⁸I've been with you wherever you've gone and removed your enemies from you. I'll make you as famous as anyone that's ever lived in the world. ⁹I'll appoint you a place for my people, and plant them so they won't have to move anymore. Sinful people won't lay waste to them like they did before, ¹⁰including the time I put judges over them. I'll subdue your enemies and build you a dynasty. ¹¹When your life's over and you've gone to your ancestors, I'll set up one of your sons and secure his throne permanently. ¹²He'll build me a temple. ¹³I'll be his father, and he'll be my son. I won't take my enduring love away from him like I did with your predecessor.*

¹⁴*I'll settle him in my house and kingdom permanently."*

1 Ch 17:1-14

¹⁵Nathan told David everything in his vision.

David's Prayer

¹⁶Then David went in and sat in Yahveh's presence,

"Who am I, Yahveh God, and what's my family that you've brought me this far? ¹⁷It's a small thing for you, but you've talked about my dynasty for a long time to come and regarded me by the standard for men of high degree.

¹⁸*What more can I say about the honor you've put on me? You know me. ¹⁹For my sake and from your own heart, you've done these great things and made them known. ²⁰Nobody's like you; there's no God besides you. From everything we've heard, ²¹what nation is like Israel? You went to redeem them out of Egypt to make a name for yourself with great and terrifying acts, in driving out nations ahead of your people. ²²You made Israel your people permanently and became their God.*

²³*Now make permanent your promise about me and my dynasty.* ²⁴*Establish your name and make it great forever.* ²⁵⁻²⁶*It's a good thing that you've revealed to me that you'll build a dynasty for me. That's encouraged me to pray to you.* ²⁷*It has pleased you to bless my family so it will continue permanently. You've blessed it forever."*
1 Ch 17:15-27

David's Military Victories

18:¹After that, David defeated the Philistines and took Gath and its surrounding towns. ²He defeated Moab and they brought tribute. ³He defeated Hadadezer, king of Zobah, as far as Hamath and secured his rule all the way to the Euphrates River. ⁴He took 1,000 chariots, 7,000 cavalry, and 20,000 foot soldiers. He hamstrung the chariot horses but reserved enough for 100 chariots.

⁵When the Arameans from Damascus came to help Hadadezer, David killed 22,000 of them. ⁶He put garrisons in Aram of Damascus, and the Arameans brought tribute. ⁷He took the gold shields that Hadadezer's officers carried and brought them to Jerusalem. ⁸From Tibhath and Cun, towns of Hadadezer, he took a large amount of bronze, which Solomon used to make the bronze sea, pillars, and bronze utensils.
1 Ch 18:1-8

⁹Tou/*Toi*, king of Hamath, heard that David had defeated Hadadezer's whole army. ¹⁰He sent his son Hadoram to greet him and bless him for it. Hadoram brought all kinds of gold, silver, and bronze articles. ¹¹David dedicated them to Yahveh with the silver and gold he'd carried off from Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, Philistines, and Amalek.

¹²In addition, Abishai Ben-Zeruiah defeated 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt. ¹³He put garrisons in Edom, and the Edomites served him. Yahveh helped him wherever he went.

¹⁴David ruled Israel and administered justice and goodness for his people.

¹⁵Joab Ben-Zeruiah was over the army;

Jehoshaphat Ben-Ahilud was recorder;

¹⁶Zadok Ben-Ahitub and Abimelech Ben-Abiathar were priests;

Shavsha was secretary;

¹⁷Benaiah Ben-Jehoiada was captain of David's bodyguard;

David's sons were chiefs at his side.

1 Ch 18:9-17

David Defeats the Ammonites and Syrians

19:¹After this, Nahash, king of the Ammonites, died and his son became king. ²David said, *"I'll be kind to Hanun because his father was kind to me."* He sent ambassadors to console him about his father. ³But the officials in Ammon told Hanun, *"Do you think David is honoring your father by sending ambassadors to comfort you? Haven't they come to spy out the land to overthrow it?"* Hanun took David's ambassadors and shaved them, cut off their clothes in the

middle as high as their hips, and sent them away. ⁵Some people came and told David about the men. He sent to meet them because they were greatly humiliated. He told them to stay in Jericho till their beards grew back; then come home.

⁶When the Ammonites saw they'd been offensive to David, Hanun and the Ammonites sent $37\frac{3}{4}$ tons ^{1,000 talents} of silver to hire chariots and cavalry from Mesopotamia, from Aram-maacah and Zobah. ⁷They hired 32,000 chariots, the king of Maacah, and his soldiers. They camped by Medeba. The Ammonites gathered from their towns and came to battle. ⁸When David heard it, he sent Joab and the whole army, the strongest soldiers. ⁹The Ammonites came out and drew up in battle formation at the entrance to the city. The kings that had come were by themselves in the field.

1 Ch 19:1-9

¹⁰When Joab saw that the battle was set against him in front and behind, he selected elite soldiers and arrayed them against the Arameans. ¹¹The rest he placed under his brother Abishai, and they arrayed themselves against the Ammonites. ¹²He said,

"If the Arameans are too strong for me, you help me. If the Ammonites are too strong for you, I'll help you. ¹³Be strong; let's show ourselves courageous for our people and the towns of our God. May Yahveh do what seems good to him."

¹⁴Joab and his troops engaged the Arameans, and they fled. ¹⁵When the Ammonites saw the Arameans flee, they retreated from Abishai into the city. Then Joab made a trip to Jerusalem.

¹⁶When the Arameans saw Israel had defeated them, they sent ambassadors to bring out the Arameans from the other side of the River with Shophach the commander of Hadadezer's army leading them. ¹⁷When David heard it, he mustered Israel, crossed the Jordan, and came on them. He drew up in formation against them, and they fought him. ¹⁸They fled, and he killed 7,000 charioteers and 40,000 foot soldiers, and put Shophach to death. ¹⁹When Hadadezer's vassals saw Israel had defeated them, they surrendered and served David. The Arameans weren't willing to help the Ammonites anymore.

1 Ch 19:10-19

The Capture of Rabbah

^{20:1}In the spring, when kings go to war, Joab led out the army and ravaged the country of the Ammonites and laid siege to Rabbah. David stayed in Jerusalem. Joab attacked Rabbah and overthrew it. ²Then David *went to Rabbah and* took the crown off their king's head, and found that it weighed $75\frac{1}{2}$ lbs ^{a talent} of gold, and was set with precious stones. They placed it on David's head, and he brought out a really large amount of spoil from the city. ³He brought the people out, and cut them with saws, sharp instruments, and axes. He did that to all the Ammonite towns. Then he and the people came back to Jerusalem.

⁴About this time, war broke out with the Philistines at Gezer. Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Sippai, a descendant of the giants, and they were subdued. ⁵There was war with the

Philistines again, and Elhanan Ben-Jair killed Lahmi brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. ⁶Another time there was war at Gath, where there was a huge man with six digits on each hand and foot. He had descended from the giants too. ⁷When he taunted Israel, Jonathan, son of David's brother Shimea, killed him. ⁸Those *three* descended from the giants in Gath that David and his warriors killed. 1 Ch 20:1-8

David's Ill-Advised Census

²¹¹Satan stood up against Israel and tempted David to take a census. ²David told Joab and the commanders of the troops,

"Go count Israel from Dan to Beersheba and bring me the results so I can know how many there are."

³Joab said, *"May Yahveh add to his people 100 times as many as they are! But my lord the king, aren't they all serving you? Why do you want to know this? Why bring guilt on Israel?"*

⁴But the king's word prevailed. So Joab went all over Israel and came back to Jerusalem. ⁵He gave David the census number: 1,100,000 swordsmen in Israel and 470,000 in Judah. ⁶He didn't count Levi and Benjamin because he abhorred the king's command. ⁷God was displeased with this thing, so he struck Israel. 1 Ch 21:1-7

⁸David said to God, *"I've committed an awful sin. Please take it away. I've done something really foolish."*

⁹Yahveh told Gad, David's seer, ¹⁰*"Tell David,*

'Yahveh says ¹¹to take ¹²either three years of famine, three months of being swept away by your enemies' sword, or three days of the sword of Yahveh when his angel destroys throughout Israel.' What should I report to the One that sent me?"

1 Ch 21:8-12

¹³David told Gad, *"I'm in great distress. I'll cast myself on Yahveh's mercy because it's so great. Don't let me fall into human hands."* ¹⁴Yahveh sent a plague on Israel; 70,000 people died. ¹⁵He sent an angel to destroy Jerusalem; but as he was about to do it, he looked and was sad over the catastrophe. He told the destroying angel, *"That's enough; relax your hand."* The angel was standing by the threshing floor of *Ornan/Araunah* the Jebusite. ¹⁶David looked up and saw him standing between earth and sky with his sword held out over Jerusalem. David and the elders, covered with burlap, fell on their faces. ¹⁷He told God, *"I'm the one that sinned. What have these sheep done? Yahveh my God, please plague me and my father's house, not your people."* 1 Ch 21:13-17

David Builds an Altar

¹⁸Then the angel of Yahveh had Gad tell David to build an altar on *Ornan's/Araunah's* threshing floor. ¹⁹David went up. ²⁰*Ornan/Araunah* turned and saw the angel, and his four sons hid. He was threshing wheat. ²¹As David came to *him*, he left the threshing floor and prostrated himself. ²²David told him, *"Sell me this threshing floor so I can build an altar on it. Give it to me at full price so God will restrain the plague."*

²³*Ornan/Araunah* said,

"Take it and do what seems good. I'll give the oxen for burnt offerings, the threshing sledges for wood, the wheat for the grain offering—all of it."

²⁴But King David said, *"I won't take what's yours for Yahveh or offer a burnt offering that doesn't cost me anything."* ²⁵He paid him 15 lbs ^{600 shekels} of gold for the site. ²⁶He built an altar there and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. He called to Yahveh, and he answered him with fire from the sky on the altar. ²⁷Yahveh told the angel to sheath his sword.

²⁸When David saw that Yahveh had answered him, he offered sacrifice there, ²⁹because the Tabernacle and altar that Moses made were in the countryside at Gibeon. ³⁰But David couldn't go to it to ask God because the angel's sword terrified him. **22:1**David said, *"This is the house of Yahveh God and the altar of burnt offering for Israel."* 1 Ch 21:18-22:1

David's Preparations for the Temple

²David issued an order to gather the foreigners in Israel and set stonecutters to dress stones for God's Temple. ³He provided large stores of iron for making nails for the doors in the gates and for clamps, more bronze than could be weighed, ⁴and cedar logs without number. The Sidonians and Tyrians brought him large supplies of cedar timber. ⁵He said,

"My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and Yahveh's Temple will be magnificent, famous, and glorious all over the world. I'll stockpile materials for it."

David gathered lots of material *for it* before he died.

1 Ch 22:2-5

⁶Then he called Solomon and charged him to build a temple for Yahveh God of Israel,

⁷*"Son, I intended to build a temple for Yahveh, ⁸but his message came to me, 'You won't build me a temple; you've shed so much blood and fought great wars. ⁹You'll have a son that's not a military figure. I'll give him rest from his enemies everywhere. His name will be Solomon because I'll give Israel 'peace' and quiet during his life. ¹⁰He'll build a temple for me. He'll be my son, and I'll be his father. I'll make his kingdom permanently secure.' ¹¹Yahveh be with you so you can succeed at building it. ¹²May he give you with discretion and intelligence, and give you charge over Israel so you can keep his Law. ¹³You'll prosper if you observe carefully the statutes and ordinances he commanded Moses. Be strong and courageous; don't be afraid or intimidated. ¹⁴I've taken great pains to*

stockpile materials: 3775 tons ^{100,000 talents} of gold, 37,750 tons ^{1,000,000 talents} of silver, bronze and iron past weighing, timber, and stone. You can add to that.

¹⁵*You have lots of stonecutters, stone masons, and carpenters skilled in all kinds of work. ¹⁶There's no limit to the gold, silver, bronze, and iron. Get started. Yahveh be with you."* **1 Ch 22:6-16**

¹⁷He directed Israel's leaders to help Solomon,

¹⁸*"Isn't Yahveh with you? Hasn't he given you rest in every direction? He's delivered to you the nations in the land, and it's under control. ¹⁹Set your heart and soul to look to him. Build his sanctuary so you can bring the Ark and God's holy articles into it."* **1 Ch 22:17-19**

Duties of Levites

23:¹When David got old, he appointed Solomon king over Israel. ²He gathered the leaders with the priests and Levites. ³The Levites 30 years old and up numbered 38,000. ⁴Of these, 24,000 oversaw the work, 6,000 were officers and judges, ⁵4,000 were gatekeepers, and 4,000 praised Yahveh with instruments David made for that purpose. ⁶He divided them according to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. **1 Ch 23:1-6**

⁷The sons of Gershon were Ladan and Shimei.

⁸Three sons of Ladan were Jehiel the oldest, Jetham, and Joel.

⁹Three sons of Shimei were Shelomoth, Haziël, and Haran.

These were the heads of families in Ladan/*Libni*.

¹⁰⁻¹¹The sons of Shimei were Jahath, first; Zina/*Zizah*, second. Jeush and Beriah didn't have very many sons, so they were all counted as one family. **1 Ch 23:7-11**

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

¹³The sons of Amram were Aaron and Moses.

Aaron and his sons were set apart permanently to sanctify Yahveh as most holy, to burn incense to him, to perform service to him, and to bless in his name.

¹⁴The sons of Moses, the man of God, were included in the tribe of Levi.

¹⁵The sons of Moses were Gershom and Eliezer.

¹⁶The son of Gershom was Shebuel the chief.

¹⁷The only son of Eliezer was Rehabiah.

Rehabiah had lots of sons.

¹⁸The son of Izhar was Shelomith the chief.

¹⁹The sons of Hebron were Jeriah, first; then Amariah, then Jahaziel, then Jekameam.

²⁰The sons of Uzziel were Micah, first, then Isshiah.

²¹The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi.

The sons of Mahli were Eleazar and Kish.

²²Eleazar died and had only daughters, so their cousins, Kish's sons, married them.

²³The sons of Mushi were Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth.

1 Ch 23:12-23

²⁴Those were Levi's descendants by heads of families as counted in their census. They served in Yahveh's Temple from 20 years old and up. ²⁵David said, "*Yahveh God of Israel has given his people rest, and he lives in Jerusalem permanently.*" ²⁶*The Levites won't need to carry the Tabernacle and the utensils for its service.*" ²⁷By David's last words, Levi's descendants were counted from 20 years old and up. ²⁸They were to assist Aaron's descendants with the service in the courts and rooms in Yahveh's Temple. They were to purify the holy things ²⁹and help with the showbread, the fine flour for grain offerings, wafers without yeast, what's baked in the pan, or what's well-mixed, and all measures of volume and size. ³⁰They were to stand each morning and evening to thank and praise Yahveh. ³¹They offered burnt offerings on Sabbaths, new moons, and scheduled festivals in the number set by the Law. ³²They maintained the Tent of Meeting and the Holy Place and helped Aaron's descendants with the service in Yahveh's house.

1 Ch 23:24-32

Duties of Priests

^{24:1}*These were* the divisions of Aaron's descendants. His sons *were* Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ²But Nadab and Abihu died before their father did, and they didn't have any sons; so Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests. ³David—with Zadok from Eleazar's descendants and Ahimelech from Ithamar's descendants—divided them by their offices for their service. ⁴Since there were more chief men descended from Eleazar than from Ithamar, they divided them into 16 heads descended from Eleazar and 8 from Ithamar. ⁵They divided them alike by lot because they were officers of the sanctuary and officers of God. ⁶Shemaiah Ben-Nethanel the secretary from the Levites, recorded them in the presence of the king, the officials, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech Ben-Abiathar, and the heads of the families among the priests and Levites—one family taken for Eleazar and one for Ithamar.

1 Ch 24:1-6

⁷ The first lot came out for Jehoiarib,	the second for Jedaiah,
⁸ the third for Harim,	the fourth for Seorim,
⁹ the fifth for Malchijah,	the sixth for Mijamin,
¹⁰ the seventh for Hakkoz,	the eighth for Abijah,
¹¹ the ninth for Jeshua,	the tenth for Shecaniah,
¹² the eleventh for Eliashib,	twelfth for Jakim,
¹³ the thirteenth for Huppah,	the fourteenth for Jeshebeab,
¹⁴ the fifteenth for Bilgah,	the sixteenth for Immer,
¹⁵ the seventeenth for Hezir,	the eighteenth for Happizez,

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| ¹⁶ the nineteenth for Pethahiah, | the twentieth for Jehezkel, |
| ¹⁷ the twenty-first for Jachin, | the twenty-second for Gamul, |
| ¹⁸ the twenty-third for Delaiah, | the twenty-fourth for Maaziah. |

¹⁹Those were their officers for ministry when they came to Yahveh's Temple according to the ordinance Aaron their ancestor gave them by Yahveh God's command. 1 Ch 24:7-19

²⁰Now about the rest of the descendants of Levi:

from the descendants of Amram, Shubael;
from the descendants of Shubael, Jehdeiah.

²¹from Rehabiah, Isshiah the chief.

²²from the Izharites, Shelomoth;
from the descendants of Shelomoth, Jahath.

²³the descendants of Hebron: Jeriah the chief, Amariah second, Jahaziel third,
Jekameam fourth. 1 Ch 24:20-23

²⁴the descendants of Uzziel, Micah;
from the descendants of Micah, Shamir.

²⁵the brother of Micah, Isshiah;
from the descendants of Isshiah, Zechariah.

²⁶the descendants of Merari: Mahli and Mushi.
the descendants of Jaaziah: Beno.

²⁷the descendants of Merari: by Jaaziah *were* Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.

²⁸by Mahli: Eleazar, who didn't have any sons.

²⁹by Kish, the descendants of Kish: Jerahmeel.

³⁰the sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth.

Those were the Levites by families. ³¹They also cast lots—the head of each family and his younger brother alike—like their relatives the descendants of Aaron, in the presence of King David, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of families among the priests and Levites. 1 Ch 24:24-31

Duties of Musicians

25:¹David and the commanders of the army set apart some sons of Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun to prophesy with lyres, harps, and cymbals. Those who performed their service were as follows:

²from the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah *were* under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied under the direction of the king;

³from the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah—6 were under the direction of their father Jeduthun with the harp, who prophesied by giving thanks and praising Yahveh;

⁴from the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth.

⁵Those were sons of Heman the king's seer to honor him according to God's message, because God gave Heman 14 sons and 3 daughters.

⁶Those were under their father's direction to sing in Yahveh's Temple, with cymbals, harps, and lyres for the service. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman *served* under the king's direction.

⁷There were 288 trained in singing to Yahveh with their relatives, talented *men*. ⁸They cast lots for their duties, least and greatest, teacher and pupil. 1 Ch 25:1-8

⁹The first lot came out for Asaph to Joseph—*he and his relatives made 12*;

the second for Gedaliah—he and his relatives made 12;

¹⁰the third came out for Zaccur—he, his relatives, and sons made 12;

¹¹the fourth came out for Izri, who with sons and relatives made 12;

¹²the fifth came out for Nethaniah, who with sons and relatives made 12;

¹³the sixth came out for Bukkiah, who with sons and relatives made 12;

¹⁴the seventh came out for Jesharelah, who with sons and relatives made 12;

¹⁵the eighth came out for Jeshaiiah, who with sons and relatives made 12;

¹⁶the ninth came out for Mattaniah, who with sons and relatives made 12;

¹⁷the tenth came out for Shimei, who with sons and relatives made 12;

¹⁸the eleventh came out for Azarel, who with sons and relatives made 12;

¹⁹the twelfth came out for Hashabiah, who with sons and relatives made 12; 1 Ch 25:9-19

²⁰for the thirteenth came out for Shubael, who with sons and relative made 12;

²¹for the fourteenth came out for Mattithiah, who with sons and relatives made 12;

²²the fifteenth came out for Jeremoth, who with sons and relatives made 12;

²³the sixteenth came out for Hananiah, who with sons and relatives made 12;

²⁴the seventeenth came out for Joshbekashah, who with sons and relatives made 12;

²⁵the eighteenth came out for Hanani, who with sons and relatives made 12;

²⁶the nineteenth came out for Mallothi, who with sons and relatives made 12;

²⁷the twentieth came out for Eliathah, who with sons and relatives made 12;

²⁸the twenty-first came out for Hothir, who with sons and relatives made 12;

²⁹the twenty-second came out for Giddalti, who with sons and relatives made 12;

³⁰the twenty-third came out for Mahazioth, who with sons and relatives made 12;

³¹the twenty-fourth came out for Romamti-ezer, who with sons and relatives made 12.

1 Ch 25:20-31

Duties of Gatekeepers

26:¹For the divisions of the gatekeepers, from the Korahites *there was* Meshelemiah Ben-Kore from the sons of Asaph. ²Meshelemiah/*Shelemiah* had sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediahel second, Zebadiah third, Jathniel fourth, ³Elam fifth, Johanan sixth, Eliehoenai seventh.

⁴Obed-edom had sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad second, Joah third, Sacar fourth, Nethanel fifth, ⁵Ammiel sixth, Issachar seventh, *and* Peullethai eighth. God had blessed him. ⁶Shemaiah had sons who governed their family because they were brave soldiers. ⁷Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose brothers Elihu and Semachiah were brave men. ⁸Obed-edom's sons, their sons and relatives *were* capable and strong for the service—62.

⁹Meshelemiah had sons and relatives—18 brave men.

¹⁰Hosah Ben-Merari had sons: Shimri the first (though not born first; his father made him first), ¹¹Hilkiah second, Tebaliah third, and Zechariah fourth. Hosah had 13 sons and relatives.

1 Ch 26:1-11

¹²To these divisions of the gatekeepers, the chief men *were* given duties like their relatives to serve in Yahveh's Temple. ¹³According to their families, they cast lots, without regard for age, for each gate. ¹⁴The lot for the east *gate* fell to Shelemiah. Then they cast lots for his son Zechariah, an advisor with insight; his lot came out for the north *gate*. ¹⁵Obed-edom's *lot fell* for the south; the storehouse went to his sons. ¹⁶For Shuppim and Hosah *the lot fell* for the west *gate*, by Shallecheth's gate on the ascending highway. Guard corresponded to guard. ¹⁷There were six Levites on the east, four on the north and south each day, and at the storehouse two and two. ¹⁸At the Parbar on the west *there were* four at the highway and two at the Parbar. ¹⁹Those are the divisions of the gatekeepers from the sons of Korah and Merari. **1 Ch 26:12-19**

Duties of Gatekeepers

²⁰The Levites were responsible for the treasures in God's Temple and the dedicated gifts. ²¹The sons of Ladan, descendants of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, *that is*, the Jehielites, *were* the heads of families. ²²The sons of Jehieli—Zetham and Joel—were responsible for God's Temple. ²³As to the Amramites, Izharites, Hebronites, and Uzzielites, ²⁴Shebuel Ben-Gershom Ben-Moses was officer over the treasures. ²⁵His relatives by Eliezer *were* Rehabiah his son, Jeshiah his son, Joram his son, Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son. ²⁶That Shelomoth and his relatives were responsible for the treasures from the dedicated gifts that King David, the heads of families, commanders of thousands and hundreds, and commanders of the army had donated. ²⁷They dedicated part of the spoils of war to repair Yahveh's Temple. ²⁸Shelomoth and his relatives were responsible for everything Samuel the seer, Saul Ben-Kish, Abner Ben- Ner, Joab

Ben-Zeruiah, and everybody had donated. ²⁹The Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons, were assigned to duties away from *the LORD's house* as officers and judges. ³⁰The Hebronites, Hashabiah and his relatives—1,700 capable men, oversaw Israel west of the Jordan, for the work of Yahveh and the service of the king. ³¹⁻³²The Hebronites, Jerijah the chief and his relatives, capable men, *were* 2,700, heads of families. King David had them oversee Reuben, Gad, and the Manasseh half-tribe for the affairs of God and the king. (These Hebronites were investigated according to their genealogies and families in the fortieth year of David's reign. Men with outstanding capability were found among them at Jazer in Gilead.) **1 Ch 26:20-32**

Military Divisions

^{27:1}These were heads of families, commanders of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in regard to the divisions that came in and went out month by month all year. Each division numbered 24,000.

²Jashobeam Ben-Zabdiel was responsible for the first division for the first month. ³He descended from Perez and was chief of the commanders of the army for the first month.

⁴Dodai the Ahohite and his division were responsible for the second month with Mikloth as chief officer.

⁵The third commander of the army for the third month was Benaiah Ben-Jehoiada the priest, as chief. ⁶This Benaiah was the most elite soldier of the 30 and responsible for 30. His son Ammizabad was responsible for his division. **1 Ch 27:1-6**

⁷The fourth for the fourth month was Joab's brother Asahel and his son Zebadiah.

⁸The fifth for the fifth month was commander Shamhuth the Izrahite.

⁹The six for the sixth month was Ira Ben-Ikkesh the Tekoite.

¹⁰The seventh for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, descendants of Ephraim.

¹¹The eighth for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite from the Zerahites.

¹²The ninth for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite from the Benjamites.

¹³The tenth for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite from the Zerahites.

¹⁴The eleventh for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, descendant of Ephraim.

¹⁵The twelfth for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite of Othniel. **1 Ch 27:7-15**

Tribal Leaders

¹⁶In charge of the tribes of Israel

The chief officer for the Reubenites was Eliezer Ben-Zichri;
for the Simeonites, Shephatiah Ben-Maacah;

¹⁷for Levi, Hashabiah Ben-Kemuel;
for Aaron, Zadok;

- ¹⁸for Judah, Elihu, David's brother;
 for Issachar, Omri Ben-Michael;
¹⁹for Zebulun, Ishmaiah Ben-Obadiah;
 for Naphtali, Jeremoth Ben-Azriel;
²⁰for Ephraim, Hoshea Ben-Azaziah;
 for the Manasseh half-tribe, Joel Ben-Pedaiah;
²¹for the Manasseh half-tribe in Gilead, Iddo Ben-Zechariah;
 for Benjamin, Jaasiel Ben-Abner;
²²for Dan, Azarel Ben-Jeroham.

Those *were* the officers of the tribes of Israel.

1 Ch 27:16-22

²³But David didn't count the ones under 20 because Yahveh had said he would multiply Israel like the stars in the sky. ²⁴Joab Ben-Zeruiah had started to count *them* but didn't finish. Wrath came on Israel because of it, and the number wasn't included in *The Chronicles of King David*.

²⁵Azmaveth Ben-Adiel oversaw the king's storehouses.

Jonathan Ben-Uzziah oversaw the storehouses in the country, towns, villages, and towers.

²⁶Ezri Ben-Chelub oversaw the farmers that plowed the ground.

²⁷Shimei the Ramathite oversaw vineyards.

Zabdi the Shiphmite oversaw what the vineyards produced *and what was stored* in cellars.

²⁸Baal-hanan the Gederite oversaw the olive and sycamore trees in the western foothills.

Joash oversaw the stores of oil.

1 Ch 27:23-28

²⁹Shitrai the Sharonite oversaw the cattle that grazed in Sharon.

Shaphat Ben-Adlai oversaw the cattle in the valleys.

³⁰Obil the Ishmaelite oversaw the camels.

Jehdeiah the Meronothite oversaw the donkeys.

³¹Jaziz the Hagrite oversaw the flocks.

Those oversaw David's property.

1 Ch 27:29-31

³²Jonathan, David's uncle, *was* an intelligent advisor and secretary.

Jehiel Ben-Hachmoni tutored David's sons.

³³Ahithophel was advisor to the king.

Hushai the Archite was the king's friend.

³⁴Jehoiada Ben-Benaiah and Abiathar succeeded^{pl} Ahithophel.

Joab commanded the king's army.

1 Ch 27:32-34

David's Charge to Israel

28:¹David gathered to Jerusalem the officials in Israel, the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the divisions that served the king, the commanders over thousands and hundreds, the overseers of the property and livestock that belong to the king and his sons, the officials and elite soldiers, all the brave warriors. ²He stood up and said,

“My relatives, my people. I intended to build a permanent temple for the Ark of the Covenant and for a footstool of our God; so I made preparations. ³But he told me, ‘You won’t build me a temple; you’re a soldier that’s shed blood.’ ⁴But Yahveh chose me from my father’s family to rule Israel permanently. He chose Judah to lead, chose my father’s family in Judah, and delighted in me among my brothers. ⁵From my sons he’s chosen Solomon to sit on the throne. (Yahveh has given me many sons.) ⁶He told me, ‘Solomon will build my temple and courts. I’ve chosen him to be my son, and I’ll be his father. ⁷I’ll make his kingdom permanently secure if he’s resolute in keeping my commandments and ordinances, like he is today.’ ⁸In front of Israel, in the assembly of Yahveh, and in the hearing of our God, endeavor to follow all his commandments so you can keep the good land and leave it for your descendants.

David's Charge to Solomon

⁹*“Solomon, son, know your father’s God. Serve him with all your heart and a willing mind, because Yahveh examines every heart and understands every intent. ¹⁰Be diligent about that because he has chosen you to build a temple for the sanctuary. Have the courage to do it.”*

1 Ch 28:1-10

¹¹Then David gave Solomon

the plans for the vestibule, its buildings, storehouses, upper rooms, inner rooms,
the room for the mercy seat;

¹²the plan for everything he had in mind—the courts, surrounding rooms,
storehouses, and storehouses of dedicated things;

¹³*the layout* for the divisions of priests and Levites,
the plans for the work of service,
the utensils for the service,

1 Ch 28:11-13

¹⁴the golden *utensils*, the weight of gold for them;
the silver utensils, the weight of silver for them;

¹⁵the weight of *gold* for the golden lampstands and their golden lamps, the
weight of each lampstand and its lamps;
the *weight of silver* for the silver lampstands, the weight of each lampstand
and its lamps;

¹⁶the weight of gold for each table of showbread, and

the silver for the silver tables;
¹⁷pure gold for the forks, basins, and pitchers,
 the golden bowls with the weight for each bowl, and for
 the silver bowls with the weight for each bowl; ¹⁸and
 for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and
 gold for the model of the chariot for the cherubs that spread out their
 wings and cover the Ark of the Covenant.

¹⁹The details of this pattern he made clear in writing from Yahveh's hand. **1 Ch 28:14-19**

²⁰Then David told Solomon,

"Be strong and courageous; don't be afraid or intimidated. Yahveh's with you. He won't fail you or abandon you till the work is done. ²¹There are divisions of priests and Levites for serving in God's Temple, and every willing man with skill will be with you for all kinds of service. The officials and the people will be entirely at your command."

1 Ch 28:20-21

Offerings for the Temple

^{29:1}David told the assembly,

"God alone has chosen Solomon. He's young and new to the work. It's an important undertaking; the Temple won't be for some mortal but for Yahveh God. ²I've provided as much material as I could: gold, silver, bronze, iron, and wood—plus large amounts of onyx, gems for settings, antimony, colored stones, marble—all kinds of precious stones. ³In addition, I'm giving my own gold and silver: ⁴113¼ tons ^{3,000 talents} of gold from Ophir, 264¼ tons ^{7,000 talents} of refined silver for overlaying the walls of the Temple, ⁵and the gold and silver items the craftsmen will make. Who will offer willingly, consecrating himself to Yahveh today?"

1 Ch 29:1-5

⁶The heads of families made freewill offerings, as did the tribal leaders, the commanders of thousands and hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. ⁷They gave for the service of God's Temple 188¾ tons ^{5,000 talents} of gold, 185 lbs ^{10,000 darics} of gold, 377½ tons ^{10,000 talents} of silver, 679½ tons ^{18,000 talents} of brass, and 3775 tons ^{100,000 talents} of iron. ⁸Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹The people celebrated because they had given willingly and offered freely with all their heart. David also celebrated greatly.

1 Ch 29:6-9

David's Prayer of Praise

¹⁰He blessed Yahveh in the presence of the assembly,

"You're blessed forever, Yahveh God of our ancestor Israel. ¹¹You have the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty because

everything in the sky and on earth belongs to you. The kingdom belongs to you, the exalted head over everything. ¹²*Wealth and honor come from you. Power and strength are with you. Your control makes everyone great and strong.* ¹³*We thank you and praise your glorious name.*

¹⁴*“But who am I and what’s my people that we can offer as willingly as this? Everything comes from you, and what we’ve given you is from your own things.* ¹⁵*We’re foreigners, nomads like our ancestors. Our time on earth is like a shadow; it’s not permanent.* ¹⁶*This abundance we’ve provided for building you a Temple comes from you and belongs to you.* ¹⁷*I know you test the heart and are delighted with godliness. With a godly heart I’ve freely offered everything and seen your people offering freely and joyfully.* ¹⁸*Yahveh God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, always keep such purposes and thoughts in your people’s hearts and direct their hearts to you.* ¹⁹*Give Solomon my son a whole heart for keeping your commandments, testimonies, and statutes; and for accomplishing everything so he can build the Temple I’ve made provisions for.”* **1 Ch 29:10-19**

Solomon Anointed as King

²⁰Then David told the assembly, “*Bless Yahveh your God.*” The whole assembly blessed Yahveh God of their ancestors. They bowed their heads in worship to him, and paid homage to the king. ²¹They sacrificed to Yahveh, and the next day offered burnt offerings—1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams, and 1,000 lambs with their liquid offerings, and abundant sacrifices for all Israel. ²²They ate and drank in Yahveh’s presence that day with great happiness.

They confirmed Solomon as king and anointed him as ruler for Yahveh and Zadok as priest. ²³Solomon replaced David. He prospered and all Israel obeyed him. ²⁴The leaders, elite soldiers, and King David’s sons pledged allegiance to him. ²⁵Yahveh highly elevated him in front of Israel and placed such royal majesty on him as hasn’t been on any *other* king in Israel.

The Death of David

²⁶David ruled all Israel ²⁷for 40 years, 7 in Hebron and for 33 in Jerusalem. ²⁸He died at a good old age, full of wealth and honor, and **Solomon** reigned. ²⁹The acts of King David, from first to last, are recorded in *The Chronicles of Samuel the Seer*, *The Chronicles of Nathan the Prophet*, and *The Chronicles of Gad the Seer*, ³⁰with accounts of his rule and strength, and the circumstances that came on him, on Israel, and on the surrounding kingdoms. **1 Ch 29:20-30**