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## 1 Chronicles

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1Adam, Seth, Enosh,2Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared,3Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech.

4The sons of Noah were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. [1](#footnote-target-1)

5The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

6The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. [2](#footnote-target-2)

7The sons of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, the Kittites, and the Rodanites.

8The sons of Ham were Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan.

9The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raamah, and Sabteka. The sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan.

10Cush became the father of Nimrod, who began to be a mighty man on the earth.

11Egypt became the ancestor of the Ludites, Anamites, Lehabites, Naphtuhites,12Pathrusites, Kasluhites (from whom the Philistines came), and the Caphtorites.

13Canaan became the father of Sidon, his firstborn, and of the Hittites.14He also became the ancestor of the Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites,15Hivites, Arkites, Sinites,16Arvadites, Zemarites, and the Hamathites.

17The sons of Shem were Elam, Ashur, Arphaxad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.

18Arphaxad became the father of Shelah, and Shelah became the father of Eber.

19Eber had two sons. The name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided. His brother's name was Joktan.

20Joktan became the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,21Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,22Obal, Abimael, Sheba,23Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these were descendants of Joktan.

24Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,

25Eber, Peleg, Reu,

26Serug, Nahor, Terah,

27Abram, who was Abraham.

28The sons of Abraham were Isaac and Ishmael.

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

32The sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine, were Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan were Sheba and Dedan.

33Midian's sons were Ephah, Epher, Hanok, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were Keturah's descendants.

34Abraham became the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac were Esau and Israel.

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

36The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek.

37The sons of Reuel were Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

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

39The sons of Lotan were Hori and Homam, and Timna was Lotan's sister.

40The sons of Shobal were Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. The sons of Zibeon were Aiah and Anah.

41The son of Anah was Dishon. The sons of Dishon were Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Keran.

42The sons of Ezer were Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan. The sons of Dishan were Uz and Aran.

43These were the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the people of Israel: Bela son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

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

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

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

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

48When Samlah died, Shaul of Rehoboth on the river reigned in his place.

49When Shaul died, Baal-Hanan son of Akbor reigned in his place.

50When Baal-Hanan died, Hadad reigned in his place, and the name of his city was Pau. His wife's name was Mehetabel daughter of Matred daughter of Me-Zahab.51Hadad died.

The chiefs in Edom were Chief Timna, Chief Alvah, Chief Jetheth,52Chief Oholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon,53Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,54Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom.

[1](#footnote-caller-1)The Hebrew copies do not have the expression, The sons of Noah, but the ancient Greek translation includes this expression. [2](#footnote-caller-2)Most Hebrew copies have Diphath instead of Riphath. However Diphath was probably a misspelling and other ancient copies corrected it to read Riphath. This last name is found in Genesis 10:3.

2

1These were the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,2Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

3Judah's sons were Er, Onan, and Shelah, who were born to him by Shua's daughter, a Canaanite woman. Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of Yahweh, and Yahweh killed him.4Tamar, his daughter-in-law, bore him Perez and Zerah. Judah had five sons.

5Perez's sons were Hezron and Hamul.

6Zerah's sons were Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Kalkol, and Darda, five in all.

7Karmi's son was Achar, who brought trouble on Israel when he acted faithlessly in regard to what was devoted to God. [1](#footnote-target-1)

8Ethan's son was Azariah.

9Hezron's sons were Jerahmeel, Ram, and Caleb.

10Ram became the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, a leader among Judah's descendants.11Nahshon became the father of Salmon, and Salmon became the father of Boaz.12Boaz became the father of Obed, and Obed became the father of Jesse.

13Jesse became the father of his firstborn Eliab, Abinadab the second, Shimea the third,14Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,15Ozem the sixth, and David the seventh.16Their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. The sons of Zeruiah were Abishai, Joab, and Asahel, three of them.17Abigail bore Amasa, whose father was Jether the Ishmaelite.

18Caleb son of Hezron became the father of children by Azubah, his wife, and by Jerioth. His sons were Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon.19Azubah died, and then Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur.20Hur became the father of Uri, and Uri became the father of Bezalel.

21Later Hezron (when he was sixty years old) married the daughter of Makir, the father of Gilead. She bore him Segub.22Segub became the father of Jair, who controlled twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.23Geshur and Aram took Havvoth Jair and Kenath, as well as sixty surrounding towns. All these inhabitants were descendants of Makir, the father of Gilead.

24After the death of Hezron, Caleb went to Ephrathah, the wife of his father Hezron. She bore him Ashhur, the father of Tekoa. [2](#footnote-target-2)

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

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

28The sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. The sons of Shammai were Nadab and Abishur.

29The name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban and Molid.

30The sons of Nadab were Seled and Appaim, but Seled died without children.

31The son of Appaim was Ishi. The son of Ishi was Sheshan. The son of Sheshan was Ahlai.

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

33The sons of Jonathan were Peleth and Zaza. These were the descendants of Jerahmeel.

34Now Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha.35Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant as his wife. She bore him Attai.

36Attai became the father of Nathan, and Nathan became the father of Zabad.

37Zabad became the father of Ephlal, and Ephlal became the father of Obed.

38Obed became the father of Jehu, and Jehu became the father of Azariah.

39Azariah became the father of Helez, and Helez became the father of Eleasah.

40Eleasah became the father of Sismai, and Sismai became the father of Shallum.

41Shallum became the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah became the father of Elishama.

42The sons of Caleb, the brother of Jerahmeel, were Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph. His second son, Mareshah, was the father of Hebron.

43The sons of Hebron were Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.44Shema became the father of Raham, the father of Jorkeam. Rekem became the father of Shammai.45The son of Shammai was Maon, and Maon was the father of Beth Zur.

46Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez. Haran became the father of Gazez.

47The sons of Jahdai were Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

48Maakah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.49She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Makbenah and the father of Gibea. The daughter of Caleb was Aksah.

50These were the descendants of Caleb. The sons of Hur the firstborn of Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim,51Salma the father of Bethlehem, and Hareph the father of Beth Gader.

52Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim had descendants: Haroeh, half of the Manahathites,53and the clans of Kiriath Jearim: the Ithrites, Puthites, Shumathites, and Mishraites. The Zorathites and Eshtaolites descended from these.

54The descendants of Salma were Bethlehem, the Netophathites, Atroth Beth Joab, and half of the Manahathites—the Zorites,55and the clans of the scribes who lived at Jabez: the Tirathites, Shimeathites, and Sucathites. These were the Kenites who came from Hammath, father of the house of Rekab.

[1](#footnote-caller-1)Some Hebrew copies spell the name: Achan instead of Achar, a name which means trouble . [2](#footnote-caller-2)Some translate the Hebrew to read, After Hezron's death in Caleb Ephrathah, his wife Abijah bore him a son, Ashhur the father of Tekoa .

3

1Now these are the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn was Amnon, by Ahinoam from Jezreel; the second was Daniel, by Abigail from Carmel;

2the third was Absalom, whose mother was Maakah, daughter of Talmai king of Geshur. The fourth was Adonijah son of Haggith;

3the fifth was Shephatiah by Abital; the sixth was Ithream by Eglah his wife.

4These six were born to David in Hebron, where he reigned seven years and six months. He then ruled thirty-three years in Jerusalem.5These four sons, by Bathsheba daughter of Ammiel, were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon. [1](#footnote-target-1)6David's other nine sons were: Ibhar, Elishua, Eliphelet,7Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,8Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.9These were David's sons, not including the sons by his concubines. Tamar was their sister.

10Solomon's son was Rehoboam. Rehoboam's son was Abijah. Abijah's son was Asa. Asa's son was Jehoshaphat.

11Jehoshaphat's son was Jehoram. Jehoram's son was Ahaziah. Ahaziah's son was Joash.

12Joash's son was Amaziah. Amaziah's son was Azariah. Azariah's son was Jotham.

13Jotham's son was Ahaz. Ahaz's son was Hezekiah. Hezekiah's son was Manasseh.

14Manasseh's son was Amon. Amon's son was Josiah.

15Josiah's sons were his firstborn Johanan, his second son Jehoiakim, his third son Zedekiah, and his fourth son Shallum.

16Jehoiakim's sons were Jehoiachin and Zedekiah.

17The descendants of Jehoiachin the captive, were Shealtiel,18Malkiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

19Pedaiah's sons were Zerubbabel and Shimei. Zerubbabel's sons were Meshullam and Hananiah; Shelomith was their sister.

20His other five sons were Hashubah, Ohel, Berekiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-Hesed.

21Hananiah's sons were Pelatiah and Jeshaiah. His son was Rephaiah, and further descendants were Arnan, Obadiah, and Shekaniah.

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

23Neariah's three sons were Elioenai, Hizkiah, and Azrikam.

24Elioenai's seven sons were Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani.

[1](#footnote-caller-1)One ancient Hebrew copy and the ancient Latin translation have Bathseba, however, most ancient Hebrew copies have Bathshua. 1 Samuel 12:24 is clear that Bathsheba was Solomon's mother and so her name is spelled here, "Bathsheba," so as to avoid confusion.

4

1Judah's descendants were Perez, Hezron, Karmi, Hur, and Shobal.

2Reaiah, the son of Shobal, was the father of Jahath. Jahath was the father of Ahumai and Lahad. These were of the clans of the Zorathites.

3These were the sons of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash. Their sister's name was Hazzelelponi.4Penuel was the father of Gedor. Ezer was the father of Hushah. These were descendants of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, the father of Bethlehem.

5Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

6Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hepher, Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the descendants of Naarah.

7Helah's sons were Zereth, Zohar, Ethnan,8and Koz, who became the father of Anub and Hazzobebah, and of the clans descended from Aharhel son of Harum.

9Jabez was more respected than his brothers. His mother named him Jabez. She said, "Because I bore him in pain."10Jabez called out to the God of Israel and said, "If only you would truly bless me, expand my territory, and your hand will be with me. When you do this you will keep me from harm, so that I may be free from pain!" So God granted him his prayer.

11Kelub brother of Shuhah became the father of Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.12Eshton became the father of Beth Rapha, Paseah, and Tehinnah, the father of Ir Nahash. [1](#footnote-target-1) These were men who lived in Rekah.

13Kenaz's sons were Othniel and Seraiah. Othniel's sons were Hathath and Meonothai. [2](#footnote-target-2)14Meonothai became the father of Ophrah, and Seraiah became the father of Joab, the originator of Ge Harashim, whose people were craftsmen.

15The sons of Caleb son of Jephunneh were Iru, Elah and Naam. Elah's son was Kenaz.

16Jehallelel's sons were Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.

17Ezrah's sons were Jether, Mered, Epher, and Jalon. Mered's Egyptian wife [3](#footnote-target-3) conceived and bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah, who became the father of Eshtemoa.18These were the sons of Bithiah, daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered married. Mered's Judahite wife bore Jered, who became the father of Gedor; Heber, who became the father of Soko; and Jekuthiel, who became the father of Zanoah.

19Of the two sons of Hodiah's wife, sister of Naham, one became the father of Keilah the Garmite. The other was Eshtemoa the Maakathite.

20The sons of Shimon were Amnon, Rinnah, Ben-Hanan, and Tilon. The descendants of Ishi were Zoheth and Ben-Zoheth.

21The descendants of Shelah son of Judah, were Er father of Lekah, Laadah father of Mareshah and the clans of the linen workers at Beth Ashbea,22Jokim, the men of Kozeba, and Joash and Saraph, who ruled in Moab and Jashubi Lehem. (This information is from ancient records.)23These were the potters who lived in Netaim and Gederah and worked for the king.

24Simeon's descendants were Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul.

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

26Mishma's descendants were Hammuel his son, Zakkur his grandson, and Shimei his great-grandson.27Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters. His brothers did not have many children, so their clans did not increase greatly in numbers as the people of Judah did.28They lived at Beersheba, Moladah, and at Hazar Shual.29They also live at Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,30Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,31Beth Markaboth, Hazar Susim, Beth Biri, and Shaaraim. These were their cities until the reign of David.32Their five villages were Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Token, and Ashan,33together with the outlying villages as far as Baalath. These were their settlements, and they kept the genealogical records.

34Clan leaders were Meshobab, Jamlech, Joshah son of Amaziah,35Joel, Jehu son of Joshibiah son of Seraiah son of Asiel,36Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah,37and Ziza son of Shiphi son of Allon son of Jedaiah son of Shimri son of Shemaiah.

38These mentioned by name were leaders in their clans, and their fathers' houses increased greatly.39They went near Gedor, on the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.40They found abundant and good pasture. The land was broad, quiet, and peaceable. The Hamites had formerly lived there.41These just listed by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and attacked the Hamite tents and the Meunites, who were there also. They completely destroyed them and lived there because they found pasture for their flocks.42From them, from the sons of Simeon, five hundred men went to Mount Seir with Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi, as their leader.43They defeated the rest of the escaped remnant of Amalekites, and have lived there to this day.

[1](#footnote-caller-1)Some modern translations read who settled in the town of Nahash . [2](#footnote-caller-2)Most copies of the ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew, and the ancient Latin translation of the Hebrew, insert: Meonothai into this verse, believing that it was omitted through a copyist's mistake. [3](#footnote-caller-3)The Hebrew does not indicate here who the woman was. We understand from 4:18 that it was Mered's Egyptian wife.

5

1The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel—now Reuben was Israel's firstborn, but his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph son of Israel because Reuben had defiled his father's couch. So he is not recorded in the genealogy as having the birthright.2Judah was the strongest of his brothers, and the leader would come from him. But the birthright was Joseph's—3the sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel were Hanok, Pallu, Hezron, and Karmi.

4The descendants of Joel were these: Joel's son was Shemaiah. Shemaiah's son was Gog. Gog's son was Shimei.5Shimei's son was Micah. Micah's son was Reaiah. Reaiah's son was Baal.

6Baal's son was Beerah, whom Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria took into exile. Beerah was a leader in the tribe of Reuben.

7His kinsmen according to their clans, enrolled in the genealogy by their generations: Jeiel the leader, Zechariah,8and Bela son of Azaz son of Shema son of Joel. They lived in Aroer, as far as Nebo and Baal Meon,9and eastward to the start of the wilderness that extends to the Euphrates River, because their livestock had increased in the land of Gilead.

10In the days of Saul, the tribe of Reuben attacked the Hagrites and defeated them. They lived in the Hagrites' tents throughout all the land east of Gilead.

11The members of the tribe of Gad lived near them, in the land of Bashan as far as Salekah.

12Joel was their leader; Shapham was second; and Janai and Shaphat in Bashan.

13Their relatives, by their clans, were Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jakan, Zia, and Eber—seven in all.

14These persons named above were the descendants of Abihail, and Abihail was the son of Huri. Huri was the son of Jaroah. Jaroah was the son of Gilead. Gilead was the son of Michael. Michael was the son of Jeshishai. Jeshishai was the son of Jahdo. Jahdo was the son of Buz.

15Ahi son of Abdiel son of Guni, was head of their clan.

16They lived in Gilead, in Bashan, in its towns, and in all the pasturelands of Sharon as far as its borders.17All these were listed by genealogical records in the days of Jotham king of Judah and of Jeroboam king of Israel.

18The Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh had 44,760 soldiers skilled in battle, who carried shield and sword and who drew the bow, who could go out to war.19They attacked the Hagrites, Jetur, Naphish, and Nodab.20They received divine help against them. In this way, the Hagrites and all who were with them were defeated. This was because the Israelites cried out to God in the battle, and he responded to them, because they put their trust in him.21They captured their animals, including fifty thousand camels, 250,000 sheep, two thousand donkeys, and 100,000 men.22Many fell because the battle was from God. They lived in their land until the captivity.

23The sons of the half tribe of Manasseh lived in the land of Bashan as far as Baal Hermon and Senir (that is, Mount Hermon).24These were the heads of their clans: Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel. They were mighty warriors, famous men, heads of their fathers' houses.

25But they were unfaithful to their ancestors' God. They acted like prostitutes with the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God had destroyed before them.26The God of Israel stirred up Pul king of Assyria (also called Tiglath-Pileser, king of Assyria). He took into exile the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh. He brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and to the river of Gozan, where they remain to this day.

6

1The sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

2The sons 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 became the father of Phinehas, and Phinehas became the father of Abishua.

5Abishua became the father of Bukki, and Bukki became the father of Uzzi.

6Uzzi became the father of Zerahiah, and Zerahiah became the father of Meraioth.

7Meraioth became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub.

8Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of Ahimaaz.

9Ahimaaz became the father of Azariah, and Azariah became the father of Johanan.

10Johanan became the father of Azariah, who served as a priest in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem.

11Azariah became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub.

12Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of Shallum.

13Shallum became the father of Hilkiah, and Hilkiah became the father of Azariah.

14Azariah became the father of Seraiah, and Seraiah became the father of Jozadak.

15Jozadak went into captivity when Yahweh exiled Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

16The sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

17The sons of Gershon were named Libni and Shimei.

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

19The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. These are the clans of the Levites listed according to their fathers.

20The descendants of Gershon: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,21Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, and Jeatherai his son.

22The descendants of Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,23Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his son, Assir his son,

24Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son.

25The descendants of Elkanah were Amasai, Ahimoth,

26Elkanah his son, Zophai his son, Nahath his son,27Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, and Elkanah his son. [1](#footnote-target-1)

28The sons of Samuel were the firstborn, Joel, and Abijah, the second-born.

29The descendants of Merari were Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son,

30Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, and Asaiah his son.

31These are the names of the men whom David put in charge of music in the house of Yahweh, after the ark came to rest there.32They served by singing before the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem. They fulfilled their duties according to the instructions given to them.

33These were those who served with their sons. From the clans of the Kohathites came Heman the musician. Here were his ancestors, going back in time: Heman was the son of Joel. Joel was the son of Samuel.

34Samuel was the son of Elkanah. Elkanah was the son of Jeroham. Jeroham was the son of Eliel. Eliel was the son of Toah.

35Toah was the son of Zuph. Zuph was the son of Elkanah. Elkanah was the son of Mahath. Mahath was the son of Amasai. Amasai was son of Elkanah.

36Amasai was the son of Elkanah. Elkanah was the son of Joel. Joel was the son of Azariah. Azariah was the son of Zephaniah.

37Zephaniah was the son of Tahath. Tahath was the son of Assir. Assir was the son of Ebiasaph. Ebiasaph was the son of Korah.

38Korah was the son of Izhar. Izhar was the son of Kohath. Kohath was the son of Levi. Levi was the son of Israel.

39Heman's fellow worker was Asaph, who stood at his right hand. Asaph was the son of Berekiah. Berekiah was the son of Shimea.

40Shimea was the son of Michael. Michael was the son of Baaseiah. Baaseiah was the son of Malkijah.41Malkijah was the son of Ethni. Ethni was the son of Zerah. Zerah was the son of Adaiah.

42Adaiah was the son of Ethan. Ethan was the son of Zimmah. Zimmah was the son of Shimei.43Shimei was the son of Jahath. Jahath was the son of Gershon. Gershon was the son of Levi.

44At Heman's left hand were his fellow workers the sons of Merari. They included Ethan son of Kishi. Kishi was the son of Abdi. Abdi was the son of Malluk.45Malluk was the son of Hashabiah. Hashabiah was the son of Amaziah. Amaziah was the son of Hilkiah.

46Hilkiah was the son of Amzi. Amzi was the son of Bani. Bani was the son of Shemer.47Shemer was the son of Mahli. Mahli was the son of Mushi. Mushi was the son of Merari. Merari was the son of Levi.

48Their associates, the Levites, were assigned to do all the labor for the tabernacle, the house of God.49But Aaron and his descendants made the offerings on the altar for burnt offerings; and the offering on the incense altar for all the work on the most holy place. These offerings made atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

50Aaron's descendants are reckoned as follows: Aaron's son was Eleazar. Eleazar's son was Phinehas. Phinehas' son was Abishua.51Abishua's son was Bukki. Bukki's son was Uzzi. Uzzi's son was Zerahiah.

52Zerahiah's son was Meraioth. Meraioth's son was Amariah. Amariah's son was Ahitub.53Ahitub's son was Zadok. Zadok's son was Ahimaaz.

54These are the locations where Aaron's descendants were assigned to live, that is, for the descendants of Aaron who were from the clans of the Kohathites (the first lot was theirs).55To them they gave Hebron in the land of Judah and its pasturelands,56but the fields of the city and its villages they gave to Caleb son of Jephunneh.

57To the descendants of Aaron they gave: Hebron (a city of refuge), and Libnah with its pasturelands, Jattir, Eshtemoa with its pasturelands,58Hilen with its pasturelands, and Debir with its pasturelands.59They also gave to the descendants of Aaron: Ashan with its pasturelands, Juttah, [2](#footnote-target-2) and Beth Shemesh with its pasturelands;60and from the tribe of Benjamin, Geba with its pasturelands, Alemeth with its pasturelands, and Anathoth with its pasturelands.All their cities throughout their clans were thirteen cities.

61To the rest of Kohath's descendants were given by lot ten cities from the half tribe of Manasseh.62To Gershon's descendants in their various clans were given thirteen cities from the tribes of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.63To Merari's descendants they gave by lot twelve cities, clan by clan, from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun.64So the people of Israel gave these cities with their pasturelands to the Levites.65They assigned by lot these towns mentioned by name from the tribes of the sons of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin.

66Some of the clans of the descendants of Kohath were given cities from the territory of the tribe of Ephraim.67They gave them: Shechem (a city of refuge) with its pasturelands in the hill country of Ephraim, Gezer with its pasturelands,68Jokmeam with its pasturelands, Beth Horon with its pasturelands,69Aijalon with its pasturelands, and Gath Rimmon with its pasturelands.70The half tribe of Manasseh gave the Kohathites Aner with its pasturelands and Bileam with its pasturelands. These became the possessions of the rest of the Kohathite clans.

71To Gershon's descendants out of the clans of the half tribe of Manasseh, they gave Golan in Bashan with its pasturelands and Ashtaroth with its pasturelands.

72The tribe of Issachar gave to Gershon's descendants Kedesh with its pasturelands, Daberath with its pasturelands,73Ramoth with its pasturelands, and Anem with its pasturelands.

74Issachar received from the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its pasturelands, Abdon with its pasturelands,75Hukok with its pasturelands, and Rehob with its pasturelands.

76They received from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its pasturelands, Hammon with its pasturelands, and Kiriathaim with its pasturelands.

77The rest of Merari's descendants received from the tribe of Zebulun: Jokneam, Kartah, [3](#footnote-target-3) and Rimmono with its pasturelands and Tabor with its pasturelands;

78and from the tribe of Reuben, across the Jordan on the east side of Jericho, they received Bezer in the desert, Jahzah,79Kedemoth and its pasturelands, and Mephaath and its pasturelands.

80The Levites received from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with its pasturelands, Mahanaim with its pasturelands,81Heshbon with its pasturelands, and Jazer with its pasturelands.

[1](#footnote-caller-1)The ancient Greek translation taken from the Hebrew copies adds to the list Samuel his son . [2](#footnote-caller-2)The place name Juttah is not in the ancient Hebrew copies but is found in the Syriac translation of the Hebrew copies; also see Joshua 21:16. [3](#footnote-caller-3)The names Jokneam and Kartah are not found in the Hebrew copies but are found in the ancient Greek translation taken from the Hebrew copies. Compare the list in Joshua 21:34.

7

1Issachar's four sons were Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron.

2The sons of Tola were Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, and Samuel. They were the heads of their clans, from the descendants of Tola and they were listed as mighty warriors among their generations. They numbered 22,600 in the days of David.

3Uzzi's son was Izrahiah. His sons were Michael, Obadiah, Joel, and Ishiah; all five of them were clan leaders.4Along with them, according to the genealogical records of their clans, they had thirty-six thousand troops of the army for battle, for they had many wives and sons.

5Their relatives from all the clans of Issachar numbered in all eighty-seven thousand mighty warriors, as listed in their genealogy.

6Benjamin's three sons were Bela, Beker, and Jediael.

7Bela's sons were Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri, five heads of clans and mighty warriors. There were 22,034 of them recorded in their genealogy.

8Beker's sons were Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were his sons.9Recorded in their genealogy, according to their generations, were 20,200 heads of their clans, mighty warriors.

10The son of Jediael was Bilhan. Bilhan's sons were Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Kenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar.11All these were sons of Jediael. Listed in their clan lists were 17,200 heads of houses and mighty warriors fit for military service.

12The Shuppites and the Huppites were descendants of Ir, and the Hushites were descendants of Aher.

13The sons of Naphtali were Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem—the descendants of Bilhah.

14The descendants of Manasseh were Asriel, who was his descendant through his Aramean concubine. (She gave birth to Makir, the father of Gilead.15Then Makir took a wife from the Huppites and Shuppites, and his sister's name was Maakah.) The name of the second was Zelophehad, who had only daughters.

16Then Maakah, wife of Makir, bore a son and she called him Peresh, and his brother's name was Sheresh, and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.

17The son of Ulam was Bedan. These were the descendants of Gilead, who was the son of Makir, who was the son of Manasseh.18Gilead's sister Hammoleketh gave birth to Ishhod, Abiezer, and Mahlah.

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

20The descendants of Ephraim were Shuthelah, Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eleadah his son, Tahath his son,21Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son. Ezer and Elead were killed by men of Gath, natives in the land, when they went to steal their livestock.22Ephraim their father mourned for them many days, and his brothers came to comfort him.23He went to his wife. She conceived and bore a son. Ephraim named him Beriah, because tragedy had come to his family.24His daughter was Sheerah, who built Lower and Upper Beth Horon and Uzzen Sheerah.

25Rephah was his son, Resheph his son, Telah his son, Tahan his son,

26Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,27Nun his son, and Joshua was his son.

28Their possessions and residences were Bethel and its surrounding villages. They extended eastward to Naaran and westward to Gezer and its villages, and to Shechem and its villages to Ayyah and its villages.29On the border with Manasseh were Beth Shan and its villages, Taanach and its villages, Megiddo and its villages, and Dor and its villages. In these towns the descendants of Joseph son of Israel lived.

30Asher's sons were Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, and Beriah. Serah was their sister.

31Beriah's sons were Heber and Malkiel, who was the father of Birzaith.

32Heber's sons were Japhlet, Shomer, and Hotham. Shua was their sister.

33Japhlet's sons were Pasak, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These were Japhlet's children.

34Shomer, Japhlet's brother, had these sons: Rohgah, Hubbah, and Aram.

35Shemer's brother, Helem, had these sons: Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.

36Zophah's sons were Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah,37Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera.

38Jether's sons were Jephunneh, Pispah, and Ara.

39Ulla's sons were Arah, Hanniel, and Rizia.40All these were descendants of Asher. They were heads of clans, distinguished men, mighty warriors, and chief among the leaders. There were twenty-six thousand men listed who were fit for military service recorded in their genealogy.

8

1Benjamin's five sons were Bela his firstborn, Ashbel, Aharah,

2Nohah, and Rapha.

3Bela's sons were Addar, Gera, Abihud,4Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,5Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.

6These were the descendants of Ehud who were heads of fathers' houses for the inhabitants of Geba, who were compelled to move to Manahath:

7Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera. The last, Gera, led them in their move. He was the father of Uzza and Ahihud.

8Shaharaim became the father of children in the land of Moab, after he had divorced his wives Hushim and Baara.9By his wife Hodesh, Shaharaim became the father of Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malkam,10Jeuz, Sakia, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of fathers' houses.11He had already become the father of Abitub and Elpaal by Hushim.

12Elpaal's sons were Eber, Misham, and Shemed (who built Ono and Lod with its surrounding villages).13There were also Beriah and Shema. They were heads of the fathers' houses of those living in Aijalon, who drove out the inhabitants of Gath.

14Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth,15Zebadiah, Arad, Eder,16Michael, Ishpah, and Joha were the sons of Beriah.

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

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

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

26Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah,27Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zikri were the sons of Jeroham.28These were heads of clans—according to the genealogical records they were heads. These were the chief men who dwelled in Jerusalem.

29The father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name was Maakah, lived in Gibeon.30His firstborn son was Abdon, followed by Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,31Gedor, Ahio, and Zeker.32Another of Jeiel's sons was Mikloth, who became the father of Shimeah. They also lived near their relatives in Jerusalem.

33Ner was the father of Kish. Kish was the father of Saul. Saul was the father of Jonathan, Malki-Shua, Abinadab, and Esh-Baal.

34The son of Jonathan was Merib-Baal. Merib-Baal was the father of Micah.

35The sons of Micah were Pithon, Melek, Tarea, and Ahaz.

36Ahaz became the father of Jehoaddah. Jehoaddah was the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri. Zimri was the father of Moza.37Moza was the father of Binea. Binea was the father of Raphah. Raphah was the father of Eleasah. Eleasah was the father of Azel.

38Azel had six sons, and these were their names: Azrikam, Bokeru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were sons of Azel.

39The sons of Eshek, his brother, were Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third.40Ulam's sons were mighty warriors and archers. They had many sons and grandsons, a total of 150. All these belonged to the descendants of Benjamin.

9

1So all Israel was recorded in genealogies. They were recorded in the book of the kings of Israel. As for Judah, they were carried away in exile to Babylon because of their faithlessness.2The first to resettle in their possessions, in their cities, were some Israelites, priests, Levites, and temple servants.3Some descendants of Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh lived in Jerusalem.

4The settlers included Uthai son of Ammihud son of Omri son of Imri son of Bani, one of the descendants of Perez son of Judah.

5Among the Shelanites were Asaiah the firstborn and his sons.

6Among the descendants of Zerah was Jeuel. Their relatives numbered 690.

7Among the descendants of Benjamin was Sallu son of Meshullam son of Hodaviah son of Hassenuah.

8There were also Ibneiah son of Jeroham; Elah son of Uzzi son of Mikri; and Meshullam son of Shephatiah son of Reuel son of Ibnijah.

9Their kinsmen, according to the genealogical records, numbered 956. All these men were heads of fathers' houses for their fathers' houses.

10The priests were Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, and Jakin.

11There was also Azariah son of Hilkiah son of Meshullam son of Zadok son of Meraioth son of Ahitub, the one in charge of the house of God.

12There was Adaiah son of Jeroham son of Pashhur son of Malkijah. There was also Maasai son of Adiel son of Jahzerah son of Meshullam son of Meshillemith son of Immer.

13Their relatives, who were leaders of their clans, numbered 1,760. They were very capable men for the work of service in the house of God.

14Among the Levites, there was Shemaiah son of Hasshub son of Azrikam son of Hashabiah, among the descendants of Merari.15There were also Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and Mattaniah son of Mika son of Zikri son of Asaph.16There were also Obadiah son of Shemaiah son of Galal son of Jeduthun; and Berekiah son of Asa son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.

17The doorkeepers were Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their relatives. Shallum was their leader.18Previously they stood guard at the king's gate on the east side for the camp of Levi's descendants.19Shallum son of Kore son of Ebiasaph, [1](#footnote-target-1) son of Korah, and his relatives from his clan, the Korahites, were in charge of the work of the guard service. They guarded the door to the tent, as their ancestors had guarded the camp of Yahweh, and they also had guarded the entrance.20Phinehas son of Eleazar had been in charge of them in the past, and Yahweh had been with him.21Zechariah son of Meshelemiah was guard of the entrance to the tent of meeting.22All those who were chosen as gatekeepers at the entrances numbered 212. Their names were recorded in the people's genealogies in their villages. David and Samuel the seer had appointed them to their positions of trust.23So they and their descendants were assigned to guard the gates of the house of Yahweh, that is called the house of the tabernacle.24The gatekeepers were posted on all four sides, toward the east, west, north, and south.25Their brothers, who lived in their villages, came in for seven-day rotations, in turn.26But the four leaders of the gatekeepers, who were Levites, were entrusted with the rooms and with the storerooms in the house of God.27They would stay overnight in their posts all around the house of God, for they were responsible for guarding it. They would open it each morning.

28Some of them were in charge of the temple's equipment; they counted the articles when they were brought in and when they were taken out.29Some of them also were assigned to take care of the holy things, the equipment, and the supplies, including the fine flour, the wine, the oil, the frankincense, and the spices.30Some of the priests' sons mixed the spices.31Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, was in charge of preparing bread for the offerings.32Some of their brothers, descendants of the Kohathites, were in charge of the bread of the presence, to prepare it every Sabbath.

33The singers and heads of the Levites' clans lived in rooms at the sanctuary when they were free from work, because they had to carry out their assigned tasks day and night.34These were leaders of the clans of the Levites, according to the genealogical records, chief men. They lived in Jerusalem.

35The father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name was Maakah, lived in Gibeon.36His firstborn son was Abdon, then his sons Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,37Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.38Mikloth was the father of Shimeam. They also lived near their brothers in Jerusalem.

39Ner was the father of Kish. Kish was the father of Saul. Saul was the father of Jonathan, Malki-Shua, Abinadab, and Esh-Baal.

40The son of Jonathan was Merib-Baal. Merib-Baal was the father of Micah.

41The sons of Micah were Pithon, Melek, Tahrea, and Ahaz.

42Ahaz was the father of Jadah. Jadah was the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri. Zimri was the father of Moza.43Moza became the father of Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

44Azel had six sons, and their names were Azrikam, Bokeru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. These were Azel's sons.

[1](#footnote-caller-1)Ebiasaph is the same person referred to as Asaph in 1 Chronicles 26:1.

10

1Now the Philistines fought against Israel. Every man of Israel fled from before the Philistines and fell down dead on Mount Gilboa.2The Philistines closely pursued Saul and his son. The Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malki-Shua, his sons.3The battle went heavily against Saul, and the archers overtook him, and they wounded him.4Then said Saul to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword and thrust me through with it. Otherwise, these uncircumcised will come and abuse me." But his armor bearer would not, for he was very afraid. So Saul took his own sword and fell on it.5When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell on his sword in the same way and died.6So Saul died, and his three sons, so all his household members died together.

7When all the men of Israel in the valley saw that they had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities and fled. Then the Philistines came and lived in them.8It came about on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, that they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.9They stripped him and took his head and his armor. They sent messengers throughout Philistia to carry the news to their idols and to the people.10They put his armor in the temple of their gods, and fastened his skull to the temple of Dagon.11When all Jabesh Gilead heard of all that the Philistines had done to Saul,12all the fighting men went and took away the body of Saul and those of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh. They buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh and fasted seven days.

13So Saul died for the faithless act with which he acted faithlessly against Yahweh. He did not obey Yahweh's instructions, but asked for advice from someone who talked with the dead.14He did not seek guidance from Yahweh, so Yahweh killed him and turned over the kingdom to David son of Jesse.

11

1Then all Israel gathered together with David at Hebron and said, "Look, we are your flesh and bone.2In the recent past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led the Israelite army. Yahweh your God said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become a ruler over my people Israel.'"3So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them before Yahweh. They anointed David king over Israel. In this way, the word of Yahweh that had been declared by Samuel came true.

4David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (that is, Jebus). Now the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there.5The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You will not come in here." But David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David.6David had said, "Whoever attacks the Jebusites first will become chief and commander." So Joab son of Zeruiah attacked first, so he was made the chief.7Then David began to live in the stronghold. So they called it the city of David.8He built the city all around from the Millo and back to the surrounding wall. Joab restored the rest of the city.9David became greater and greater because Yahweh of hosts was with him.

10These were the leaders David had, who showed themselves strong with him in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, obeying the word of Yahweh concerning Israel.11This is a list of David's mighty men: Jashobeam, the son of a Hakmonite, was commander of the officers. [1](#footnote-target-1) He killed three hundred men with his spear on one occasion.12After him was Eleazar son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighty men.13He was with David at Pas Dammim, and there the Philistines assembled together for battle, where there was a barley field and the army fled from the Philistines.14They stood in the middle of the field. They defended it and cut down the Philistines and Yahweh rescued them with a great victory.

15Then three of the thirty leaders went down to the rock to David, to the cave of Adullam. The army of the Philistines was camped in the Valley of Rephaim.16At that time David was in his stronghold, a cave, while the Philistines had established their camp at Bethlehem.17David was longing for water and said, "If only someone would give me water to drink from the well at Bethlehem, the well that is by the gate!"18So these three mighty men broke through the army of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, the well at the gate. They took the water and brought it to David, but he refused to drink it. Instead, he poured it out to Yahweh.19Then he said, "Far be it for me before God that I should ever do this! Should I drink the blood of these men who have risked their lives?" Because they had put their lives at risk, David refused to drink it. These were the deeds of the three mighty men.

20Abishai brother of Joab was captain over the Three. He once used his spear against three hundred and killed them. He had a name along with the Three.21Of the Three, he was given double honor and became their captain, even though he was not one of them.

22Benaiah son of Jehoiada was a brave warrior from Kabzeel, who did great deeds. He killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down into a pit and killed a lion on a day when the snow was falling.23He even killed an Egyptian, a man five cubits tall. The Egyptian had a spear like a weaver's beam, but he went down to him with only a staff. He seized the spear out of the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear.24Benaiah son of Jehoiada did these feats, and he was named alongside the three mighty men.25He was more highly regarded than the thirty soldiers in general, but he was not regarded quite as highly as the three mighty men. Yet David put him in charge of his bodyguard.

26The mighty warriors were Asahel brother of Joab, Elhanan son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

27Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,

28Ira son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite,

29Sibbekai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite,

30Maharai the Netophathite, Heled son of Baanah the Netophathite,

31Ithai son of Ribai of Gibeah of Benjamin's descendants, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

32Hurai of the valleys of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,

33Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,

34the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan son of Shagee the Hararite,

35Ahiam son of Sakar the Hararite, Eliphal son of Ur,

36Hepher the Mekerathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

37Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai son of Ezbai,

38Joel brother of Nathan, Mibhar son of Hagri,

39Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite (the armor bearer of Joab son of Zeruiah),

40Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41Uriah the Hittite, Zabad son of Ahlai,

42Adina son of Shiza the Reubenite (a chief of the Reubenites) and thirty with him,

43Hanan son of Maakah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite,

44Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel sons of Hotham the Aroerite,

45Jediael son of Shimri, Joha (his brother the Tizite),

46Eliel the Mahavite, Jeribai and Joshaviah sons of Elnaam, Ithmah the Moabite,

47Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

[1](#footnote-caller-1)The Hebrew could also read, of the thirty, or, of the three .

12

1These were the men who came to David to Ziklag, while he was still banished from the presence of Saul son of Kish. They were among the soldiers, his helpers in battle.2They were armed with bows and could use both the right hand and the left in slinging stones and in shooting arrows from the bow. They were Benjamites, Saul's kinsmen.

3The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, both sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite. There were Jeziel and Pelet, sons of Azmaveth. There were also Berakah, Jehu the Anathothite,4Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a soldier among the thirty (and in command of the thirty); Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, Jozabad the Gederathite,5Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, Shephatiah the Haruphite,6the Korahites Elkanah, Ishiah, Azarel, Joezer, Jashobeam, and7Joelah and Zebadiah, sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8Some Gadites joined David at the stronghold in the wilderness. They were mighty warriors, men of war, ready for battle, who could handle shield and spear; whose faces were as fierce as the faces of lions. They were as swift as gazelles on the mountains.

9There were Ezer the leader, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

10Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

11Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

12Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

13Jeremiah the tenth, Makbannai the eleventh.14These sons of Gad were leaders of the army. The least led a hundred, and the greatest led a thousand.15They crossed the Jordan in the first month, when it overflowed its banks, and caused all those living in the valleys to flee, both toward the east and toward the west.

16Some of the men of Benjamin and Judah came to the stronghold to David.17David went out to meet them and addressed them: "If you have come in peace to me to help me, my heart will be joined with you. But if you have come to betray me to my adversaries, may the God of our ancestors see and rebuke you, since I have done no wrong."18Then the Spirit clothed Amasai, who was chief of the thirty. Amasai said, "We are yours, David. We are on your side, son of Jesse. Peace, may peace be to whoever helps you. May peace be to your helpers, for your God is helping you." Then David received them and made them commanders over his men.

19Some from Manasseh also deserted to David when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle. Yet they did not help the Philistines, because the Philistine lords consulted with each other and sent David away. They said, "He will desert to his master Saul at the risk of our lives."20When he went to Ziklag, the men of Manasseh who joined him were Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, captains over thousands of Manasseh.21They helped David fight against the roving bands, for they were mighty warriors. Later they became commanders in the army.22Day after day, men came to David to help him, until there was a great army, like the army of God.

23This is the record of the armed soldiers for war, who came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul over to him, which carried out Yahweh's word.

24The men of Judah who carried shield and spear were 6,800, armed for war.

25From the Simeonites there were 7,100 mighty warriors trained for war.

26From the Levites there were 4,600 fighting men.27Jehoiada was the leader of Aaron's descendants, and with him were 3,700.28With Zadok, a young man, a mighty warrior, were twenty-two leaders from his clan.

29From Benjamin, Saul's kinsmen, were three thousand. Most of them had kept watch over the house of Saul until this time.

30From the Ephraimites there were 20,800 mighty warriors, men who were famous in their clans.

31From the half tribe of Manasseh there were eighteen thousand famous men who came to make David king.

32From Issachar, there were two hundred leaders who had understanding of the times and knew what Israel ought to do. All their relatives were under their command.

33From Zebulun there were fifty thousand fighting men, prepared for battle, with all the weapons of war, and ready to give undivided loyalty.

34From Naphtali there were one thousand officers, and with them thirty-seven thousand men with shields and spears.

35From the Danites there were 28,600 men prepared for battle.

36From Asher there were forty thousand men of war prepared for battle.

37From the other side of the Jordan, from the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, there were 120,000 men armed with all kinds of weapons for war.

38All these soldiers, equipped for battle, came to Hebron with a whole heart to make David king over all Israel. All the rest of Israel were in agreement to make David king also.39They were there with David three days, eating and drinking, for their relatives had sent them with provisions.40In addition, those who were near to them, as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on donkeys, camels, mules, and oxen, and cakes of figs, clusters of raisins, wine, oil, cattle and sheep, for there was joy in Israel.

13

1David consulted with the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with every leader.2David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if this comes from Yahweh our God, let us send messengers everywhere to our brothers who remain in all the regions of Israel, and to the priests and Levites who are in their cities. Let them be told to come together with us.3Let us bring the ark of our God back to ourselves, for we did not seek his will in the days of Saul's reign."4The whole assembly agreed to do these things, because in the eyes of all the people they seemed to be what was right.5So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor River in Egypt to Lebo Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath Jearim.6David and all Israel went up to Baalah, that is, Kiriath Jearim, which belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by Yahweh's name, Yahweh, who sits enthroned over the cherubim.7So they set the ark of God on a new cart. They brought it out of Abinadab's house. Uzzah and Ahio were guiding the cart.8David and all Israel were celebrating before God with all their might. They were singing with harps and lutes, tambourines, cymbals, and trumpets.

9When they came to the threshing floor of Kidon, Uzzah reached out with his hand to grab the ark, because the oxen stumbled.10Then the anger of Yahweh burned against Uzzah, and Yahweh killed him because Uzzah had reached out with his hand to the ark. He died there before God.11David was angry because Yahweh had attacked Uzzah. That place is called Perez Uzzah to this day.12David was afraid of God that day. He said, "How can I bring the ark of God home to me?"13So David did not move the ark to the city of David, but put it aside in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.14The ark of God remained in Obed-Edom's household in his house for three months. So Yahweh blessed his house and all that he possessed.

14

1Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, carpenters, and masons. They built a house for him.2David knew that Yahweh had established him as king over Israel, and that his kingdom was exalted on high for the sake of his people Israel.

3In Jerusalem, David took more wives, and he became the father of more sons and daughters.4These were the names of the children who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,5Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet,6Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,7Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

8Now when the Philistines heard that David had been anointed as king over all Israel, they all went out looking for him. But David heard about it and went out against them.9Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the Valley of Rephaim.10Then David asked for help from God. He said, "Should I attack the Philistines? Will you give victory over them?" Yahweh said to him, "Attack, for I will certainly give them to you."11So they came up to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He commented, "God has burst through my enemies by my hand like a bursting flood of water." So the name of that place became Baal Perazim.12The Philistines abandoned their gods there, and David gave an order that they should be burned.

13Then the Philistines raided the valley yet again.14So David asked for help from God again. God said to him, "You must not attack their front, but rather circle around behind them and come on them through the balsam woods.15When you hear the sound of marching in the wind blowing through the balsam treetops, then attack with force. Do this because God will have gone out before you to attack the army of the Philistines."16So David did as God had commanded him. He defeated the army of the Philistines from Gibeon all the way to Gezer.17Then David's fame went out into all lands, and Yahweh caused all nations to fear him.

15

1David built houses for himself in the city of David. He prepared a place for the ark of God and set up a tent for it.2Then David said, "Only the Levites may carry the ark of God, for they had been chosen by Yahweh to carry the ark of Yahweh, and to serve him forever."3Then David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Yahweh to the place he had prepared for it.4David gathered together Aaron's descendants and the Levites.

5From the descendants of Kohath, there was Uriel the leader and his relatives, 120 men.

6From the descendants of Merari, there was Asaiah the leader and his relatives, 220 men.

7From the descendants of Gershom, there was Joel the leader and his relatives, 130 men.

8From the descendants of Elizaphan, there was Shemaiah the leader and his relatives, 200 men.

9From the descendants of Hebron, there was Eliel the leader and his relatives, eighty men.

10From the descendants of Uzziel, there was Amminadab the leader and his relatives, 112 men.11David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and the Levites Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab.12He said to them, "You are the leaders of the Levite families. Consecrate yourselves, both you and your brothers, so that you may bring up the ark of Yahweh, the God of Israel, to the place that I have prepared for it.13You did not carry it the first time. That is why Yahweh our God broke out against us, for we did not seek him or obey his decree."14So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves so they could bring up the ark of Yahweh, the God of Israel.15So the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles, as Moses had commanded—following the rules given by the word of Yahweh.

16David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to assign their brothers as singers who would play loudly on musical instruments, lutes and lyres and loud cymbals, to lift up sounds of joy.17So the Levites appointed Heman son of Joel and one of his brothers, Asaph son of Berekiah. They also appointed kinsmen from Merari's descendants and Ethan son of Kushaiah.18With them were their kinsmen of second rank: Zechariah, [1](#footnote-target-1) Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers.19The musicians Heman, Asaph, and Ethan were appointed to play loud bronze cymbals.20Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah played the lutes, set to Alamoth.21Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah led the way with harps set to the Sheminith.22Kenaniah, leader of the Levites, was the director of the singing because he was a teacher of music.23Berekiah and Elkanah were guards for the ark.24Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, were to blow the trumpets before the ark of God. Obed-Edom and Jehiah were guards for the ark.

25So David, the elders of Israel, and the commanders over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yahweh out of Obed-Edom's house with rejoicing.26While God helped the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams.27David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were the Levites who carried the ark, the singers, and Kenaniah, the leader of the song with the singers. David was wearing a linen ephod.28So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of Yahweh with joyful shouting, and with the sound of horns and trumpets, with cymbals, and with lutes and harps.

29But as the ark of the covenant of Yahweh came to the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul, looked out the window. She saw King David dancing and celebrating. Then she despised him in her heart.

[1](#footnote-caller-1)Some ancient copies add the name or prefix, "ben," assuming perhaps the name of Zechariah's father was left out.

16

1They brought in the ark of God and put it in the middle of the tent that David had set up for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before God.2When David had finished offering up the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Yahweh.3He distributed to every man of Israel, to both men and women, a loaf of bread, and a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins.

4David appointed certain Levites to serve before the ark of Yahweh, and to celebrate, thank and praise Yahweh, the God of Israel.5These Levites were Asaph the leader, and second to him Zechariah, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel. These were to play with lutes and harps. Asaph was to sound the cymbals, sounding loudly.6Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests were to blow the trumpets regularly, before the ark of the covenant of God.

7Then on that day David first appointed Asaph and his brothers to sing this song of thanksgiving to Yahweh.8Give thanks to Yahweh, call on his name;make known his deeds among the nations.9Sing to him, sing praises to him;speak of all his marvelous deeds.10Boast in his holy name;let the heart of those who seek Yahweh rejoice.11Seek Yahweh and his strength;seek his presence continually.12Recall the marvelous things he has done,his miracles and the decrees from his mouth,13you descendants of Israel his servant,you people of Jacob, his chosen ones.14He is Yahweh, our God.His decrees are on all the earth.15Keep his covenant in mind forever,the word that he commanded for a thousand generations.16He calls to mind the covenant that he made with Abraham,and his oath to Isaac.17This is what he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,and to Israel as an everlasting covenant.18He said, "I will give you the land of Canaanas the assigned portion of your inheritance."19When they were only few in number,so very few, and they were strangers in the land,20they wandered from nation to nation,from one kingdom to another.21He did not allow anyone to oppress them;he punished kings for their sakes.22He said, "Do not touch my anointed ones,and do not harm my prophets."23Sing to Yahweh, all the earth;announce his salvation day after day.24Declare his glory among the nations,his marvelous deeds among all the nations.25For Yahweh is great and is to be praised greatly,and he is to be feared above all other gods.26For all the gods of the nations are idols,but it is Yahweh who made the heavens.27Splendor and majesty are in his presence.Strength and joy are in his place.28Ascribe to Yahweh, you clans of peoples,ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength!29Ascribe to Yahweh the glory his name deserves.Bring an offering and come before him.Bow down to Yahweh in the splendor of holiness.30Tremble before him, all the earth.The world also is established; it cannot be shaken.31Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;let them say among the nations, "Yahweh reigns."32Let the sea roar, and that which fills it shout with joy.Let the fields be joyful, and all that is in them.33Then let the trees in the forest shout for joy before Yahweh,for he is coming to judge the earth.34Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good,for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.35Then say, "Save us, God of our salvation.Gather us together and rescue us from the other nations,so that we may give thanks to your holy nameand glory in your praises."36May Yahweh, the God of Israel, be praisedfrom everlasting to everlasting. All the people said, "Amen" and praised Yahweh.

37So David left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, to serve continually before the ark, as every day's work required.38Obed-Edom with those sixty-eight relatives were included. Obed-Edom son of Jeduthun, along with Hosah, were to be gatekeepers.39Zadok the priest and his fellow workers were to serve before the tabernacle of Yahweh at the high place in Gibeon.40They were to offer burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar for burnt offerings continually morning and evening, according to all that is written in the law of Yahweh, which he gave as a command to Israel.41Heman and Jeduthun were with them, together with the rest who were chosen by name, to give thanks to Yahweh, because his covenant faithfulness endures forever.42Heman and Jeduthun were in charge of those who played trumpets, cymbals, and the other instruments for the sacred music. The sons of Jeduthun guarded the gate.43Then all the people returned to their homes, and David returned to bless his own household.

17

1It happened that after David had settled in his house, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Look, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of Yahweh is staying under a tent."2Then Nathan said to David, "Go, do what is in your heart, for God is with you."3But that same night the word of God came to Nathan, saying,4"Go and tell David my servant, 'This is what Yahweh says: You will not build me a house in which to live.5For I have not lived in a house from the day that I brought up Israel to this present day. Rather, I have been living in a tent, a tabernacle, in various places.6In all places I have moved among all Israel, did I ever say anything to any of Israel's judges, whom I appointed to shepherd my people, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'"7"Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what Yahweh of hosts says: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, so that you would be ruler over my people Israel.8I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make you a name, like the name of the great ones who are on the earth.9I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them there, so that they may live in their own place and be troubled no more. No longer will wicked people oppress them, as they did before,10as they were doing from the days that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Then I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover I tell you that I, Yahweh, will build you a house.11It will come about that when your days are fulfilled for you to go to your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, and for one of your own descendants, I will establish his kingdom.12He will build me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.13I will be a Father to him, and he will be my son. I will not take my covenant faithfulness away from him, as I took it from Saul, who ruled before you.14I will set him over my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne will be established forever.'"

15Nathan spoke to David and reported to him all these words, and he told him about the entire vision.

16Then David the king went in and sat before Yahweh; he said, "Who am I, Yahweh God, and what is my family, that you have brought me to this point?17For this was a small thing in your sight, God. You have spoken of your servant's family for a great while to come, and have shown me future generations, Yahweh God.18What more can I, David, say to you? You have honored your servant. You have given your servant special recognition.19Yahweh, for your servant's sake, and to fulfill your own purpose, you have done this great thing to reveal all your great deeds.20Yahweh, there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, just as we have always heard.21For what nation on earth is like your people Israel, whom you, God, rescued from Egypt as a people for yourself, to make a name for yourself by great and awesome deeds? You drove out nations from before your people, whom you rescued from Egypt.22You made Israel your own people forever, and you, Yahweh, became their God.23So now, Yahweh, may the promise that you made concerning your servant and his family be established forever. Do as you have spoken.24May your name be established forever and be great, so the people will say, 'Yahweh of hosts is the God of Israel,' while the house of me, David, your servant is established before you.25For you, my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build him a house. That is why I, your servant, have found courage to pray to you.26Now, Yahweh, you are God, and have made this good promise to your servant:27Now it has pleased you to bless your servant's house, that it may continue forever before you. You, Yahweh, have blessed it, and it will be blessed forever."

18

1After this it came about that David attacked the Philistines and subdued them. He took Gath and its villages out of the Philistines' control.2Then he defeated Moab, and the Moabites became servants to David and paid him tribute.

3David then defeated Hadadezer, king of Zobah at Hamath, as Hadadezer was traveling to establish his rule by the Euphrates River.4David captured from him a thousand chariots, seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen. David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved enough of them for a hundred chariots.

5When the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand Aramean men.6Then David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus, and the Arameans became servants to him and brought him tribute. Yahweh gave victory to David wherever he went.7David took the golden shields that were on Hadadezer's servants and brought them to Jerusalem.8From Tebah and Kun, cities of Hadadezer, David took very much bronze. It was with this bronze that Solomon later made the bronze basin called "The Sea," the pillars, and the bronze equipment.

9When Tou, king of Hamath, heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah,10Tou sent Hadoram his son to King David to greet him and to bless him. He did this because David had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him, and because Tou had often been at war with Hadadezer. Tou also sent David many different sorts of articles made of gold and silver and bronze.11King David set these objects apart to Yahweh, together with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the nations: Edom, Moab, the people of Ammon, the Philistines, and Amalek.

12Abishai son of Zeruiah killed eighteen thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt.13He placed garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became David's servants. Yahweh gave victory to David wherever he went.

14David reigned over all Israel, and he administered justice and righteousness to all his people.15Joab son of Zeruiah was the commander of the army, and Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was recorder.16Zadok son of Ahitub and Ahimelek son of Abiathar were priests, and Shavsha was scribe.17Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over the Kerethites and Pelethites, and David's sons were the chief officials at the hand of the king.

19

1It came about later that Nahash, king of the people of Ammon, died, and that his son became king in his place.2David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to console him concerning his father. David's servants entered the land of the Ammonites and went to Hanun, in order to comfort him.3But the Ammonite princes said to Hanun, "Do you think that David is honoring your father because he has sent men to comfort you? Do not his servants come to you to explore and examine the land in order to overthrow it?"4So Hanun seized David's servants, shaved them, cut off their robes in the middle at their buttocks, and sent them away.5When they explained this to David, he sent to meet with them, for the men were deeply ashamed. The king said, "Stay at Jericho until your beards have grown back, and then return."

6When the Ammonites saw that they had become a stench to David, Hanun and the Ammonites sent a thousand talents of silver to hire Aramean chariots and horsemen from Naharaim, Maakah, and Zobah.7They hired thirty-two thousand chariots and the king of Maakah and his army, who came and encamped before Medeba. Then the Ammonites gathered themselves together from their cities and came out to battle.8When David heard of it, he sent Joab and his entire host of mighty men.9The people of Ammon came out and lined up for battle at the city gate, while the kings who had come were by themselves in the field.

10When Joab saw the battle lines facing him both in front and behind, he chose some of Israel's best fighters and arranged them against the Arameans.11As for the rest of the army, he gave it into the command of Abishai his brother, and he put them into battle lines against the army of Ammon.12Joab said, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you, Abishai, must rescue me. But if the army of Ammon is too strong for you, then I will come and rescue you.13Be strong, and let us show ourselves to be strong for our people and for the cities of our God, for Yahweh will do what is good in his eyes."14So Joab and the soldiers of his army advanced to the battle against the Arameans, who were forced to flee before the army of Israel.15When the army of Ammon saw that the Arameans had fled, they also fled from Joab's brother Abishai and went back into the city. Then Joab returned from the people of Ammon and went back to Jerusalem.

16When the Arameans saw that they were being defeated by Israel, they sent messengers and brought back Arameans from beyond the Euphrates River, with Shophak the commander of Hadadezer's army.17When David was told this, he gathered all Israel together, crossed the Jordan, and came upon them. He arranged the army for battle against the Arameans, and they fought him.18The Arameans fled from Israel, and David killed seven thousand Aramean charioteers and forty thousand foot soldiers. He also killed Shophak, the commander of the army.19When all the kings who were servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and served him. So the people of Aram were no longer willing to rescue the Ammonites.

20

1It came about in the spring of the year, at the time when kings normally go to war, that Joab led the army into battle and devastated the land of the Ammonites. He went and besieged Rabbah. David remained in Jerusalem. Joab attacked Rabbah and completely destroyed it.2David took the crown of their king from off his head, and he found that it weighed a talent of gold, and in it were precious stones. The crown was set on David's head, and he brought out the plunder of the city in large quantities.3He brought out the people who were in the city and forced them to work with saws and iron picks and axes. David required all the cities of the descendants of Ammon to do this labor. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4It came about after this that there was a battle at Gezer with the Philistines. Sibbekai the Hushathite killed Sippai, one of the descendants of the Rephaim, and the Philistines were subdued.5It came about again in a battle with the Philistines at Gob, that Elhanan son of Jair the Bethlehemite killed Lahmi brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.6It came about in another battle at Gath that there was a man of great height who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. He also was descended from the Rapha.7When he mocked the army of Israel, Jonathan son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him.8These were descendants of the Rapha of Gath, and they were killed by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

21

1An adversary arose against Israel and incited David to count Israel.2David said to Joab and to the commanders of the army, "Go, count the people of Israel from Beersheba to Dan and report back to me, that I may know their number."3Joab said, "May Yahweh make his army a hundred times greater than it is. But my master the king, do they not all serve my master? Why does my master want this? Why bring guilt on Israel?"4But the king's word was enforced against Joab. So Joab left and went throughout all Israel. Then he came back to Jerusalem.5Then Joab reported the total of the census of the fighting men to David. There were in Israel 1,100,000 men who drew the sword. Judah alone had 470,000 soldiers.6But Levi and Benjamin were not counted among them, for the king's command had disgusted Joab.7God was offended by this action, so he attacked Israel.8David said to God, "I have greatly sinned by doing this. Now take away your servant's guilt, for I have acted very foolishly."

9Yahweh told Gad, David's prophet,10"Go say to David, 'This is what Yahweh says: I am giving you three choices. Choose one of them.'"11So Gad went to David and said to him, "Yahweh says this, 'Choose one of these:12either three years of famine, three months being pursued by your enemies and being caught by their swords, or else three days of Yahweh's sword, that is, a plague in the land, with the angel of Yahweh destroying throughout all the land of Israel.' Now then, decide what answer I should take to the one who sent me."13Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress! Let me fall into the hand of Yahweh rather than into the hand of man, for his merciful actions are very great."14So Yahweh sent a plague on Israel, and seventy thousand people died.15God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was about to destroy it, Yahweh watched and changed his mind about the harm. He said to the destroying angel, "Enough! Now draw back your hand." At that time the angel of Yahweh was standing at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.16David looked up and saw the angel of Yahweh standing between earth and heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand raised over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, lay facedown on the ground.17David said to God, "Is it not I that commanded that the army be numbered? I did this wicked thing. But these sheep, what have they done? Yahweh my God! Let your hand strike me and my clan, but do not let the plague remain on your people."

18So the angel of Yahweh commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up and build an altar for Yahweh at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.19So David went up as Gad instructed him to do in the name of Yahweh.20While Ornan was threshing wheat, he turned and saw the angel. He and his four sons with him hid themselves.21When David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David. He left the threshing floor and bowed to David with his face to the ground.22Then David said to Ornan, "Sell me this threshing floor, so I can build an altar for Yahweh. I will pay the full price, so that the plague may be removed from the people."23Ornan said to David, "Take it as your own, my master the king. Do with it what is good in your sight. Look, I will give you oxen for burnt offerings, threshing sledges for wood, and wheat for the grain offering; I will give it all to you."24King David said to Ornan, "No, I insist on buying it for the full price. I will not take what is yours and offer it as a burnt offering to Yahweh if it costs me nothing."25So David paid six hundred shekels of gold for the place.26David built an altar for Yahweh there and offered on it burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. He called on Yahweh, who answered him with fire from heaven on the altar for burnt offerings.27Then Yahweh gave an order to the angel, and the angel put his sword back into its sheath.

28When David saw that Yahweh had answered him at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he performed the sacrifice there at that same time.29Now at that time, Yahweh's tabernacle, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar for burnt offerings, were at the high place at Gibeon.30However, David could not go there to ask for God's direction, because he was afraid of the sword of the angel of Yahweh.

22

1Then David said, "This is where the house of Yahweh God will be, with the altar for the burnt offerings of Israel."

2So David ordered his servants to gather together the foreigners living in the land of Israel. He assigned them to be stonecutters, to cut stone blocks, in order to build the house of God.3David supplied a large amount of iron for the nails for the doors to go in the gateways, and for braces. He also supplied more bronze than could be weighed,4and more cedar trees than could be counted. (The Sidonians and the Tyrians brought too many cedar logs to David to count.)5David said, "My son Solomon is a young and inexperienced man, and the house that is to be built for Yahweh must be especially magnificent, so that it will be famous and glorious in all other lands. So I will prepare for its building." So David made extensive preparations before his death.

6Then he called for Solomon his son and commanded him to build a house for Yahweh, the God of Israel.7David said to Solomon, "My son, it was my intention to build a house myself, for the name of Yahweh my God.8But Yahweh came to me and said, 'You have shed much blood and have fought many battles. You will not build a house for my name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight.9However, you will have a son who will be a peaceful man. I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side. For his name will be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.10He will build a house for my name. He will be my son, and I will be his Father. I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'11Now, my son, may Yahweh be with you and enable you to succeed. May you build the house of Yahweh your God, as he said you would.12Only may Yahweh give you insight and understanding, so that you may obey the law of Yahweh your God, when he places you in charge over Israel.13Then you will succeed, if you carefully obey the statutes and the decrees that Yahweh gave to Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be discouraged.14Now, see, with great pains I have prepared for the house of Yahweh 100,000 talents of gold, one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron in large quantities. I have also provided timber and stone. You must add more to all this.15You have many workmen with you: stonecutters, masons, carpenters, and skillful craftsmen without number of every kind,16who can work with gold, silver, bronze, and iron. Arise and begin the work, and may Yahweh be with you."

17David also ordered all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,18"Yahweh your God is with you and has given you peace on every side. He has given the region's inhabitants into my hand. The region is subdued before Yahweh and his people.19Now seek Yahweh your God with all your heart and your soul. Get up and build the holy place of Yahweh God. Then you can bring the ark of the covenant of Yahweh and the holy things that belong to God into the house built for Yahweh's name."

23

1When David was old and near the end of his life, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.2He gathered together all the leaders of Israel, with the priests and Levites.3The Levites who were thirty years old and older were counted in a census, and they numbered thirty-eight thousand.4"Of these, twenty-four thousand were to oversee the work on the house of Yahweh, and six thousand were officers and judges.5Four thousand were gatekeepers, and four thousand were to praise Yahweh with the instruments that I made to give praise," David said.6David divided them into groups that corresponded to Levi's sons: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7From the clans descended from Gershon, there were Ladan and Shimei.

8There were three of Ladan's sons: Jehiel the leader, Zetham, and Joel.

9There were three of Shimei's sons: Shelomoth, Haziel, and Haran. These were the leaders of the clans of Ladan.

10There were four of Shimei's sons: Jahath, Ziza, Jeush, and Beriah.

11Jahath was the oldest, and Ziza the second, but Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons, so they were considered as one clan with the same duties.

12There were four of Kohath's sons: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

13These were Amram's sons: Aaron and Moses. Aaron was chosen to set apart the most holy things, that he and his descendants would offer incense before Yahweh, to serve him and to give blessings in his name forever.14But as for Moses the man of God, his descendants were counted with the tribe of Levi.

15Moses' sons were Gershom and Eliezer.

16Gershom's descendant was Shubael the oldest.

17Eliezer's descendant was Rehabiah. Eliezer had no other sons, but Rehabiah had many descendants.

18Izhar's son was Shelomith the leader.

19Hebron's descendants were Jeriah the oldest, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

20Uzziel's sons were Micah the oldest, and Ishiah the second.

21Merari's sons were Mahli and Mushi. Mahli's sons were Eleazar and Kish.

22Eleazar died without having any sons. He had only daughters. So their kinsmen, the sons of Kish, married them.

23Mushi's three sons were Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth.

24These were Levi's descendants corresponding to their clans. They were the leaders, counted and listed by name in the census, of the clans that did the work in the service of the house of Yahweh, from twenty years old and upward.25For David said, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, has given rest to his people. He makes his home in Jerusalem forever.26The Levites will no longer need to carry the tabernacle and all the equipment used in its service."27For by David's last words the Levites were counted, from twenty years old and upward.28Their duty was to assist Aaron's descendants in the service of the house of Yahweh. They were to care for the courtyards, the rooms, the ceremonial purification of all the things that belong to Yahweh, and other work in the service of the house of God.29They also took care of the bread of the presence, the fine flour for grain offerings, the unleavened wafers, the baked offerings, the offerings mixed with oil, and all the measuring of the amounts and sizes of things.30They also stood every morning to thank and praise Yahweh. They also did this in the evening31and whenever burnt offerings were offered to Yahweh, on the Sabbath and at the new moon festivals and feast days. A fixed number, assigned by decree, always had to be present before Yahweh.32They were in charge of the tent of meeting, the holy place, and helped their kinsmen the descendants of Aaron in the service of the house of Yahweh.

24

1The work groups based on Aaron's descendants were these: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.2Nadab and Abihu died before their father died. They had no children, so Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests.3David, together with Zadok, a descendant of Eleazar, and Ahimelek, a descendant of Ithamar, divided them into groups for their labor as priests.4There were more leading men among Eleazar's descendants than among Ithamar's descendants, so they divided Eleazar's descendants into sixteen groups. They did this by heads of clans and by Ithamar's descendants. These divisions were eight in number, corresponding to their clans.5They divided them impartially by lot, for there were holy officials and officials of God, from both Eleazar's descendants and Ithamar's descendants.6Shemaiah son of Nethanel the scribe, a Levite, wrote down their names in the presence of the king, the officials, Zadok the priest, Ahimelek son of Abiathar, and the leaders of the priestly and Levite families. One clan was drawn by lot from Eleazar's descendants, and then the next would be drawn from Ithamar's descendants.

7The first lot went to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

8the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9the fifth to Malkijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

10the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,

11the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shekaniah,

12the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

13the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,

14the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

15the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzez,

16the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel,

17the twenty-first to Jakin, the twenty-second to Gamul,

18the twenty-third to Delaiah, and the twenty-fourth to Maaziah.

19This was the order of their service, when they came into the house of Yahweh, following the ordinance given to them by Aaron their ancestor, as Yahweh, the God of Israel, had commanded him.

20These were the rest of the descendants of Levi: Of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah.

21As for Rehabiah, the sons of Rehabiah: Ishiah the leader.

22From the Izharites: Shelomoth; from the sons of Shelomoth: Jahath.

23The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the leader, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

24The son of Uzziel: Micah; from the sons of Micah: Shamir.

25The brother of Micah: Ishiah. From the sons of Ishiah: Zechariah.

26The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi; from the son of Jaaziah: Beno.

27The sons of Merari from Jaaziah: Beno, Shoham, Zakkur, and Ibri.

28From Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.

29From Kish: The son of Kish: Jerahmeel.

30The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the Levites, listed by their clans.31These men who were the head of each clan and each of their younger brothers, cast lots in the presence of King David, and Zadok and Ahimelek, along with the leaders of the families of the priests and Levites. They cast lots just as Aaron's descendants had done.

25

1David and the leaders of the army selected some of the sons of Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun to prophesy with lutes and harps, and with cymbals. Here is the list of the men who performed this service:

2From the sons of Asaph: Zakkur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah, [1](#footnote-target-1) the sons of Asaph, under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied under the king's supervision.

3From the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, [2](#footnote-target-2) Jeshaiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six in all, under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied, playing the harp for giving thanks and praising Yahweh.

4From the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, [3](#footnote-target-3) Shubael, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth.5All these were the sons of Heman the king's prophet. God gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters to lift up his horn.

6All these were under the direction of their fathers. They were musicians in the house of Yahweh with cymbals, lutes and lyres, as they served in the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the king's supervision.7They and their brothers who were skilled and trained to make music to Yahweh numbered 288.8They cast lots for their duties, all alike, the same for the young as well as the old, the teacher as well as the student.

9Now regarding Asaph's sons: The first lot fell to Joseph's family; the second fell to Gedaliah's family, twelve persons in number;10the third fell to Zakkur, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;11the fourth fell to Izri, [4](#footnote-target-4) his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;12the fifth fell to Nethaniah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;13the sixth fell to Bukkiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;14the seventh fell to Jesarelah, [5](#footnote-target-5) his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;15the eighth fell to Jeshaiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;16the ninth fell to Mattaniah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;17the tenth fell to Shimei, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;18the eleventh fell to Azarel, [6](#footnote-target-6) his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;19the twelfth fell to Hashabiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;20the thirteenth fell to Shubael, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;21the fourteenth fell to Mattithiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;22the fifteenth fell to Jerimoth, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;23the sixteenth fell to Hananiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;24the seventeenth fell to Joshbekashah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;25the eighteenth fell to Hanani, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;26the nineteenth fell to Mallothi, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;27the twentieth fell to Eliathah, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;28the twenty-first fell to Hothir, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;29the twenty-second fell to Giddalti, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;30the twenty-third fell to Mahazioth, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number;31the twenty-fourth fell to Romamti-Ezer, his sons and his relatives, twelve persons in number.

[1](#footnote-caller-1)This is the same person referred to in 1 Chronicles 25:14 as Jesarelah. [2](#footnote-caller-2)This is a variant of the name Izri , which is found in 1 Chronicles 25:11, and refers to the same person. [3](#footnote-caller-3)Uzziel is the same person referred to in 1 Chronicles 25:18 as Azarel. [4](#footnote-caller-4)This is a variant of Zeri , found in 1 Chronicles 25:3, and refers to the same person. [5](#footnote-caller-5)This is the same person referred to in 1 Chronicles 25:2 as Asharelah. [6](#footnote-caller-6)This is the same person referred to in 1 Chronicles 25:4 as Uzziel.

26

1Here were the divisions of the gatekeepers: From the Korahites, Meshelemiah son of Kore, a descendant of Asaph [1](#footnote-target-1).

2Meshelemiah [2](#footnote-target-2) had sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

3Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh.

4Obed-Edom had sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sakar the fourth, and Nethanel the fifth,

5Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth, for God had blessed Obed-Edom.

6To Shemaiah his son were born sons who ruled over their clans; they were men of great ability.7The sons of Shemaiah were Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad. His relatives Elihu and Semakiah were also men with many abilities.8All these were descendants of Obed-Edom. They and their sons and relatives were men capable of doing their duties in the tabernacle service. There were sixty-two of them related to Obed-Edom.

9Meshelemiah had sons and relatives, capable men, eighteen in all.

10Hosah, a descendant of Merari, had sons: Shimri the leader (although he was not the firstborn, his father made him leader),11Hilkiah the second, Tabaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth. All of Hosah's sons and kinsmen were thirteen in number.

12These divisions of the gatekeepers, corresponding to their leaders, had responsibilities, like their relatives, to serve in the house of Yahweh.13They threw lots, both young and old, corresponding to their clans, for every gate.14When the lot was cast for the east gate, it fell to Shelemiah [3](#footnote-target-3) . They then cast lots for Zechariah his son, a prudent advisor, and his lot came out for the north gate.15To Obed-Edom was assigned the south gate, and his sons were assigned the storehouses.16Shuppim and Hosah were assigned the west gate along with the gate of Shalleketh, on the upper road. The guards were very close to each other.17On the east were six Levites, on the north four a day, on the south four a day, and at the storehouses two pairs.18At the pillar to the west there were four stationed at the road and two at the pillar [4](#footnote-target-4)19These were the divisions of the gatekeepers who were the descendants of Korah and Merari.

20Among the Levites, Ahijah was in charge of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the things that belong to Yahweh.21The descendants of Ladan, who were descendants of the Gershonites through Ladan, who were heads of families belonging to Ladan the Gershonite, were Jehieli22and the sons of Jehieli: Zetham and Joel his brother. They were in charge of the treasuries of the house of Yahweh.23From the clans of Amram, the clans of Izhar, the clans of Hebron, and the clans of Uzziel:

24Shubael, a descendant of Gershom son of Moses, was supervisor over the treasuries.25His relatives from the clan of Eliezer were his son Rehabiah, Rehabiah's son Jeshaiah, Jeshaiah's son Joram, Joram's son Zikri, and Zikri's son Shelomith.26Shelomith and his relatives were over all the treasuries holding the dedicated things that David the king, the family leaders, commanders over thousands and hundreds, and the army commanders had dedicated.27They set apart the plunder won in battles for the upkeep of the house of Yahweh.28They were also in charge of everything that was set apart to Yahweh by Samuel the prophet, Saul son of Kish, Abner son of Ner, and Joab son of Zeruiah. Everything that was set apart to Yahweh was under the guard of Shelomith and his relatives.

29Of Izhar's descendants, Kenaniah and his sons were in charge of the civil affairs of Israel. They were officers and judges.

30Of Hebron's descendants, Hashabiah and his brothers, 1,700 capable men, were in charge of Yahweh's work and the king's work. They were on the west side of the Jordan.31As for the Hebronites, Jeriah was the head of the clans, according to the genealogical records. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they examined the records and found among them men of great ability in Jazer of Gilead.32Jeriah had 2,700 relatives, who were capable family leaders. David made them overseers over the tribes of Reuben and Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and for the king's affairs.

[1](#footnote-caller-1)Asaph is the same person referred to as Ebiasaph in 1 Chronicles 9:19. [2](#footnote-caller-2)Meshelemiah is the same person referred to as Shelemiah in 1 Chronicles 26:14. [3](#footnote-caller-3)Shelemiah is the same person referred to as Meshelemiah in 1 Chronicles 26:2. [4](#footnote-caller-4)The Hebrew word translated here as pillar is uncertain. Some translations simply write the Hebrew word as parbar . This word appears only here and in 2 Kings 23:11 in the Old Testament.

27

1This is the list of the family leaders of the people of Israel, commanders of thousands and hundreds, as well as army officers who served the king in various ways. Each military division served month by month throughout the year. Each division had twenty-four thousand men.

2Over the division for the first month was Jashobeam son of Zabdiel. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.3He was among the descendants of Perez and in charge of all the army officers for the first month.

4Over the division for the second month was Dodai, from the clan descended from Ahoah. Mikloth was second in rank. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.

5The commander of the army for the third month was Benaiah son of Jehoiada, a priest and leader. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.6This is the Benaiah who was the leader of the thirty, and over the thirty. Ammizabad his son was in his division.

7The commander for the fourth month was Asahel brother of Joab. Zebadiah his son became commander after him. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.

8The commander for the fifth month was Shamhuth, a descendant of Izrah. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.

9The commander for the sixth month was Ira son of Ikkesh, from Tekoa. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.

10The commander for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, from the people of Ephraim. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.

11The commander for the eighth month was Sibbekai the Hushathite, from the clan descended from Zerah. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.

12The commander for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, from the tribe of Benjamin. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.

13The commander for the tenth month was Maharai from the city of Netophah, from the clan descended from Zerah. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.

14The commander for the eleventh month was Benaiah from the city of Pirathon, from the tribe of Ephraim. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.

15The commander for the twelfth month was Heldai from the city of Netophah, from the clan descended from Othniel. In his division were twenty-four thousand men.

16These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel: For the tribe of Reuben, Eliezer son of Zichri was the leader. For the tribe of Simeon, Shephatiah son of Maakah was the leader.

17For the tribe of Levi, Hashabiah son of Kemuel was the leader, and Zadok led Aaron's descendants.

18For the tribe of Judah, Elihu, one of David's brothers, was the leader. For the tribe of Issachar, Omri son of Michael was the leader.

19For the tribe of Zebulun, Ishmaiah son of Obadiah was the leader. For the tribe of Naphtali, Jerimoth son of Azriel was the leader.

20For the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea son of Azaziah was the leader. For the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel son of Pedaiah was the leader.

21For the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo son of Zechariah was the leader. For the tribe of Benjamin, Jaasiel son of Abner was the leader.

22For the tribe of Dan, Azarel son of Jeroham was the leader. These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel.

23David did not count those twenty years old or younger, because Yahweh had promised to increase Israel like the stars of heaven.24Joab son of Zeruiah began to count the men, but did not finish. Wrath fell on Israel for this. This number was not written down in the Chronicles of King David.

25Azmaveth son of Adiel was in charge of the king's treasuries. Jonathan son of Uzziah was over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the fortified towers.26Ezri son of Kelub was over the farmers, those who plowed the land.27Shimei the Ramathite was over the vineyards, and Zabdi the Shiphmite was over the grapes and the wine cellars.28Over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the lowlands was Baal-Hanan from Geder, and over the storehouses of oil was Joash.29Over the herds that were pastured in Sharon was Shitrai from Sharon, and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat son of Adlai.30Over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite, and over the female donkeys was Jehdeiah from Meronoth. Over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite.31Jaziz the Hagrite was in charge of the flocks. All these officials were in charge of the property of King David.

32Jonathan, David's uncle, was an advisor, since he was a wise man and a scribe. Jehiel son of Hakmoni cared for the king's sons.33Ahithophel was the king's advisor, and Hushai from the Arkite people was the king's private advisor.34Ahithophel's position was taken by Jehoiada son of Benaiah, and by Abiathar. Joab was commander of the king's army.

28

1David assembled all the officials of Israel at Jerusalem: the officials of the tribes, the officers of the divisions that served the king in their scheduled work, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, the managers over all the property and possessions of the king and of his sons, and the officers and fighting men, including the most skilled of them.2Then David the king rose to his feet and said, "Listen to me, my brothers and my people. It was my intention to build a house as a resting place for the ark of the covenant of Yahweh; a footstool for our God, and I have made preparations to build it.3But God said to me, 'You will not build a temple for my name, because you are a man of war and have shed blood.'4Yet Yahweh, the God of Israel, chose me from all my father's house to be king over Israel forever. He has chosen Judah as leader, and from the house of Judah he chose my father's house, and from all my father's sons he was pleased to make me king over all Israel.5From the many sons whom Yahweh has given me, he chose Solomon, my son, to sit on the throne of the kingdom of Yahweh, over Israel.6He said to me, 'Solomon your son will build my house and my courtyards, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his Father.7I will establish his kingdom forever, if he remains committed to obey my commandments and decrees, as you are this day.'8Now then, in the sight of all Israel, this assembly for Yahweh, and in the presence of our God, all of you must keep and try to carry out all the commandments of Yahweh your God. Do this so that you may possess this good land and leave it as an inheritance to your descendants after you forever.

9As for you, Solomon my son, obey the God of your father, and serve him with your whole heart and a willing spirit. Do this because Yahweh searches all hearts and understands every motivation of everyone's thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you abandon him, he will reject you forever.10Realize that Yahweh has chosen you to build this temple as his sanctuary. Be strong and do it."

11Then David gave to Solomon his son the plans for the temple portico, the temple buildings, the storerooms, the upper rooms, the inner rooms, and the room with the atonement lid.12He gave him the plans he had drawn for the courtyards of the house of Yahweh, all the surrounding rooms, the storerooms in the house of God, and the treasuries for the things that belong to Yahweh.13He gave him regulations for the divisions of the priests and Levites, for the assigned responsibilities for the service of the house of Yahweh, and for all the objects for the service in the house of Yahweh.14He determined the weight of all the gold vessels for each service, the weight of silver vessels for each service,15the weight of the gold for all the gold articles, to be lampstands and gold lamps, the weight of gold for each lampstand, the weight of silver for each silver lampstand, according to the use of each lampstand in the service.16He gave the weight of the gold for the tables of the bread of the presence, for every table, and the weight of the silver for the silver tables.17He gave the weight of pure gold for the meat forks, basins, and cups. He gave the weight for each of the gold bowls, and the weight of each of the silver bowls.18He gave the weight of refined gold for the incense altar, and of the gold for the design of the chariot, the cherubim that spread out their wings and covered the ark of the covenant of Yahweh.19David said, "I have put all this in writing as Yahweh directed me and gave me to understand regarding the design."

20David said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and brave. Do the work. Do not be afraid or dismayed, for Yahweh God, my God, is with you. He will not leave you nor abandon you until all the work for the service of the house of Yahweh is finished.21See, here are the divisions of the priests and Levites for all the service in the house of God. They will be with you, together with all willing and skillful men, to assist you in the work and to perform the service. The officials and all the people are ready to follow your commands."

29

1King David said to the whole assembly, "Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is still young and inexperienced, and the task is great. For the temple is not for people but for Yahweh God.2So I have done my best to provide for the temple of my God. I am giving gold for the things to be made of gold, silver for the things to be made of silver, bronze for the things to be made of bronze, iron for the things to be made of iron, and wood for the things to be made of wood. I am also giving onyx stones, stones to be set, stones for inlaid work of various colors—all kinds of precious stones—and marble stone in abundance.3Now, because of my delight in the house of my God, I am giving my personal treasure of gold and silver for it. I am doing this in addition to all that I have prepared for this holy temple:4three thousand talents of gold from Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, in order to overlay the walls of the buildings.5I am donating gold for the things to be made of gold, and silver for the things to be made of silver, and things for all kinds of work to be done by craftsmen. Who else wants to make a contribution to Yahweh today and give himself to him?"

6Then freewill offerings were made by the leaders of their ancestors' families, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and hundreds, and by the officials over the king's work.7They gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and 100,000 talents of iron.8Those who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of Yahweh, under the supervision of Jehiel, a descendant of Gershon.9The people rejoiced because of these freewill offerings, because they had contributed wholeheartedly to Yahweh. King David also rejoiced greatly.

10David blessed Yahweh in front of all the assembly. He said, "May you be praised, Yahweh, God of Israel our ancestor, forever and ever.11Yours, Yahweh, is 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, Yahweh, and you are exalted as ruler over all.12Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all people. In your hand is power and might. You possess the strength and might to make people great and to give strength to anyone.13Now then, our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name.

14But who am I, and who are my people, that we should have the ability to offer so willingly these things? Indeed, all things come from you, and we have simply given back to you what is yours.15For we are sojourners and tenants before you, as all our ancestors were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope of remaining on earth.16Yahweh our God, all this wealth that we have collected in order to build a temple to honor your holy name—it comes from you and belongs to you.17I know also, my God, that you examine the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things, and now I look with joy as your people who are present here willingly offer gifts to you.18Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel—our ancestors—keep this forever in the thoughts of the minds of your people. Direct their hearts toward you.19Give to Solomon my son a whole heart to keep your commandments, your covenant decrees, and your statutes, and to carry out all these plans to build the palace for which I have made provision."

20David said to all the assembly, "Now bless Yahweh your God." All the assembly blessed Yahweh, the God of their ancestors, and they bowed down and showed honor to Yahweh and to the king.21On the next day, they made sacrifices to Yahweh and offered burnt offerings to him. They offered a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.22On that day, they ate and drank before Yahweh with great joy.

They made Solomon, David's son, king a second time, and anointed him with Yahweh's authority to be ruler. They also anointed Zadok to be priest.23Then Solomon sat on Yahweh's throne as king in place of David his father. He prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.24All the leaders, soldiers, and King David's sons gave allegiance to King Solomon.25Yahweh greatly honored Solomon before all Israel and bestowed on him royal majesty such as had never been given to any king before him in Israel.

26David son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.27David had been king of Israel for forty years. He ruled for seven years in Hebron and for thirty-three years in Jerusalem.28He died at a good old age, after enjoying a long life, wealth and honor. Solomon his son reigned after him.29King David's accomplishments are written in the chronicles of Samuel the seer, in the chronicles of Nathan the prophet, and in the chronicles of Gad the seer.30Recorded there are the deeds of his rule, his power and the events that affected him, Israel, and all the kingdoms of the other lands.