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<sup>1</sup> Adam, Seth, Enosh, <sup>2</sup> Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, <sup>3</sup> Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, <sup>4</sup> Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

<sup>5</sup> The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. <sup>6</sup> The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Diphath, and Togarmah. <sup>7</sup> The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim.

<sup>8</sup> The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. <sup>9</sup> The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raama, Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. <sup>10</sup> Cush became the father of Nimrod. He began to be a mighty one in the earth. <sup>11</sup> Mizraim became the father of Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, <sup>12</sup> Pathrusim, Casluhim (where the Philistines came from), and Caphtorim. <sup>13</sup> Canaan became the father of Sidon his firstborn, Heth, <sup>14</sup> the Jebusite, the Amorite, the Girgashite, <sup>15</sup> the Hivite, the Arkite, the Sinite, <sup>16</sup> the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

<sup>17</sup> The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech. <sup>18</sup> Arpachshad became the father of Shelah, and Shelah became the father of Eber. <sup>19</sup> To Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. <sup>20</sup> Joktan became the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, <sup>21</sup> Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, <sup>22</sup> Ebal, Abimael, Sheba, <sup>23</sup> Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. <sup>24</sup> Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah, <sup>25</sup> Eber, Peleg, Reu, <sup>26</sup> Serug, Nahor, Terah, <sup>27</sup> Abram (also called Abraham).

<sup>28</sup> The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael. <sup>29</sup> These are their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, <sup>30</sup> Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, <sup>31</sup> Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

<sup>32</sup> The sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bore Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan. <sup>33</sup> The sons of Midian: Ephah, Epher, Hanoah, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

<sup>34</sup> Abraham became the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel. <sup>35</sup> The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel,

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Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. <sup>36</sup>The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zephi, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek. <sup>37</sup>The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

<sup>38</sup>The sons of Seir: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. <sup>39</sup>The sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam; and Timna was Lotan's sister. <sup>40</sup>The sons of Shobal: Alian, Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. The sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. <sup>41</sup>The son of Anah: Dishon. The sons of Dishon: Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran. <sup>42</sup>The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Jaakan. The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

<sup>43</sup>Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, before any king reigned over the children of Israel: Bela the son of Beor; and the name of his city was Dinhabah. <sup>44</sup>Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place. <sup>45</sup>Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. <sup>46</sup>Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who struck Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Avith. <sup>47</sup>Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. <sup>48</sup>Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the River reigned in his place. <sup>49</sup>Shaul died, and Baal Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. <sup>50</sup>Baal Hanan died, and Hadad reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Pai. His wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab. <sup>51</sup>Then Hadad died. The chiefs of Edom were: chief Timna, chief Aliah, chief Jetheth, <sup>52</sup>chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, <sup>53</sup>chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, <sup>54</sup>chief Magdiel, and chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom.

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<sup>1</sup>These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, <sup>2</sup>Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

<sup>3</sup>The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, and Shelah, which three were born to him of Shua's daughter the Canaanitess. Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in Yahweh's<sup>†</sup> sight; and he killed him. <sup>4</sup>Tamar his daughter-in-law bore him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five.

<sup>5</sup>The sons of Perez: Hezron and Hamul. <sup>6</sup>The sons of Zerah: Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara—five of them in all. <sup>7</sup>The son of Carmi: Achar, the troubler

<sup>†</sup>2:3 "Yahweh" is God's proper Name, sometimes rendered "LORD" (all caps) in other translations.



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the father of Nathan, and Nathan became the father of Zabad,<sup>37</sup> and Zabad became the father of Ephlal, and Ephlal became the father of Obed,<sup>38</sup> and Obed became the father of Jehu, and Jehu became the father of Azariah,<sup>39</sup> and Azariah became the father of Helez, and Helez became the father of Eleasah,<sup>40</sup> and Eleasah became the father of Sismai, and Sismai became the father of Shallum,<sup>41</sup> and Shallum became the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah became the father of Elishama.

<sup>42</sup>The sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph, and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.<sup>43</sup> The sons of Hebron: Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.<sup>44</sup> Shema became the father of Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem became the father of Shammai.<sup>45</sup> The son of Shammai was Maon; and Maon was the father of Beth Zur.<sup>46</sup> Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez; and Haran became the father of Gazez.<sup>47</sup> The sons of Jahdai: Regem, Jothan, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.<sup>48</sup> Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.<sup>49</sup> She bore also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbena and the father of Gibeaz; and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah.

<sup>50</sup>These were the sons of Caleb, the son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim,<sup>51</sup> Salma the father of Bethlehem, and Hareph the father of Beth Gader.<sup>52</sup> Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim had sons: Haroeh, half of the Menuhoth.<sup>53</sup> The families of Kiriath Jearim: the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; from them came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.<sup>54</sup> The sons of Salma: Bethlehem, the Netophathites, Atroth Beth Joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites.<sup>55</sup> The families of scribes who lived at Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and the Sucathites. These are the Kenites who came from Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

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<sup>1</sup>Now these were the sons of David, who were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn, Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess;<sup>2</sup> the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith;<sup>3</sup> the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife:<sup>4</sup> six were born to him in Hebron; and he reigned



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†4:9 "Jabez" sounds similar to the Hebrew word for "pain".

†4:10 The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "אֱלֹהִים" (Elohim).

§ 4:13 Greek and Vulgate add "and Meonothai"

<sup>9</sup>Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother named him Jabez,<sup>†</sup> saying, "Because I bore him with sorrow."

<sup>10</sup>Jabez called on the God<sup>‡</sup> of Israel, saying, "Oh that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my border! May your hand be with me, and may you keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!"

God granted him that which he requested.

<sup>11</sup>Chelub the brother of Shuhah became the father of Mehir, who was the father of Eshton. <sup>12</sup>Eshton became the father of Beth Rapha, Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir Nahash. These are the men of Recah. <sup>13</sup>The sons of Kenaz: Othniel and Seraiah. The sons of Othniel: Hathath.<sup>§</sup> <sup>14</sup>Meonothai became the father of Ophrah: and Seraiah became the father of Joab the father of Ge Harashim, for they were craftsmen. <sup>15</sup>The sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam. The son of Elah: Kenaz. <sup>16</sup>The sons of Jehallelel: Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel. <sup>17</sup>The sons of Ezra: Jether, Mered, Ephher, and Jalon; and Mered's wife bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa. <sup>18</sup>His wife the Jewess bore Jered the father of Gedor, Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. These are the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took. <sup>19</sup>The sons of the wife of Hodia, the sister of Naham, were the fathers of Keilah the Garmite and Eshtemoa the Maacathite. <sup>20</sup>The sons of Shimon: Amnon, Rinnah, Ben Hanan, and Tilon. The sons of Ishi: Zoheth, and Ben Zoheth. <sup>21</sup>The sons of Shelah the son of Judah: Er the father of Lecah, Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of those who worked fine linen, of the house of Ashbea; <sup>22</sup>and Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had dominion in Moab, and Jashubilehem. These records are ancient. <sup>23</sup>These were the potters, and the inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah; they lived there with the king for his work.

<sup>24</sup>The sons of Simeon: Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul; <sup>25</sup>Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, and Mishma his son. <sup>26</sup>The sons of Mishma: Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son. <sup>27</sup>Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers didn't have many children, and all their family didn't multiply like the children of Judah. <sup>28</sup>They lived at Beersheba, Moladah, Hazarshual, <sup>29</sup>at Billah, at Ezem, at Tolad, <sup>30</sup>at Bethuel, at Hormah, at Ziklag, <sup>31</sup>at Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susim, at Beth Biri, and at Shaaraim.







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<sup>10</sup>In the days of Saul, they made war with the Hagrites, who fell by their hand; and they lived in their tents throughout all the land east of Gilead.

<sup>11</sup>The sons of Gad lived beside them in the land of Bashan to Salecah: <sup>12</sup>Joel the chief, Shapham the second, Janai, and Shaphat in Bashan. <sup>13</sup>Their brothers of their fathers' houses: Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia, and Eber, seven. <sup>14</sup>These were the sons of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz; <sup>15</sup>Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of their fathers' houses. <sup>16</sup>They lived in Gilead in Bashan and in its towns, and in all the pasture lands of Sharon as far as their borders. <sup>17</sup>All these were listed by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

<sup>18</sup>The sons of Reuben, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, able to shoot with bow, and skillful in war, were forty-four thousand seven hundred sixty that were able to go out to war. <sup>19</sup>They made war with the Hagrites, with Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab. <sup>20</sup>They were helped against them, and the Hagrites were delivered into their hand, and all who were with them; for they cried to God in the battle, and he answered them because they put their trust in him. <sup>21</sup>They took away their livestock: of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred fifty thousand, and of donkeys two thousand, and of men one hundred thousand. <sup>22</sup>For many fell slain, because the war was of God. They lived in their place until the captivity.

<sup>23</sup>The children of the half-tribe of Manasseh lived in the land. They increased from Bashan to Baal Hermon, Senir, and Mount Hermon. <sup>24</sup>These were the heads of their fathers' houses: Ephraim, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel—mighty men of valor, famous men, heads of their fathers' houses. <sup>25</sup>They trespassed against the God of their fathers, and played the prostitute after the gods of the peoples of the land whom God destroyed before them. <sup>26</sup>So the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath Pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried away the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and to the river of Gozan, to this day.

<sup>1</sup>The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. <sup>2</sup>The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. <sup>3</sup>The children of Amram: Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. <sup>4</sup>Eleazar became the father of Phinehas, Phinehas became the father of Abishua, <sup>5</sup>Abishua became the father of Bukki. Bukki became the father of Uzzi. <sup>6</sup>Uzzi became the father of Zerariah. Zerariah became the father of Meraioth. <sup>7</sup>Meraioth became the father of Amariah. Amariah became the father of Ahitub. <sup>8</sup>Ahitub became the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Ahimaaz. <sup>9</sup>Ahimaaz became the father of Azariah. Azariah became the father of Johanan. <sup>10</sup>Johanan became the father of Azariah, who executed the priest's office in the house that Solomon built in Jerusalem. <sup>11</sup>Azariah became the father of Amariah. Amariah became the father of Ahitub. <sup>12</sup>Ahitub became the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Shallum. <sup>13</sup>Shallum became the father of Hilkiah. Hilkiah became the father of Azariah. <sup>14</sup>Azariah became the father of Seraiah. Seraiah became the father of Jehozadak. <sup>15</sup>Jehozadak went into captivity when Yahweh carried Judah and Jerusalem away by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

<sup>16</sup>The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari. <sup>17</sup>These are the names of the sons of Gershom: Libni and Shimei. <sup>18</sup>The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. <sup>19</sup>The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' households. <sup>20</sup>Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son, <sup>21</sup>Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, and Jeatherai his son. <sup>22</sup>The sons of Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, <sup>23</sup>Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his son, Assir his son, <sup>24</sup>Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uziah his son, and Shaul his son. <sup>25</sup>The sons of Elkanah: Amasai and Ahimoth. <sup>26</sup>As for Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah: Zophai his son, Nahath his son, <sup>27</sup>Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, and Elkanah his son. <sup>28</sup>The sons of Samuel: the firstborn, Joel, and the second, Abijah. <sup>29</sup>The sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son, <sup>30</sup>Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

<sup>31</sup>These are they whom David set over the service of song in Yahweh's house after the ark came to rest there. <sup>32</sup>They ministered with song before the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting until Solomon had built Yahweh's house in Jerusalem. They performed the duties of their office according to their order. <sup>33</sup>These are those who

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served, and their sons. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel,<sup>34</sup> the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,<sup>35</sup> the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,<sup>36</sup> the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,<sup>37</sup> the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,<sup>38</sup> the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.<sup>39</sup> His brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea,<sup>40</sup> the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah,<sup>41</sup> the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,<sup>42</sup> the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,<sup>43</sup> the son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi.<sup>44</sup> On the left hand their brothers the sons of Merari: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,<sup>45</sup> the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,<sup>46</sup> the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer,<sup>47</sup> the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.<sup>48</sup> Their brothers the Levites were appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of God's house.<sup>49</sup> But Aaron and his sons offered on the altar of burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, for all the work of the most holy place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

<sup>50</sup> These are the sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,<sup>51</sup> Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,<sup>52</sup> Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,<sup>53</sup> Zadok his son, and Ahimaaz his son.<sup>54</sup> Now these are their dwelling places according to their encampments in their borders: to the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites (for theirs was the first lot),<sup>55</sup> to them they gave Hebron in the land of Judah, and its pasture lands around it;<sup>56</sup> but the fields of the city and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.<sup>57</sup> To the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, Hebron, Libnah also with its pasture lands, Jattir, Eshtemoa with its pasture lands,<sup>58</sup> Hilen with its pasture lands, Debir with its pasture lands,<sup>59</sup> Ashan with its pasture lands, and Beth Shemesh with its pasture lands;<sup>60</sup> and out of the tribe of Benjamin, Geba with its pasture lands, Allemeth with its pasture lands, and Anathoth with its pasture lands. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.

<sup>61</sup> To the rest of the sons of Kohath were given by lot, out of the family of the tribe, out of the half-tribe,



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<sup>1</sup>Of the sons of Issachar: Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four. <sup>2</sup>The sons of Tola: Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their fathers' houses, of Tola; mighty men of valor in their generations. Their number in the days of David was twenty-two thousand six hundred. <sup>3</sup>The son of Uzzi: Izrahiah. The sons of Izrahiah: Michael, Obadiah, Joel, and Isshiah, five; all of them chief men. <sup>4</sup>With them, by their generations, after their fathers' houses, were bands of the army for war, thirty-six thousand; for they had many wives and sons. <sup>5</sup>Their brothers among all the families of Issachar, mighty men of valor, listed in all by genealogy, were eighty-seven thousand.

<sup>6</sup>The sons of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, and Jediael, three. <sup>7</sup>The sons of Bela: Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of fathers' houses, mighty men of valor; and they were listed by genealogy twenty-two thousand thirty-four. <sup>8</sup>The sons of Becher: Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were the sons of Becher. <sup>9</sup>They were listed by genealogy, after their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valor, twenty thousand two hundred. <sup>10</sup>The son of Jediael: Bilhan. The sons of Bilhan: Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar. <sup>11</sup>All these were sons of Jediael, according to the heads of their fathers' households, mighty men of valor, seventeen thousand two hundred, who were able to go out in the army for war. <sup>12</sup>So were Shuppim, Huppim, the sons of Ir, Hushim, and the sons of Aher.

<sup>13</sup>The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, Shallum, and the sons of Bilhah.

<sup>14</sup>The sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom his concubine the Aramitess bore. She bore Machir the father of Gilead. <sup>15</sup>Machir took a wife of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name was Maacah. The name of the second was Zelophehad; and Zelophehad had daughters. <sup>16</sup>Maacah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she named him Peresh. The name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rakem. <sup>17</sup>The sons of Ulam: Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. <sup>18</sup>His sister Hammolecheth bore Ishhod, Abiezer, and Mahlah. <sup>19</sup>The sons of Shemida were Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.

<sup>20</sup>The sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eleadah his son, Tahath his

son,<sup>21</sup> Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath who were born in the land killed, because they came down to take away their livestock.<sup>22</sup> Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him.<sup>23</sup> He went in to his wife, and she conceived and bore a son, and he named him Beriah,<sup>†</sup> because there was trouble with his house.<sup>24</sup> His daughter was Sheerah, who built Beth Horon the lower and the upper, and Uzzen Sheerah.<sup>25</sup> Rephah was his son, Resheph his son, Telah his son, Tahan his son,<sup>26</sup> Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,<sup>27</sup> Nun his son, and Joshua his son.<sup>28</sup> Their possessions and settlements were Bethel and its towns, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer with its towns; Shechem also and its towns, to Azzah and its towns;<sup>29</sup> and by the borders of the children of Manasseh, Beth Shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo and its towns, and Dor and its towns. The children of Joseph the son of Israel lived in these.

<sup>30</sup>The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, and Beriah. Serah was their sister.<sup>31</sup> The sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith.<sup>32</sup> Heber became the father of Japhlet, Shomer, Hotham, and Shua their sister.<sup>33</sup> The sons of Japhlet: Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the children of Japhlet.<sup>34</sup> The sons of Shemer: Ahi, Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.<sup>35</sup> The sons of Helem his brother: Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.<sup>36</sup> The sons of Zophah: Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah,<sup>37</sup> Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera.<sup>38</sup> The sons of Jether: Jephunneh, Pispah, and Ara.<sup>39</sup> The sons of Ulla: Arah, Hanniel, and Rizia.<sup>40</sup> All these were the children of Asher, heads of the fathers' houses, choice and mighty men of valor, chief of the princes. The number of them listed by genealogy for service in war was twenty-six thousand men.

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<sup>1</sup> Benjamin became the father of Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, Aharah the third,<sup>2</sup> Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.<sup>3</sup> Bela had sons: Addar, Gera, Abihud,<sup>4</sup> Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,<sup>5</sup> Gera, Shephuphan, and Hiram.<sup>6</sup> These are the sons of Ehud. These are the heads of fathers' households of the inhabitants of Geba, who were carried captive to Manahath:<sup>7</sup> Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera, who carried them captive; and he became the father of Uzza and Ahihud.

<sup>8</sup> Shaharaim became the father of children in the field of Moab, after he had sent them away. Hushim and Baara

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†7:23 "Beriah" is similar to the Hebrew word for "misfortune".



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were his wives.<sup>9</sup> By Hodesh his wife, he became the father of Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam,<sup>10</sup> Jeuz, Shachia, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of fathers' households.<sup>11</sup> By Hushim, he became the father of Abitub and Elpaal.<sup>12</sup> The sons of Elpaal: Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod, with its towns;<sup>13</sup> and Beriah and Shema, who were heads of fathers' households of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath;<sup>14</sup> and Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth,<sup>15</sup> Zebadiah, Arad, Eder,<sup>16</sup> Michael, Ishpah, Joha, the sons of Beriah,<sup>17</sup> Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,<sup>18</sup> Ishmerai, Izliah, Jobab, the sons of Elpaal,<sup>19</sup> Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,<sup>20</sup> Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,<sup>21</sup> Adaiiah, Beraiah, Shimrath, the sons of Shimei,<sup>22</sup> Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,<sup>23</sup> Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,<sup>24</sup> Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah,<sup>25</sup> Iphdeiah, Penuel, the sons of Shashak,<sup>26</sup> Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah,<sup>27</sup> Jaareshiah, Elijah, Zichri, and the sons of Jeroham.<sup>28</sup> These were heads of fathers' households throughout their generations, chief men. These lived in Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> The father of Gibeon, whose wife's name was Maacah, lived in Gibeon<sup>30</sup> with his firstborn son Abdon, Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,<sup>31</sup> Gedor, Ahio, Zecher,<sup>32</sup> and Mikloth, who became the father of Shimeah. They also lived with their families in Jerusalem, near their relatives.<sup>33</sup> Ner became the father of Kish. Kish became the father of Saul. Saul became the father of Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal.<sup>34</sup> The son of Jonathan was Merib-baal. Merib-baal became the father of Micah.<sup>35</sup> The sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz.<sup>36</sup> Ahaz became the father of Jehoaddah. Jehoaddah became the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri. Zimri became the father of Moza.<sup>37</sup> Moza became the father of Binea. Raphah was his son, Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.<sup>38</sup> Azel had six sons, whose names are these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel.<sup>39</sup> The sons of Eshek his brother: Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third.<sup>40</sup> The sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons, and grandsons, one hundred fifty. All these were of the sons of Benjamin.

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<sup>1</sup> So all Israel were listed by genealogies; and behold,<sup>†</sup> they are written in the book of the kings of Israel. Judah was carried away captive to Babylon for their disobedience.<sup>2</sup> Now the first inhabitants who

†9:1 "Behold", from "הִנֵּה", means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.





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trust. <sup>23</sup>So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of Yahweh's house, even the house of the tent, as guards. <sup>24</sup>On the four sides were the gatekeepers, toward the east, west, north, and south. <sup>25</sup>Their brothers, in their villages, were to come in every seven days from time to time to be with them, <sup>26</sup>for the four chief gatekeepers, who were Levites, were in an office of trust, and were over the rooms and over the treasuries in God's house. <sup>27</sup>They stayed around God's house, because that was their duty; and it was their duty to open it morning by morning.

<sup>28</sup>Certain of them were in charge of the vessels of service, for these were brought in by count, and these were taken out by count. <sup>29</sup>Some of them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all the vessels of the sanctuary, over the fine flour, the wine, the oil, the frankincense, and the spices.

<sup>30</sup>Some of the sons of the priests prepared the mixing of the spices. <sup>31</sup>Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the office of trust over the things that were baked in pans. <sup>32</sup>Some of their brothers, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the show bread, to prepare it every Sabbath.

<sup>33</sup>These are the singers, heads of fathers' households of the Levites, who lived in the rooms and were free from other service, for they were employed in their work day and night. <sup>34</sup>These were heads of fathers' households of the Levites, throughout their generations, chief men. They lived at Jerusalem.

<sup>35</sup>Jeiel the father of Gibeon, whose wife's name was Maacah, lived in Gibeon. <sup>36</sup>His firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab, <sup>37</sup>Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth. <sup>38</sup>Mikloth became the father of Shimeam. They also lived with their relatives in Jerusalem, near their relatives. <sup>39</sup>Ner became the father of Kish. Kish became the father of Saul. Saul became the father of Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal. <sup>40</sup>The son of Jonathan was Merib-baal. Merib-baal became the father of Micah. <sup>41</sup>The sons of Micah: Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, and Ahaz. <sup>42</sup>Ahaz became the father of Jarah. Jarah became the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri. Zimri became the father of Moza. <sup>43</sup>Moza became the father of Binea, Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, and Azel his son. <sup>44</sup>Azel had six sons, whose names are Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. These were the sons of Azel.

<sup>1</sup>Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain on Mount Gilboa. <sup>2</sup>The Philistines followed hard after Saul and after his sons; and the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul. <sup>3</sup>The battle went hard against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was distressed by reason of the archers. <sup>4</sup>Then Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me."

But his armor bearer would not, for he was terrified. Therefore Saul took his sword and fell on it. <sup>5</sup>When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword and died. <sup>6</sup>So Saul died with his three sons; and all his house died together. <sup>7</sup>When all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and lived in them.

<sup>8</sup>On the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. <sup>9</sup>They stripped him and took his head and his armor, then sent into the land of the Philistines all around to carry the news to their idols and to the people. <sup>10</sup>They put his armor in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the house of Dagon. <sup>11</sup>When all Jabesh Gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, <sup>12</sup>all the valiant men arose and took away the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

<sup>13</sup>So Saul died for his trespass which he committed against Yahweh, because of Yahweh's word, which he didn't keep, and also because he asked counsel of one who had a familiar spirit, to inquire, <sup>14</sup>and didn't inquire of Yahweh. Therefore he killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.

## 11

<sup>1</sup>Then all Israel gathered themselves to David to Hebron, saying, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. <sup>2</sup>In times past, even when Saul was king, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. Yahweh your God said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over my people Israel.' "

<sup>3</sup>So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in

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Hebron before Yahweh. They anointed David king over Israel, according to Yahweh's word by Samuel.

<sup>4</sup>David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (also called Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there. <sup>5</sup>The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You will not come in here!" Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion. The same is David's city. <sup>6</sup>David had said, "Whoever strikes the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain." Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and was made chief. <sup>7</sup>David lived in the stronghold; therefore they called it David's city. <sup>8</sup>He built the city all around, from Millo even around; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. <sup>9</sup>David grew greater and greater, for Yahweh of Armies was with him.

<sup>10</sup>Now these are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who showed themselves strong with him in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to Yahweh's word concerning Israel.

<sup>11</sup>This is the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam, the son of a Hachmonite, the chief of the thirty; he lifted up his spear against three hundred and killed them at one time. <sup>12</sup>After him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighty men. <sup>13</sup>He was with David at Pasdammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where there was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. <sup>14</sup>They stood in the middle of the plot, defended it, and killed the Philistines; and Yahweh saved them by a great victory.

<sup>15</sup>Three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the army of the Philistines were encamped in the valley of Rephaim. <sup>16</sup>David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was in Bethlehem at that time. <sup>17</sup>David longed, and said, "Oh, that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

<sup>18</sup>The three broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, took it, and brought it to David; but David would not drink any of it, but poured it out to Yahweh, <sup>19</sup>and said, "My God forbid me, that I should do this! Shall I drink the blood of these men who have put their lives in jeopardy?" For

they risked their lives to bring it. Therefore he would not drink it. The three mighty men did these things.

<sup>20</sup> Abishai, the brother of Joab, was chief of the three; for he lifted up his spear against three hundred and killed them, and had a name among the three. <sup>21</sup> Of the three, he was more honorable than the two, and was made their captain; however he wasn't included in the three.

<sup>22</sup> Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in the middle of a pit on a snowy day. <sup>23</sup> He killed an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits<sup>†</sup> high. In the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear. <sup>24</sup> Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did these things and had a name among the three mighty men. <sup>25</sup> Behold, he was more honorable than the thirty, but he didn't attain to the three; and David set him over his guard.

<sup>26</sup> The mighty men of the armies also include Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, <sup>27</sup> Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite, <sup>28</sup> Ira the son of Ikkesheh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite, <sup>29</sup> Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, <sup>30</sup> Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, <sup>31</sup> Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, <sup>32</sup> Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite, <sup>33</sup> Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, <sup>34</sup> the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shagee the Hararite, <sup>35</sup> Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphai the son of Ur, <sup>36</sup> Hephher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, <sup>37</sup> Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai, <sup>38</sup> Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri, <sup>39</sup> Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite (the armor bearer of Joab the son of Zeruah), <sup>40</sup> Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, <sup>41</sup> Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai, <sup>42</sup> Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite (a chief of the Reubenites), and thirty with him, <sup>43</sup> Hanan the son of Maacah, Joshaphat the Mithnite, <sup>44</sup> Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite, <sup>45</sup> Jedaiel the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, <sup>46</sup> Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmael the Moabite, <sup>47</sup> Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

## 12

<sup>1</sup> Now these are those who came to David to Ziklag while he was a fugitive from Saul the son of Kish. They

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<sup>†</sup>11:23 A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters. Therefore this Egyptian was about 7 feet and 6 inches or 2.28 meters tall.

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were among the mighty men, his helpers in war. <sup>2</sup> They 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 of Saul's relatives of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>3</sup> The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; Jeziel and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; Beracah; Jehu the Anathothite; <sup>4</sup> Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty and a leader of the thirty; Jeremiah; Jahaziel; Johanan; Jozabad the Gederathite; <sup>5</sup> Eluzai; Jerimoth; Bealiah; Shemariah; Shephatiah the Haruphite; <sup>6</sup> Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites; <sup>7</sup> and Joelah and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

<sup>8</sup> Some Gadites joined David in the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for war, who could handle shield and spear; whose faces were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as the gazelles on the mountains: <sup>9</sup> Ezer the chief, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, <sup>10</sup> Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, <sup>11</sup> Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, <sup>12</sup> Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, <sup>13</sup> Jeremiah the tenth, and Machbannai the eleventh. <sup>14</sup> These of the sons of Gad were captains of the army. He who was least was equal to one hundred, and the greatest to one thousand. <sup>15</sup> These are those who went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all who lived in the valleys, both toward the east and toward the west.

<sup>16</sup> Some of the children of Benjamin and Judah came to the stronghold to David. <sup>17</sup> David went out to meet them, and answered them, "If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart will be united with you; but if you have come to betray me to my adversaries, since there is no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers see this and rebuke it." <sup>18</sup> Then the Spirit came on Amasai, who was chief of the thirty, and he said, "We are yours, David, and on your side, you son of Jesse. Peace, peace be to you, and peace be to your helpers; for your God helps you." Then David received them and made them captains of the band.

<sup>19</sup> Some of Manasseh also joined David when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle, but they didn't help them, for the lords of the Philistines sent him away after consultation, saying, "He will desert to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads."







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donkeys, on camels, on mules, and on oxen: supplies of flour, cakes of figs, clusters of raisins, wine, oil, cattle, and sheep in abundance; for there was joy in Israel.

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<sup>1</sup>David consulted with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, even with every leader. <sup>2</sup>David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is of Yahweh our God, let's send word everywhere to our brothers who are left in all the land of Israel, with whom the priests and Levites are in their cities that have pasture lands, that they may gather themselves to us. <sup>3</sup>Also, let's bring the ark of our God back to us again, for we didn't seek it in the days of Saul."

<sup>4</sup>All the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. <sup>5</sup>So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor River of Egypt even to the entrance of Hamath, to bring God's ark from Kiriath Jearim.

<sup>6</sup>David went up with all Israel to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath Jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from there God Yahweh's ark that sits above the cherubim, that is called by the Name. <sup>7</sup>They carried God's ark on a new cart, and brought it out of Abinadab's house; and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. <sup>8</sup>David and all Israel played before God with all their might, even with songs, with harps, with stringed instruments, with tambourines, with cymbals, and with trumpets.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to Chidon's threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled. <sup>10</sup>Yahweh's anger burned against Uzza, and he struck him because he put his hand on the ark; and he died there before God. <sup>11</sup>David was displeased, because Yahweh had broken out against Uzza. He called that place Perez Uzza, to this day. <sup>12</sup>David was afraid of God that day, saying, "How can I bring God's ark home to me?" <sup>13</sup>So David didn't move the ark with him into David's city, but carried it aside into Obed-Edom the Gittite's house. <sup>14</sup>God's ark remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house three months; and Yahweh blessed Obed-Edom's house and all that he had.

## 14

<sup>1</sup>Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David with cedar trees, masons, and carpenters, to build him

a house.<sup>2</sup> David perceived that Yahweh had established him king over Israel, for his kingdom was highly exalted, for his people Israel's sake.

<sup>3</sup> David took more wives in Jerusalem, and David became the father of more sons and daughters. <sup>4</sup> These are the names of the children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, <sup>5</sup> Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet, <sup>6</sup> Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, <sup>7</sup> Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

<sup>8</sup> When the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went out against them. <sup>9</sup> Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the valley of Rephaim. <sup>10</sup> David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand?"

Yahweh said to him, "Go up; for I will deliver them into your hand."

<sup>11</sup> So they came up to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there. David said, God has broken my enemies by my hand, like waters breaking out. Therefore they called the name of that place Baal Perazim.<sup>†</sup> <sup>12</sup> They left their gods there; and David gave a command, and they were burned with fire.

<sup>13</sup> The Philistines made another raid in the valley. <sup>14</sup> David inquired again of God; and God said to him, "You shall not go up after them. Turn away from them, and come on them opposite the mulberry trees. <sup>15</sup> When you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then go out to battle; for God has gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."

<sup>16</sup> David did as God commanded him; and they attacked the army of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer. <sup>17</sup> The fame of David went out into all lands; and Yahweh brought the fear of him on all nations.

## 15

<sup>1</sup> David made himself houses in David's city; and he prepared a place for God's ark, and pitched a tent for it. <sup>2</sup> Then David said, "No one ought to carry God's ark but the Levites. For Yahweh has chosen them to carry God's ark, and to minister to him forever."

<sup>3</sup> David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up Yahweh's ark to its place, which he had prepared for it. <sup>4</sup> David gathered together the sons of Aaron and the Levites: <sup>5</sup> of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and his

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<sup>†</sup>14:11 "Baal Perazim" means "The Lord who breaks out".

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brothers one hundred twenty;<sup>6</sup> of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred twenty;<sup>7</sup> of the sons of Gershom, Joel the chief, and his brothers one hundred thirty;<sup>8</sup> of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred;<sup>9</sup> of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and his brothers eighty;<sup>10</sup> of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and his brothers one hundred twelve.

<sup>11</sup> David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites: for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab,<sup>12</sup> and said to them, “You are the heads of the fathers’ households of the Levites. Sanctify yourselves, both you and your brothers, that you may bring the ark of Yahweh, the God of Israel, up to the place that I have prepared for it. <sup>13</sup>For because you didn’t carry it at first, Yahweh our God broke out in anger against us, because we didn’t seek him according to the ordinance.”

<sup>14</sup> So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of Yahweh, the God of Israel. <sup>15</sup> The children of the Levites bore God’s ark on their shoulders with its poles, as Moses commanded according to Yahweh’s word.

<sup>16</sup> David spoke to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brothers as singers with instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up their voices with joy. <sup>17</sup> So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;<sup>18</sup> and with them their brothers of the second rank: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the doorkeepers. <sup>19</sup> So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were given cymbals of bronze to sound aloud;<sup>20</sup> and Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with stringed instruments set to Alamothe;<sup>21</sup> and Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps tuned to the eight-stringed lyre, to lead. <sup>22</sup> Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was over the singing. He taught the singers, because he was skillful. <sup>23</sup> Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark. <sup>24</sup> Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, blew the trumpets before God’s ark; and Obed-Edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.



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<sup>13</sup> you offspring<sup>†</sup> of Israel his servant,  
you children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

<sup>14</sup> He is Yahweh our God.  
His judgments are in all the earth.

<sup>15</sup> Remember his covenant forever,  
the word which he commanded to a thousand  
generations,

<sup>16</sup> the covenant which he made with Abraham,  
his oath to Isaac.

<sup>17</sup> He confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,  
and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,  
<sup>18</sup> saying, "I will give you the land of Canaan,  
The lot of your inheritance,"

<sup>19</sup> when you were but a few men in number,  
yes, very few, and foreigners in it.

<sup>20</sup> They went about from nation to nation,  
from one kingdom to another people.

<sup>21</sup> He allowed no man to do them wrong.  
Yes, he reproved kings for their sakes,

<sup>22</sup> "Don't touch my anointed ones!  
Do my prophets no harm!"

<sup>23</sup> Sing to Yahweh, all the earth!  
Display his salvation from day to day.

<sup>24</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
and his marvelous works among all the peoples.

<sup>25</sup> For great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised.  
He also is to be feared above all gods.

<sup>26</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
but Yahweh made the heavens.

<sup>27</sup> Honor and majesty are before him.  
Strength and gladness are in his place.

<sup>28</sup> Ascribe to Yahweh, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength!

<sup>29</sup> Ascribe to Yahweh the glory due to his name.  
Bring an offering, and come before him.  
Worship Yahweh in holy array.

<sup>30</sup> Tremble before him, all the earth.  
The world also is established that it can't be moved.

<sup>31</sup> Let the heavens be glad,  
and let the earth rejoice!  
Let them say among the nations, "Yahweh reigns!"

<sup>32</sup> Let the sea roar, and its fullness!  
Let the field exult, and all that is in it!

<sup>33</sup> Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before  
Yahweh,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>34</sup> Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good,  
for his loving kindness endures forever.

<sup>35</sup>Say, "Save us, God of our salvation!  
Gather us together and deliver us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
to triumph in your praise."

<sup>36</sup>Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting even to everlasting.

All the people said, "Amen," and praised Yahweh.

<sup>37</sup>So he left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of Yahweh's covenant, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required; <sup>38</sup>and Obed-Edom with their sixty-eight relatives; Obed-Edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be doorkeepers; <sup>39</sup>and Zadok the priest and his brothers the priests, before Yahweh's tabernacle in the high place that was at Gibeon, <sup>40</sup>to offer burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar of burnt offering continually morning and evening, even according to all that is written in Yahweh's law, which he commanded to Israel; <sup>41</sup>and with them Heman and Jeduthun and the rest who were chosen, who were mentioned by name, to give thanks to Yahweh, because his loving kindness endures forever; <sup>42</sup>and with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should sound aloud, and with instruments for the songs of God, and the sons of Jeduthun to be at the gate. <sup>43</sup>All the people departed, each man to his house; and David returned to bless his house.

## 17

<sup>1</sup>When David was living in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I live in a cedar house, but the ark of Yahweh's covenant is in a tent."

<sup>2</sup>Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you."

<sup>3</sup>That same night, the word of God came to Nathan, saying, <sup>4</sup>"Go and tell David my servant, 'Yahweh says, "You shall not build me a house to dwell in; <sup>5</sup>for I have not lived in a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tent to another. <sup>6</sup>In all places in which I have walked with all Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' " " "

<sup>7</sup>"Now therefore, you shall tell my servant David, 'Yahweh of Armies says, "I took you from the sheep pen, from following the sheep, to be prince over my people Israel. <sup>8</sup>I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you. I will make you a name like the name of the great ones who are

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Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief officials serving the king.

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<sup>1</sup>After this, Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his place. <sup>2</sup>David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me."

So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun to comfort him. <sup>3</sup>But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think that David honors your father, in that he has sent comforters to you? Haven't his servants come to you to search, to overthrow, and to spy out the land?" <sup>4</sup>So Hanun took David's servants, shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle at their buttocks, and sent them away. <sup>5</sup>Then some people went and told David how the men were treated. He sent to meet them; for the men were greatly humiliated. The king said, "Stay at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return."

<sup>6</sup>When the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent one thousand talents<sup>†</sup> of silver to hire chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, out of Aram-maacah, and out of Zobah. <sup>7</sup>So they hired for themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of Maacah with his people, who came and encamped near Medeba. The children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle. <sup>8</sup>When David heard of it, he sent Joab with all the army of the mighty men. <sup>9</sup>The children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the gate of the city; and the kings who had come were by themselves in the field.

<sup>10</sup>Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose some of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians. <sup>11</sup>The rest of the people he committed into the hand of Abishai his brother; and they put themselves in array against the children of Ammon. <sup>12</sup>He said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you are to help me; but if the children of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you. <sup>13</sup>Be courageous, and let's be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. May Yahweh do that which seems good to him."

†19:6 A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds, so 1000 talents is about 30 metric tons

<sup>14</sup> So Joab and the people who were with him came near to the front of the Syrians to the battle; and they fled before him. <sup>15</sup> When the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians had fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

<sup>16</sup> When the Syrians saw that they were defeated by Israel, they sent messengers and called out the Syrians who were beyond the River,<sup>†</sup> with Shophach the captain of the army of Hadadezer leading them. <sup>17</sup> David was told that, so he gathered all Israel together, passed over the Jordan, came to them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. <sup>18</sup> The Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed of the Syrian men seven thousand charioteers and forty thousand footmen, and also killed Shophach the captain of the army. <sup>19</sup> When the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and served him. The Syrians would not help the children of Ammon any more.

## 20

<sup>1</sup> At the time of the return of the year, at the time when kings go out, Joab led out the army and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. Joab struck Rabbah, and overthrew it. <sup>2</sup> David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold,<sup>†</sup> and there were precious stones in it. It was set on David's head, and he brought very much plunder out of the city. <sup>3</sup> He brought out the people who were in it, and had them cut with saws, with iron picks, and with axes. David did so to all the cities of the children of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> After this, war arose at Gezer with the Philistines. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite killed Sippai, of the sons of the giant; and they were subdued.

<sup>5</sup> Again there was war with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. <sup>6</sup> There was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had twenty-four fingers and toes, six on each hand and six on each foot; and he also was born to the giant. <sup>7</sup> When he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him. <sup>8</sup> These were born to the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

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<sup>†</sup>19:16 or, the Euphrates River

<sup>†</sup>20:2 A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds or 965 Troy ounces

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<sup>1</sup> Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to take a census of Israel. <sup>2</sup> David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, "Go, count Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know how many there are."

<sup>3</sup> Joab said, "May Yahweh make his people a hundred times as many as they are. But, my lord the king, aren't they all my lord's servants? Why does my lord require this thing? Why will he be a cause of guilt to Israel?"

<sup>4</sup> Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed and went throughout all Israel, then came to Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup> Joab gave the sum of the census of the people to David. All those of Israel were one million one hundred thousand men who drew a sword; and in Judah were four hundred seventy thousand men who drew a sword. <sup>6</sup> But he didn't count Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

<sup>7</sup> God was displeased with this thing; therefore he struck Israel. <sup>8</sup> David said to God, "I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing. But now put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly."

<sup>9</sup> Yahweh spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, <sup>10</sup> "Go and speak to David, saying, 'Yahweh says, "I offer you three things. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you." ' ' "

<sup>11</sup> So Gad came to David and said to him, "Yahweh says, 'Take your choice: <sup>12</sup> either three years of famine; or three months to be consumed before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or else three days of the sword of Yahweh, even pestilence in the land, and Yahweh's angel destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now therefore consider what answer I shall return to him who sent me.' "

<sup>13</sup> David said to Gad, "I am in distress. Let me fall, I pray, into Yahweh's hand, for his mercies are very great. Don't let me fall into man's hand."

<sup>14</sup> So Yahweh sent a pestilence on Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell. <sup>15</sup> God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was about to destroy, Yahweh saw, and he relented of the disaster, and said to the destroying angel, "It is enough. Now withdraw your hand." Yahweh's angel was standing



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tabernacle, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon.<sup>30</sup> But David couldn't go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid because of the sword of Yahweh's angel.

## 22

<sup>1</sup> Then David said, "This is the house of Yahweh God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

<sup>2</sup> David gave orders to gather together the foreigners who were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to cut dressed stones to build God's house.<sup>3</sup> David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates and for the couplings, and bronze in abundance without weight,<sup>4</sup> and cedar trees without number, for the Sidonians and the people of Tyre brought cedar trees in abundance to David.<sup>5</sup> David said, "Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be built for Yahweh must be exceedingly magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries. I will therefore make preparation for it." So David prepared abundantly before his death.<sup>6</sup> Then he called for Solomon his son, and commanded him to build a house for Yahweh, the God of Israel.<sup>7</sup> David said to Solomon his son, "As for me, it was in my heart to build a house to the name of Yahweh my God.<sup>8</sup> But Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 'You have shed blood abundantly and have made great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight.<sup>9</sup> Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of peace. I will give him rest from all his enemies all around; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.<sup>10</sup> He shall build a house for my name; and he will be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'<sup>11</sup> Now, my son, may Yahweh be with you and prosper you, and build the house of Yahweh your God, as he has spoken concerning you.<sup>12</sup> May Yahweh give you discretion and understanding, and put you in charge of Israel, so that you may keep the law of Yahweh your God.<sup>13</sup> Then you will prosper, if you observe to do the statutes and the ordinances which Yahweh gave Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid and don't be dismayed.<sup>14</sup> Now, behold, in my affliction I have prepared for Yahweh's house one hundred thousand talents<sup>†</sup> of gold, one million talents<sup>‡</sup> of silver, and bronze and iron without weight; for it is in abundance.

<sup>†</sup>22:14 A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds or 965 Troy ounces, so 100,000 talents is about 3 metric tons  
<sup>‡</sup>22:14 about 30,000 metric tons







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Gershom and Eliezer. <sup>16</sup>The sons of Gershom: Shebuel the chief. <sup>17</sup>The son of Eliezer was Rehabiah the chief; and Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. <sup>18</sup>The son of Izhar: Shelomith the chief. <sup>19</sup>The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. <sup>20</sup>The sons of Uzziel: Micah the chief, and Isshiah the second.

<sup>21</sup>The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish. <sup>22</sup>Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters only; and their relatives, the sons of Kish, took them as wives. <sup>23</sup>The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

<sup>24</sup>These were the sons of Levi after their fathers' houses, even the heads of the fathers' houses of those who were counted individually, in the number of names by their polls, who did the work for the service of Yahweh's house, from twenty years old and upward. <sup>25</sup>For David said, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, has given rest to his people; and he dwells in Jerusalem forever. <sup>26</sup>Also the Levites will no longer need to carry the tabernacle and all its vessels for its service." <sup>27</sup>For by the last words of David the sons of Levi were counted, from twenty years old and upward. <sup>28</sup>For their duty was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of Yahweh's house—in the courts, in the rooms, and in the purifying of all holy things, even the work of the service of God's house; <sup>29</sup>for the show bread also, and for the fine flour for a meal offering, whether of unleavened wafers, or of that which is baked in the pan, or of that which is soaked, and for all measurements of quantity and size; <sup>30</sup>and to stand every morning to thank and praise Yahweh, and likewise in the evening; <sup>31</sup>and to offer all burnt offerings to Yahweh on the Sabbaths, on the new moons, and on the set feasts, in number according to the ordinance concerning them, continually before Yahweh; <sup>32</sup>and that they should keep the duty of the Tent of Meeting, the duty of the holy place, and the duty of the sons of Aaron their brothers for the service of Yahweh's house.

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<sup>1</sup>These were the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. <sup>2</sup>But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children; therefore Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests. <sup>3</sup>David, with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar,



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<sup>1</sup>Moreover, David and the captains of the army set apart for the service certain of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who were to prophesy with harps, with stringed instruments, and with cymbals. The number of those who did the work according to their service was: <sup>2</sup>of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah. The sons of Asaph were under the hand of Asaph, who prophesied at the order of the king. <sup>3</sup>Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiiah, Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied in giving thanks and praising Yahweh with the harp. <sup>4</sup>Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth. <sup>5</sup>All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. <sup>6</sup>All these were under the hands of their father for song in Yahweh's house, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of God's house: Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman being under the order of the king. <sup>7</sup>The number of them, with their brothers who were instructed in singing to Yahweh, even all who were skillful, was two hundred eighty-eight. <sup>8</sup>They cast lots for their offices, all alike, the small as well as the great, the teacher as well as the student.

<sup>9</sup>Now the first lot came out for Asaph to Joseph; the second to Gedaliah, he and his brothers and sons were twelve; <sup>10</sup>the third to Zaccur, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>11</sup>the fourth to Izri, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>12</sup>the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>13</sup>the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>14</sup>the seventh to Jesharelah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>15</sup>the eighth to Jeshaiiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>16</sup>the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>17</sup>the tenth to Shimei, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>18</sup>the eleventh to Azarel, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>19</sup>the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>20</sup>for the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>21</sup>for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>22</sup>for the fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>23</sup>for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>24</sup>for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brothers, twelve; <sup>25</sup>for

the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brothers, twelve;<sup>26</sup> for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brothers, twelve;<sup>27</sup> for the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;<sup>28</sup> for the twenty-first to Hothir, his sons and his brothers, twelve;<sup>29</sup> for the twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, twelve;<sup>30</sup> for the twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and his brothers, twelve;<sup>31</sup> for the twenty-fourth to Romanti-Ezer, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

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<sup>1</sup>For the divisions of the doorkeepers: of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. <sup>2</sup>Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, <sup>3</sup>Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, and Eliehoenai the seventh. <sup>4</sup>Obed-Edom had sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth, <sup>5</sup>Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, and Peullethai the eighth; for God blessed him. <sup>6</sup>Sons were also born to Shemaiah his son, who ruled over the house of their father; for they were mighty men of valor. <sup>7</sup>The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose relatives were valiant men, Elihu, and Semachiah. <sup>8</sup>All these were of the sons of Obed-Edom with their sons and their brothers, able men in strength for the service: sixty-two of Obed-Edom. <sup>9</sup>Meshelemiah had sons and brothers, eighteen valiant men. <sup>10</sup>Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons: Shimri the chief (for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him chief), <sup>11</sup>Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, and Zechariah the fourth. All the sons and brothers of Hosah were thirteen.

<sup>12</sup>Of these were the divisions of the doorkeepers, even of the chief men, having offices like their brothers, to minister in Yahweh's house. <sup>13</sup>They cast lots, the small as well as the great, according to their fathers' houses, for every gate. <sup>14</sup>The lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counselor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. <sup>15</sup>To Obed-Edom southward; and to his sons the storehouse. <sup>16</sup>To Shuppim and Hosah westward, by the gate of Shallecheth, at the causeway that goes up, watchman opposite watchman. <sup>17</sup>Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and for the storehouse two and two. <sup>18</sup>For Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar. <sup>19</sup>These were the divisions of the doorkeepers; of the sons of the Korahites, and of the sons of Merari.

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<sup>20</sup> Of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of God's house and over the treasures of the dedicated things. <sup>21</sup> The sons of Ladan, the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, the heads of the fathers' households belonging to Ladan the Gershonite: Jehieli. <sup>22</sup> The sons of Jehieli: Zetham, and Joel his brother, over the treasures of Yahweh's house. <sup>23</sup> Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the Uzzielites: <sup>24</sup> Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler over the treasuries. <sup>25</sup> His brothers: of Eliezer, Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son. <sup>26</sup> This Shelomoth and his brothers were over all the treasuries of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the heads of the fathers' households, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the army, had dedicated. <sup>27</sup> They dedicated some of the plunder won in battles to repair Yahweh's house. <sup>28</sup> All that Samuel the seer, Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruah had dedicated, whoever had dedicated anything, it was under the hand of Shelomoth and of his brothers.

<sup>29</sup> Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were appointed to the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. <sup>30</sup> Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brothers, one thousand seven hundred men of valor, had the oversight of Israel beyond the Jordan westward, for all the business of Yahweh and for the service of the king. <sup>31</sup> Of the Hebronites, Jerijah was the chief of the Hebronites, according to their generations by fathers' households. They were sought for in the fortieth year of the reign of David, and mighty men of valor were found among them at Jazer of Gilead. <sup>32</sup> His relatives, men of valor, were two thousand seven hundred, heads of fathers' households, whom King David made overseers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites, for every matter pertaining to God and for the affairs of the king.

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<sup>1</sup> Now the children of Israel after their number, the heads of fathers' households and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and their officers who served the king in any matter of the divisions which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year—of every division were twenty-four thousand.





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but didn't finish; and wrath came on Israel for this. The number wasn't put into the account in the chronicles of King David.

<sup>25</sup> Over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel. Over the treasures in the fields, in the cities, in the villages, and in the towers was Jonathan the son of Uzziah; <sup>26</sup> Over those who did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub. <sup>27</sup> Over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite. Over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite. <sup>28</sup> Over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the lowland was Baal Hanan the Gederite. Over the cellars of oil was Joash. <sup>29</sup> Over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite. Over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai. <sup>30</sup> Over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite. Over the donkeys was Jehdeiah the Meronothite. Over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite. <sup>31</sup> All these were the rulers of the property which was King David's.

<sup>32</sup> Also Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a man of understanding, and a scribe. Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons. <sup>33</sup> Ahithophel was the king's counselor. Hushai the Archite was the king's friend. <sup>34</sup> After Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar. Joab was the captain of the king's army.

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<sup>1</sup> David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, the captains of the companies who served the king by division, the captains of thousands, the captains of hundreds, and the rulers over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officers and the mighty men, even all the mighty men of valor, to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Then David the king stood up on his feet and said, "Hear me, my brothers and my people! As for me, it was in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of Yahweh's covenant, and for the footstool of our God; and I had prepared for the building. <sup>3</sup> But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for my name, because you are a man of war and have shed blood.' <sup>4</sup> However Yahweh, the God of Israel, chose me out of all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever. For he has chosen Judah to be prince; and in the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel. <sup>5</sup> Of all my sons (for Yahweh has given me







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

<sup>26</sup> Now David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. <sup>27</sup> The time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem. <sup>28</sup> He died at a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place. <sup>29</sup> Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the history of Samuel the seer, and in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the history of Gad the seer, <sup>30</sup> with all his reign and his might, and the events that involved him, Israel, and all the kingdoms of the lands.

