

First Chronicles

¹ Adam, Seth, Enosh, ² Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered, ³ Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, ⁴ Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ⁵ Sons of Japheth: Gomer and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. ⁶ And sons of Gomer: Ashchenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. ⁷ And sons of Javan: Elisha, and Tarshishah, Kittim, and Dodanim. ⁸ Sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. ⁹ And sons of Cush: Seba and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecka. And sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. ¹⁰ And Cush begot Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the land. ¹¹ And Mizraim begot the Ludim, and the Anamim, and the Lehabim, and the Naphtuhim, ¹² and the Pathrusim, and the Casluhim (from whom the Philistim came out), and the Caphtorim. ¹³ And Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth, ¹⁴ and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, ¹⁵ and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, ¹⁶ and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. ¹⁷ Sons of Shem: Elam and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. ¹⁸ And Arphaxad begot Shelah, and Shelah begot Eber. ¹⁹ And two sons have been born to Eber, the name of the first [is] Peleg, for in his days the earth has been divided, and the name of his brother is Joktan. ²⁰ And Joktan begot Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, ²¹ and

Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, ²² and Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba, ²³ and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab; all these [are] sons of Joktan. ²⁴ Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah, ²⁵ Eber, Peleg, Reu, ²⁶ Serug, Nahor, Terah, ²⁷ Abram—he [is] Abraham. ²⁸ Sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael. ²⁹ These [are] their generations: [the] firstborn of Ishmael [was] Nebaioth, then Kedar, and Adheel, and Mibsam, ³⁰ Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema, ³¹ Jetur, Naphish, and Kedema. These are sons of Ishmael. ³² And sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bore Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan. ³³ And sons of Midian: Ephah and Epher, and Enoch, and Abida, and Eldaah; all these [are] sons of Keturah. ³⁴ And Abraham begets Isaac. Sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel. ³⁵ Sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah. ³⁶ Sons of Eliphaz: Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek. ³⁷ Sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. ³⁸ And sons of Seir: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezar, and Dishan. ³⁹ And sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam, and sister of Lotan [is] Timna. ⁴⁰ Sons of Shobal: Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And sons of Zideon: Aiah and Anah. ⁴¹ The sons of Anah: Dishon. And sons of Dishon: Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. ⁴² Sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zavan, Jakan. Sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran. ⁴³ And these [are] the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before the reigning of a king of the

sons of Israel: Bela son of Beor, and the name of his city [is] Dinhabah. ⁴⁴ And Bela dies, and Jobab son of Zerah from Bozrali reigns in his stead; ⁴⁵ and Jobab dies, and Husham from the land of the Temanite reigns in his stead; ⁴⁶ and Husham dies, and Hadad son of Bedad reigns in his stead (who strikes Midian in the field of Moab) and the name of his city [is] Avith; ⁴⁷ and Hadad dies, and Samlah from Masrekah reigns in his stead; ⁴⁸ and Samlah dies, and Shaul from Rehoboth of the River reigns in his stead; ⁴⁹ and Shaul dies, and Ba'al-Hanan son of Achbor reigns in his stead; ⁵⁰ and Ba'al-Hanan dies, and Hadad reigns in his stead, and the name of his city [is] Pai, and the name of his wife [is] Mehetabel daughter of Matred, daughter of Me-Zahab; Hadad also dies. ⁵¹ And chiefs of Edom are: Chief Timnah, Chief Aliah, Chief Jetheth, ⁵² Chief Aholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon, ⁵³ Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar, ⁵⁴ Chief Magdiel, Chief Iram. These [are] chiefs of Edom.

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¹ These [are] sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, ² Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. ³ Sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, three have been born to him of a daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, firstborn of Judah, is evil in the eyes of YHWH, and He puts him to death. ⁴ And his daughter-in-law Tamar has borne Perez and Zerah to him. All the sons of Judah [are] five. ⁵ Sons of Perez: Hezron,

and Hamul. ⁶ And sons of Zerah: Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara; all of them five. ⁷ And sons of Carmi: Achar, troubler of Israel, who trespassed in the devoted thing. ⁸ And sons of Ethan: Azariah. ⁹ And sons of Hezron who were born to him: Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai. ¹⁰ And Ram begot Amminadab, and Amminadab begot Nahshon, prince of the sons of Judah; ¹¹ and Nahshon begot Salma, and Salma begot Boaz, ¹² and Boaz begot Obed, and Obed begot Jesse; ¹³ and Jesse begot his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third, ¹⁴ Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, ¹⁵ Ozem the sixth, David the seventh, ¹⁶ and their sisters Zeruah and Abigail. And sons of Zeruah: Abishai, and Joab, and Asah-El—three. ¹⁷ And Abigail has borne Amasa, and the father of Amasa [is] Jether the Ishmaelite. ¹⁸ And Caleb son of Hezron has begotten Azubah, Isshah, and Jerioth; and these [are] her sons: Jeshar, and Shobab, and Ardon. ¹⁹ And Azubah dies, and Caleb takes Ephrath to himself, and she bears Hur to him. ²⁰ And Hur begot Uri, and Uri begot Bezaleel. ²¹ And afterward Hezron has gone in to a daughter of Machir father of Gilead, and he has taken her, and he [is] a son of sixty years, and she bears Segub to him. ²² And Segub begot Jair, and he has twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead, ²³ and he takes Geshur and Aram, the small villages of Jair, from them, with Kenath and its small towns, sixty cities—all these [belonged to] the sons of Machir father of Gilead. ²⁴ And after the death

of Hezron in Caleb-Ephratah, then the wife of Hezron, Abijah, even bears to him Asshur, father of Tekoa. ²⁵ And sons of Jerahmeel, firstborn of Hezron, are: the firstborn Ram, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, Ahijah. ²⁶ And Jerahmeel has another wife, and her name [is] Atarah, she [is] mother of Onam. ²⁷ And sons of Ram, firstborn of Jerahmeel, are Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. ²⁸ And sons of Onam are Shammai and Jada. And sons of Shammai: Nadab and Abishur. ²⁹ And the name of the wife of Abishur [is] Abihail, and she bears Ahban and Molid to him. ³⁰ And sons of Nadab: Seled and Appaim; and Seled dies without sons. ³¹ And sons of Appaim: Ishi. And sons of Ishi: Sheshan. And sons of Sheshan: Ahlai. ³² And sons of Jada, brother of Shammai: Jether and Jonathan; and Jether dies without sons. ³³ And sons of Jonathan: Peleth and Zaza. These were sons of Jerahmeel. ³⁴ And Sheshan had no sons, but daughters, and Sheshan has a servant, an Egyptian, and his name [is] Jarha, ³⁵ and Sheshan gives his daughter to his servant Jarha for a wife, and she bears Attai to him; ³⁶ and Attai begot Nathan, and Nathan begot Zabad, ³⁷ and Zabad begot Ephlal, and Ephlal begot Obed, ³⁸ and Obed begot Jehu, ³⁹ and Jehu begot Azariah, and Azariah begot Helez, and Helez begot Eleasah, ⁴⁰ and Eleasah begot Sismai, and Sismai begot Shallum, ⁴¹ and Shallum begot Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begot Elishama. ⁴² And sons of Caleb brother of Jerahmeel: Mesha his firstborn, he [is] father of Ziph; and sons of Mareshah: Abi-Hebron. ⁴³ And sons of Hebron:

Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema. ⁴⁴ And Shema begot Raham father of Jorkoam, and Rekem begot Shammai. ⁴⁵ And a son of Shammai [is] Maon, and Maon [is] father of Beth-Zur. ⁴⁶ And Ephah concubine of Caleb bore Haran, and Moza, and Gazez; and Haran begot Gazez. ⁴⁷ And sons of Jahdai: Regem, and Jotham, and Geshem, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph. ⁴⁸ The concubine of Caleb, Maachah, bore Sheber and Tirhanah; ⁴⁹ and she bears Shaaph father of Madmannah, Sheva father of Machbenah, and father of Gibeaz; and a daughter of Caleb [is] Achsa. ⁵⁰ These were sons of Caleb son of Hur, firstborn of Ephrathah: Shobal father of Kirjath-Jearim, ⁵¹ Salma father of Beth-Lehem, Hareph father of Beth-Gader. ⁵² And there are sons to Shobal father of Kirjath-Jearim: Haroeh, half of the Menuhothite; ⁵³ and the families of Kirjath-Jearim: the Ithrite, and the Puhite, and the Shumathite, and the Mishraite. The Zorathite and the Eshtaolite went out from these. ⁵⁴ Sons of Salma: Beth-Lehem, and the Netophathite, Atroth, Beth-Joab, and half of the Menuhothite, the Zorite; ⁵⁵ and the families of the scribes, the inhabitants of Jabez: Tirathites, Shimeathites, Suchathites. They [are] the Kenites, those coming of Hammath father of the house of Rechab.

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¹ And these were sons of David, who were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; second Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess; ² the third Absalom, son of Maachah daughter of Talmai king of

Geshur; the fourth Adonijah, son of Haggith; ³ the fifth Shephatiah, of Abital; the sixth Ithream, of his wife Eglah. ⁴ Six have been borne to him in Hebron, and he reigns seven years and six months there, and he has reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ⁵ And these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon—four, of Bathsheba daughter of Ammiel. ⁶ Also I Bhar, and Elishama, and Eliphelet, ⁷ and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, ⁸ and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet—nine. ⁹ All [are] sons of David, apart from sons of the concubines, and their sister Tamar. ¹⁰ And the son of Solomon [is] Rehoboam, Abijah his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son, ¹¹ Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son, ¹² Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son, ¹³ Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, ¹⁴ Amon his son, Josiah his son. ¹⁵ And sons of Josiah: the first-born Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum. ¹⁶ And sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son. ¹⁷ And sons of Jeconiah: Assir; Salathiel his son; ¹⁸ also Malchiram and Pedaiah, and Shenazzar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. ¹⁹ And sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei. And sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam, and Hananiah, and their sister Shelomith, ²⁰ and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-Hesed—five. ²¹ And sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah, and Jesaiah, sons of Rephaiah, sons of Arnan, sons of Obadiah, sons of Shechaniah. ²² And sons

of Shechaniah: Shemaiah; and sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat—six. ²³ And sons of Neariah: Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam—three. ²⁴ And sons of Elioenai: Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Delaiah, and Anani—seven.

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¹ Sons of Judah: Perez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. ² And Reaiah son of Shobal begot Jahath, and Jahath begot Ahumai and Lahad; these [are] families of the Zorathite. ³ And these [are] of the father of Etam: Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister [is] Hazzelelponi; ⁴ and Penuel [is] father of Gedor, and Ezer father of Hushah. These [are] sons of Hur, firstborn of Ephratah, father of Beth-Lehem. ⁵ And to Ashhur father of Tekoa were two wives, Helah and Naarah; ⁶ and Naarah bears to him Ahuzzam, and Hephher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari: these [are] sons of Naarah. ⁷ And sons of Helah: Zereth, and Zohar, and Ethnan. ⁸ And Coz begot Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel son of Harum. ⁹ And Jabez is honored above his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, “Because I have brought forth with grief.” ¹⁰ And Jabez calls to the God of Israel, saying, “If blessing You bless me, then You have made my border great, and Your hand has been with me, and You have kept [me] from evil—not to grieve me”; and God brings in that which he asked. ¹¹ And Chelub brother of Shuah begot Mehir;

he [is] father of Eshton. ¹² And Eshton begot Beth-Rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah father of Ir-Nahash; these [are] men of Rechah. ¹³ And sons of Kenaz: Othniel and Seraiah; and sons of Othniel: Hathath. ¹⁴ And Meonothai begot Ophrah, and Seraiah begot Joab father of the Valley of the Craftsmen, for they were craftsmen. ¹⁵ And sons of Caleb son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam; and sons of Elah: even Kenaz. ¹⁶ And sons of Jehaleleel: Ziph and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel. ¹⁷ And sons of Ezra: Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon. And she bears Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah father of Eshtemoa. ¹⁸ And his wife Jehudijah bore Jered father of Gedor, and Heber father of Socho, and Jekuthiel father of Zanoah. And these [are] sons of Bithiah daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took, ¹⁹ and sons of the wife of Hodiah sister of Nahom: Abi-Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite. ²⁰ And sons of Shimon: Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-Hanon, and Tilon; and sons of Ishi: Zoheth, and Ben-Zoheth. ²¹ Sons of Shelah son of Judah: Er father of Lecah, and Laadah father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of the service of fine linen, of the house of Ashbea; ²² and Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who ruled over Moab and Jashubi-Lehem; and these things [are] ancient. ²³ They [are] the potters and inhabitants of Netaim and Gedera; they dwelt there with the king in his work. ²⁴ Sons of Simeon: Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul; ²⁵ Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his

son. ²⁶ And sons of Mishma: Hammuel his son, Zacchur his son, Shimei his son. ²⁷ And to Shimei [are] sixteen sons and six daughters, and to his brothers there are not many sons, and none of their families have multiplied as much as the sons of Judah. ²⁸ And they dwell in Beer-Sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-Shaul, ²⁹ and in Bilhah, and in Ezem, and in Tolad, ³⁰ and in Bethuel, and in Hormah, and in Ziklag, ³¹ and in Beth-Marcaboth, and in Hazar-Susim, and in Beth-Birei, and in Shaarim; these [are] their cities until the reigning of David. ³² And their villages [are] Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan—five cities, ³³ and all their villages that [are] around these cities to Ba'al; these [are] their dwellings, and they have their genealogy: ³⁴ even Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah son of Amaziah, ³⁵ and Joel, and Jehu son of Josibiah, son of Seraiah, son of Asiel, ³⁶ and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah, ³⁷ and Ziza son of Shiphi, son of Allon, son of Jedaiah, son of Shimri, son of Shemaiah. ³⁸ These who are coming in by name [are] princes in their families, and the house of their fathers has broken forth into a multitude; ³⁹ and they go to the entrance of Gedor, to the east of the valley, to seek pasture for their flock, ⁴⁰ and they find pasture, fat and good, and the land broad of sides, and quiet, and safe, for those dwelling there before are of Ham. ⁴¹ And these who are written by name come in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and strike their tents, and the habitations that have been

found there, and devote them to destruction to this day, and dwell in their stead, because pasture for their flock [is] there. ⁴² And of them, of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men have gone to Mount Seir, and Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, sons of Ishi, at their head, ⁴³ and they strike the remnant of those escaped of Amalek, and dwell there to this day.

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¹ As for sons of Reuben, firstborn of Israel—for he [is] the firstborn, and on account of his profaning the bed of his father his birthright has been given to the sons of Joseph son of Israel, and [he is] not to be reckoned by genealogy for the birthright, ² for Judah has been mighty over his brother, and for leader above him, and the birthright [is] to Joseph— ³ sons of Reuben, firstborn of Israel: Enoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. ⁴ Sons of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son, ⁵ Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Ba'al his son, ⁶ Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-Pilneser king of Asshur removed; he [is] prince of the Reubenite. ⁷ And his brothers, by their families, in the genealogy of their generations, [are] heads: Jeiel, and Zechariah, ⁸ and Bela son of Azaz, son of Shema, son of Joel—he is dwelling in Aroer, even to Nebo and Ba'al-Meon; ⁹ and he dwelt at the east even to the entering in of the wilderness, even from the Euphrates River, for their livestock were multiplied in the land of Gilead. ¹⁰ And they have made war with the Hagarites in the days of Saul,

who fall by their hand, and they dwell in their tents over all the face of the east of Gilead. ¹¹ And the sons of Gad have dwelt opposite them in the land of Bashan to Salcah: ¹² Joel the head, and Shapham the second, and Jaanai and Shaphat in Bashan; ¹³ and their brothers of the house of their fathers [are] Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber—seven. ¹⁴ These [are] sons of Abihail son of Huri, son of Jaroah, son of Gilead, son of Michael, son of Jeshishai, son of Jahdo, son of Buz; ¹⁵ Ahi son of Abdiel, son of Guni, [is] head of the house of their fathers; ¹⁶ and they dwell in Gilead in Bashan, and in her small towns, and in all outskirts of Sharon, on their outskirts; ¹⁷ all of them reckoned themselves by genealogy in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel. ¹⁸ Sons of Reuben, and the Gadite, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh, of sons of valor, men carrying shield and sword, and treading bow, and taught in battle, [are] forty-four thousand and seven hundred and sixty, going out to the host. ¹⁹ And they make war with the Hagarites, and Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab, ²⁰ and they are helped against them, and the Hagarites are given into their hand, and all who [are] with them, for they cried to God in battle, and He received their plea, because they trusted in Him. ²¹ And they take their livestock captive—fifty thousand of their camels, and two hundred and fifty thousand sheep, and two thousand donkeys, and one hundred thousand of mankind; ²² for

many have fallen pierced, for the battle [is] of God; and they dwell in their stead until the expulsion. ²³ And the sons of the half of the tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land, from Bashan to Ba'al-Hermon, and Senir, and Mount Hermon; they have multiplied. ²⁴ And these [are] heads of the house of their fathers: even Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, men mighty in valor, men of renown, heads of the house of their fathers. ²⁵ And they trespass against the God of their fathers, and go whoring after the gods of the peoples of the land whom God destroyed from their presence; ²⁶ and the God of Israel stirs up the spirit of Pul king of Asshur, and the spirit of Tilgath-Pilneser king of Asshur, and he removes them—even the Reubenite, and the Gadite, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh—and brings them to Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and the River of Gozan to this day.

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¹ Sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ² And the sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. ³ And sons of Amram: Aaron, and Moses, and [his daughter] Miriam. And sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ⁴ Eleazar begot Phinehas, Phinehas begot Abishua, ⁵ and Abishua begot Bukki, and Bukki begot Uzzi, ⁶ and Uzzi begot Zeremiah, and Zeremiah begot Meraioth, ⁷ Meraioth begot Amariah, and Amariah begot Ahitub, ⁸ and Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot Ahimaaz, ⁹ and

Ahimaaz begot Azariah, and Azariah begot Johanan, ¹⁰ and Johanan begot Azariah—him who acted as priest in the house that Solomon built in Jerusalem. ¹¹ And Azariah begets Amariah, and Amariah begot Ahitub, ¹² and Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot Shallum, ¹³ and Shallum begot Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begot Azariah, ¹⁴ and Azariah begot Seraiah, and Seraiah begot Jehozadak; ¹⁵ and Jehozadak has gone in YHWH's removing Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁶ Sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari. ¹⁷ And these [are] names of sons of Gershom: Libni and Shimei. ¹⁸ And sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. ¹⁹ Sons of Merari; Mahli and Mushi. And these [are] families of the Levite according to their fathers; ²⁰ of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son, ²¹ Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeaterai his son. ²² Sons of Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, ²³ Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son, ²⁴ Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziyah his son, and Shaul his son. ²⁵ And sons of Elkanah: Amasai and Ahimoth. ²⁶ Elkanah—sons of Elkanah: Zophai his son, and Nahath his son, ²⁷ Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son. ²⁸ And sons of Samuel: the firstborn Vashni, and the second Abijah. ²⁹ Sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son, ³⁰ Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son. ³¹ And these [are] they whom David stationed over the parts of the song of the house of YHWH, from the resting of the Ark,

³² and they are ministering before the Dwelling Place of the Tent of Meeting, in song, until the building by Solomon of the house of YHWH in Jerusalem; and they stand according to their ordinance over their service. ³³ And these [are] those standing, and their sons, of the sons of the Kohathite: Heman the singer, son of Joel, son of Shemuel, ³⁴ son of Elkanah, son of Jeroham, son of Eliel, son of Toah, ³⁵ son of Zuph, son of Elkanah, son of Mahath, son of Amasai, ³⁶ son of Elkanah, son of Joel, son of Azariah, son of Zephaniah, ³⁷ son of Tahath, son of Assir, son of Ebiasaph, son of Korah, ³⁸ son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, son of Israel. ³⁹ And his brother Asaph, who is standing on his right—Asaph, son of Berachiah, son of Shimea, ⁴⁰ son of Michael, son of Baaseiah, son of Malchiah, ⁴¹ son of Ethni, son of Zerah, son of Adaiah, ⁴² son of Ethan, son of Zimmah, son of Shimei, ⁴³ son of Jahath, son of Gershom, son of Levi. ⁴⁴ And sons of Merari, their brothers, on the left: Ethan son of Kishi, son of Abdi, son of Malluch, ⁴⁵ son of Hashabiah, son of Amaziah, son of Hilkiah, ⁴⁶ son of Amzi, son of Bani, son of Shamer, ⁴⁷ son of Mahli, son of Mushi, son of Merari, son of Levi. ⁴⁸ And their brothers the Levites are put to all the service of the Dwelling Place of the house of God. ⁴⁹ And Aaron and his sons are making incense on the altar of the burnt-offering, and on the altar of the incense, for all the work of the Holy of Holies, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses servant of God commanded. ⁵⁰ And these [are] sons of Aaron:

Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, ⁵¹ Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son, ⁵² Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son, ⁵³ Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son. ⁵⁴ And these [are] their dwellings, throughout their towers, in their borders, of the sons of Aaron, of the family of the Kohathite, for the lot was theirs; ⁵⁵ and they give to them Hebron in the land of Judah and its outskirts around it; ⁵⁶ and they gave the field of the city and its villages to Caleb son of Jephunneh. ⁵⁷ And they gave the cities of refuge to the sons of Aaron: Hebron, and Libnah and its outskirts, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa and its outskirts, ⁵⁸ and Hilen and its outskirts, Debir and its outskirts, ⁵⁹ and Ashan and its outskirts, and Beth-Shemesh and its outskirts. ⁶⁰ And from the tribe of Benjamin: Geba and its outskirts, and Allemeth and its outskirts, and Anathoth and its outskirts. All their cities [are] thirteen cities among their families. ⁶¹ And to the sons of Kohath, those left of the family of the tribe, from the half of the tribe, the half of Manasseh, by lot, [are] ten cities. ⁶² And to the sons of Gershom, for their families, from the tribe of Issachar, and from the tribe of Asher, and from the tribe of Naphtali, and from the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, [are] thirteen cities. ⁶³ To the sons of Merari, for their families, from the tribe of Reuben, and from the tribe of Gad, and from the tribe of Zebulun, by lot, [are] twelve cities. ⁶⁴ And the sons of Israel give the cities and their outskirts to the Levites. ⁶⁵ And they give by lot from the tribe of the sons of Judah, and from the tribe of the sons of Simeon,

and from the tribe of the sons of Benjamin, these cities which they call by name; ⁶⁶ and some of the families of the sons of Kohath have cities of their border from the tribe of Ephraim; ⁶⁷ and they give the cities of refuge to them: Shechem and its outskirts in the hill-country of Ephraim, and Gezer and its outskirts, ⁶⁸ and Jokmeam and its outskirts, and Beth-Horan and its outskirts, ⁶⁹ and Aijalon and its outskirts, and Gath-Rimmon and its outskirts; ⁷⁰ and from the half tribe of Manasseh: Aner and its outskirts, and Bileam and its outskirts, for the family of the sons of Kohath who are left. ⁷¹ To the sons of Gershom from the family of the half of the tribe of Manasseh: Golan in Bashan and its outskirts, and Ashtaroth and its outskirts; ⁷² and from the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh and its outskirts, Daberath and its outskirts, ⁷³ and Ramoth and its outskirts, and Anem and its outskirts; ⁷⁴ and from the tribe of Asher: Mashal and its outskirts, and Abdon and its outskirts, ⁷⁵ and Hukok and its outskirts, and Rehob and its outskirts; ⁷⁶ and from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee and its outskirts, and Hammon and its outskirts, and Kirjathaim and its outskirts. ⁷⁷ To the sons of Merari who are left, from the tribe of Zebulun: Rimmon and its outskirts, Tabor and its outskirts; ⁷⁸ and from beyond the Jordan by Jericho, at the east of the Jordan, from the tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the wilderness and its outskirts, and Jahzah and its outskirts, ⁷⁹ and Kedemoth and its outskirts, and Mephaath and its outskirts; ⁸⁰ and from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead and its outskirts, and Mahanaim and its outskirts,

81 and Heshbon and its outskirts, and Jazer and its outskirts.

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¹ And sons of Issachar: Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimron—four. ² And sons of Tola: Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of the house of their fathers, [even] of Tola, mighty men of valor in their generations; their number in the days of David [is] twenty-two thousand and six hundred. ³ And sons of Uzzi: Izrahiah; and sons of Izrahiah: Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, Hamishah—all of them heads. ⁴ And beside them, by their generations, of the house of their fathers, [are] thirty-six thousand troops of the host of battle, for they multiplied wives and sons; ⁵ and their brothers of all the families of Issachar, mighty men of valor, listed by their genealogy, [are] eighty-seven thousand for the whole. ⁶ Of Benjamin: Bela, and Becher, and Jediael—three. ⁷ And sons of Bela: Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri—five; heads of a house of fathers, mighty men of valor, with their genealogy, twenty-two thousand and thirty-four. ⁸ And sons of Becher: Zemirah, and Joash, and Eliezar, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abijah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these [are] sons of Becher, ⁹ with their genealogy, after their generations, heads of a house of their fathers, mighty men of valor, twenty thousand and two hundred. ¹⁰ And sons of Jediael: Bilhan; and sons of Bilhan: Jeush,

and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tarshish, and Ahishahar. ¹¹ All these [are] sons of Jediael, even heads of the fathers, mighty in valor, seventeen thousand and two hundred going out to the host for battle. ¹² And Shuppim and Huppim [are] sons of Ir, [and] Hushim [is] the son of Aher. ¹³ Sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, sons of Bilhah. ¹⁴ Sons of Manasseh: Ashriel, whom Jaladah his Aramean concubine bore, with Machir father of Gilead. ¹⁵ And Machir took wives for Huppim and for Shuppim, and the name of the first [is] Maachah, and the name of the second Zelophehad, and Zelophehad has daughters. ¹⁶ And Maachah wife of Machir bears a son and calls his name Peresh, and the name of his brother [is] Sheresh, and his sons [are] Ulam and Rakem. ¹⁷ And son of Ulam: Bedan. These [are] sons of Gilead son of Machir, son of Manasseh. ¹⁸ And his sister Hammolecheth bore Ishhod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah. ¹⁹ And the sons of Shemida are Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam. ²⁰ And sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son, ²¹ and Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead; and men of Gath who are born in the land have slain them because they came down to take their livestock. ²² And their father Ephraim mourns many days, and his brothers come to comfort him, ²³ and he goes in to his wife, and she conceives and bears a son, and he calls his name Beriah, because his house had been in calamity— ²⁴ and his daughter [is]

Sherah, and she builds Beth-Horon, the lower and the upper; and Uzzen-Sherah—²⁵ Rephah [is] his son, and Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son,²⁶ Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,²⁷ Nun his son, Joshua his son.²⁸ And their possession and their dwellings [are] Beth-El and its small towns, and Naaran to the east, and Gezer and its small towns to the west, and Shechem and its small towns, as far as Gaza and its small towns;²⁹ and by the parts of the sons of Manasseh [are] Beth-Shean and its small towns, Taanach and its small towns, Megiddo and its small towns, Dor and its small towns; the sons of Joseph, son of Israel, dwelt in these.³⁰ Son of Asher: Imnah, and Ishve, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and their sister Serah.³¹ And sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel—he [is] father of Birzavith.³² And Heber begot Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and their sister Shua.³³ And sons of Japhlet: Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath; these [are] sons of Japhlet.³⁴ And sons of Shamer: Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.³⁵ And [each] son of his brother Helem: Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal.³⁶ Sons of Zophah: Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah,³⁷ Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera.³⁸ And sons of Jether: Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.³⁹ And sons of Ulla: Arah, and Hanniel, and Rezia.⁴⁰ All these [are] sons of Asher, heads of the house of the fathers, chosen ones, mighty in valor, heads of the princes, with their genealogy, for the host, for battle, their

number [is] twenty-six thousand men.

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¹ And Benjamin begot Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, ² Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. ³ And there are sons to Bela: Addar, and Gera, ⁴ and Abihud, and Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, ⁵ and Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram. ⁶ And these [are] sons of Ehud—they are heads of fathers to the inhabitants of Geba, and they remove them to Manahath: ⁷ even Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, who removed them and begot Uzza and Ahihud. ⁸ And Shaharaim begot in the field of Moab after his sending them away; Hushim and Baara [are] his wives. ⁹ And he begets of his wife Hodesh: Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham, ¹⁰ and Jeuz, and Shachiah, and Mirmah. These [are] his sons, heads of fathers. ¹¹ And of Hushim he begot Ahitub and Elpaal. ¹² And sons of Elpaal: Eber, and Misheam, and Shamer (he built Ono and Lod and its small towns), ¹³ and Beriah and Shema (they [are] the heads of fathers to the inhabitants of Aijalon—they caused the inhabitants of Gath to flee), ¹⁴ and Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth, ¹⁵ and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader, ¹⁶ and Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, sons of Beriah, ¹⁷ and Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber, ¹⁸ and Ishmerai, and Jezliah, and Jobab, sons of Elpaal; ¹⁹ and Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, ²⁰ and Elienai, and Zillethai, and Eliel, ²¹ and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, sons of Shimei; ²² and Ishpan, and

Heber, and Eliel, ²³ and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, ²⁴ and Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah, ²⁵ and Iphedeiah, and Penuel, sons of Shashak; ²⁶ and Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, ²⁷ and Jaareshiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, sons of Jeroham. ²⁸ These [are] heads of fathers, by their generations, [the] heads. These dwelt in Jerusalem. ²⁹ And the father of Gibeon has dwelt in Gibeon, and the name of his wife [is] Maachah; ³⁰ and his son, the firstborn, [is] Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Ba'al, and Nadab, ³¹ and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zacher; ³² and Mikloth begot Shimeah. And they also dwelt opposite their brothers—with their brothers in Jerusalem. ³³ And Ner begot Kish, and Kish begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Esh-Ba'al. ³⁴ And a son of Jonathan [is] Merib-Ba'al, and Merib-Ba'al begot Micah; ³⁵ and sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz: ³⁶ and Ahaz begot Jehoadah, and Jehoadah begot Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza, ³⁷ and Moza begot Binea, Raphah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. ³⁸ And to Azel [are] six sons, and these [are] their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these [are] sons of Azel. ³⁹ And sons of his brother Eshek: Ulam his firstborn, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet the third. ⁴⁰ And the sons of Ulam are men mighty in valor, treading bow, and multiplying sons and son's sons—one hundred and fifty. All these [are] of the sons of Benjamin.

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¹ And all [those of] Israel have reckoned themselves by genealogy, and behold, they are written on the scroll of the kings of Israel and Judah—they were removed to Babylon for their trespass. ² And the first inhabitants, who [are] in their possession, in their cities, of Israel, [are] the priests, the Levites, and the Nethinim. ³ And those who dwelt in Jerusalem of the sons of Judah, and of the sons of Benjamin, and of the sons of Ephraim and Manasseh: ⁴ Uthai son of Ammihud, son of Omri, son of Imri, son of Bani, of the sons of Perez, son of Judah. ⁵ And of the Shilonite: Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons. ⁶ And of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel, and their brothers—six hundred and ninety. ⁷ And of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu son of Meshullam, son of Hodaviah, son of Hassenuah, ⁸ and Ibneiah son of Jeroham, and Elah son of Uzzi, son of Michri, and Meshullam son of Shephatiah, son of Reuel, son of Ibnijah. ⁹ And their brothers, according to their generations, [are] nine hundred and fifty-six. All these [are] men, heads of fathers, according to the house of their fathers. ¹⁰ And of the priests: Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin, ¹¹ and Azariah son of Hilkiah, son of Meshullam, son of Zadok, son of Meraioth, son of Ahitub, leader in the house of God; ¹² and Adaiah son of Jeroham, son of Pashhur, son of Malchijah, and Maasai son of Adiel, son of Jahzerah, son of Meshullam, son of Meshillemith, son of Immer. ¹³ And their brothers, heads of the house of their fathers, [are] one thousand and seven hundred

and sixty, mighty in valor, for the work of the service of the house of God. ¹⁴ And of the Levites: Shemaiah son of Hashshub, son of Azrikam, son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; ¹⁵ and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah son of Micah, son of Zichri, son of Asaph; ¹⁶ and Obadiah son of Shemariah, son of Galal, son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah, son of Asa, son of Elkanah, who is dwelling in the villages of the Netophathite. ¹⁷ And the gatekeepers [are] Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brothers—Shallum [is] the head; ¹⁸ and until now they [are] at the gate of the king eastward; they [are] the gatekeepers for the companies of the sons of Levi. ¹⁹ And Shallum son of Kore, son of Ebiasaph, son of Korah, and his brothers, of the house of his father, the Korahites, [are] over the work of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the tent, and their fathers [are] over the camp of YHWH, keepers of the entrance; ²⁰ and Phinehas son of Eleazar has been leader over them formerly; YHWH [is] with him. ²¹ Zechariah son of Meshelemiah [is] gatekeeper at the opening of the Tent of Meeting. ²² All of those who are chosen for gatekeepers at the thresholds [are] two hundred and twelve; they [are] in their villages, by their genealogy; they whom David and Samuel the seer appointed in their office. ²³ And they and their sons [are] over the gates of the house of YHWH, even of the house of the tent, by watches. ²⁴ The gatekeepers are at [the] four sides: east, west, north, and south. ²⁵ And their brothers in their

villages [are] to come in with these for seven days from time to time. ²⁶ For the four chiefs of the gatekeepers in office, they are Levites, and they have been over the chambers, and over the treasuries of the house of God, ²⁷ and they lodge around the house of God, for the watch [is] on them, and they [are] over the opening, even morning by morning. ²⁸ And [some] of them [are] over the vessels of service, for they bring them in by number, and by number they take them out. ²⁹ And [some] of them are appointed over the vessels, even over all the vessels of the holy place, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. ³⁰ And [some] of the sons of the priests are mixing the mixture for spices. ³¹ And Mattithiah of the Levites (he [is] the firstborn to Shallum the Korahite), [is] in office over the work of the pans. ³² And of the sons of the Kohathite, [some] of their brothers [are] over the bread of the arrangement, to prepare [it] Sabbath by Sabbath. ³³ And these who sing, heads of fathers of the Levites, in the chambers, [are] free, for [they are] over them in the work by day and by night. ³⁴ These heads of the fathers of the Levites [are] heads throughout their generations. These have dwelt in Jerusalem. ³⁵ And the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, has dwelt in Gibeon, and the name of his wife [is] Maachah; ³⁶ and his son, the firstborn, [is] Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Ba'al, and Ner, and Nadab, ³⁷ and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. ³⁸ And Mikloth begot Shimeam, and they have

also dwelt opposite their brothers—with their brothers in Jerusalem. ³⁹ And Ner begot Kish, and Kish begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, and Malchi-Shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-Ba'al. ⁴⁰ And a son of Jonathan [is] Merib-Ba'al, and Merib-Ba'al begot Micah. ⁴¹ And sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, ⁴² and Ahaz—he begot Jaarah, and Jaarah begot Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri, and Zimri begot Moza, ⁴³ and Moza begot Binea, and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. ⁴⁴ And to Azel [are] six sons, and these [are] their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan; these [are] sons of Azel.

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¹ And the Philistines have fought with Israel, and the men of Israel flee from the face of the Philistines, and fall wounded in Mount Gilboa, ² and the Philistines pursue after Saul, and after his sons, and the Philistines strike Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-Shua, sons of Saul. ³ And the battle [is] heavy on Saul, and those shooting with the bow find him, and he is wounded by those shooting, ⁴ and Saul says to the bearer of his weapons, “Draw your sword and pierce me with it, lest these uncircumcised come and have abused me.” And the bearer of his weapons has not been willing, for he fears exceedingly, and Saul takes the sword, and falls on it; ⁵ and the bearer of his weapons sees that Saul [is] dead, and falls, he also, on the sword, and dies; ⁶ and Saul dies, and his three sons, and all his house

—they died together. ⁷ And all the men of Israel who [are] in the valley see that they have fled and that Saul and his sons have died, and they forsake their cities and flee, and the Philistines come and dwell in them. ⁸ And it comes to pass, on the next day, that the Philistines come to strip the wounded, and find Saul and his sons fallen in Mount Gilboa, ⁹ and strip him, and carry away his head and his weapons, and send [them] into the land of the surrounding Philistines to proclaim tidings [to] their idols and the people; ¹⁰ and they put his weapons in the house of their gods, and have fixed his skull in the house of Dagon. ¹¹ And all Jabesh-Gilead hears of all that the Philistines have done to Saul, ¹² and all the men of valor rise and carry away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and bring them to Jabesh, and bury their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fast seven days. ¹³ And Saul dies because of his trespass that he trespassed against YHWH, against the word of YHWH that he did not keep, and also for asking to inquire of a familiar spirit; ¹⁴ and he did not inquire of YHWH, and He puts him to death, and turns around the kingdom to David son of Jesse.

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¹ And all Israel is gathered to David at Hebron, saying, “Behold, we [are] your bone and your flesh; ² even in time past, even in Saul’s being king, it is you who are taking out and bringing in Israel, and your God YHWH says to you: You feed My people Israel, and you are leader over

My people Israel.” ³ And all [the] elderly of Israel come to the king at Hebron, and David makes a covenant with them in Hebron before YHWH, and they anoint David for king over Israel, according to the word of YHWH by the hand of Samuel. ⁴ And David goes, and all Israel, to Jerusalem—it [is] Jebus—and the Jebusite [is] there, the inhabitants of the land. ⁵ And the inhabitants of Jebus say to David, “You do not come in here”; and David captures the fortress of Zion—it [is] the City of David. ⁶ And David says, “Whoever strikes the Jebusite first becomes head and prince”; and Joab son of Zeruah goes up first and becomes head. ⁷ And David dwells in the fortress, therefore they have called it the City of David; ⁸ and he builds the city all around, from Millo, and to the circumference, and Joab restores the rest of the city. ⁹ And David goes, going on and becoming great, and YHWH of Hosts [is] with him. ¹⁰ And these [are] heads of the mighty ones whom David has, who are strengthening themselves with him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to cause him to reign, according to the word of YHWH, over Israel. ¹¹ And this [is] an account of the mighty ones whom David has: Jashobeam son of a Hachmonite [is] head of the thirty; he is lifting up his spear against three hundred—wounded, at one time. ¹² And after him [is] Eleazar son of Dodo the Ahohite, he [is] among the three mighty; ¹³ he has been with David in Pas-Dammim, and the Philistines have been gathered there to battle, and a portion of the field is full of barley, and the people have

fled from the face of the Philistines, ¹⁴ and they station themselves in the midst of the portion, and deliver it, and strike the Philistines, and YHWH saves [with] a great salvation. ¹⁵ And three of the thirty heads go down on the rock to David, to the cave of Adullam, and the host of the Philistines is encamping in the Valley of Rephaim, ¹⁶ and David [is] then in the fortress, and the station of the Philistines [is] then in Beth-Lehem, ¹⁷ and David longs and says, “Who gives me water to drink from the well of Beth-Lehem that [is] at the gate!” ¹⁸ And the three break through the camp of the Philistines, and draw water from the well of Beth-Lehem that [is] at the gate, and carry and bring [it] to David, and David has not been willing to drink it, and pours it out to YHWH, ¹⁹ and says, “Far be it from me, by my God, to do this; do I drink the blood of these men with their lives? For with their lives they have brought it”; and he was not willing to drink it; these [things] the three mighty ones did. ²⁰ And Abishai brother of Joab, he has been head of the three: and he is lifting up his spear against three hundred—wounded, and has a name among three. ²¹ Of the three he is more honored than the [other] two, and becomes their head; but he has not come to the [first] three. ²² Benaiah son of Jehoiada, son of a man of valor, of great deeds, from Kabzeel: he has struck the two lion-like Moabites, and he has gone down and struck the lion in the midst of the pit, in the day of snow. ²³ And he has struck the man, the Egyptian, a man of [great] measure—five by the cubit—and in the hand of the Egyptian [is] a spear like a

weavers' beam, and he goes down to him with a rod, and violently takes away the spear out of the hand of the Egyptian, and slays him with his own spear. ²⁴ These [things] Benaiah son of Jehoiada has done, and has a name among the three mighty ones. ²⁵ Of the thirty, behold, he [is] honored, but he has not come to the [first] three, and David sets him over his guard. ²⁶ And the mighty ones of the forces [are] Asahel brother of Joab, Elhanan son of Dodo of Beth-Lehem, ²⁷ Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite, ²⁸ Ira son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abi-Ezer the Annethothite, ²⁹ Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, ³⁰ Maharai the Netophathite, Heled son of Baanah the Netophathite, ³¹ Ithai son of Ribai of Gibeah, of the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, ³² Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite, ³³ Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, ³⁴ the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan son of Shage the Hararite, ³⁵ Ahiam son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal son of Ur, ³⁶ Hephher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, ³⁷ Hezor the Carmelite, Naarai son of Ezbai, ³⁸ Joel brother of Nathan, Mibhar son of Haggeri, ³⁹ Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, bearer of the weapons of Joab son of Zeruah, ⁴⁰ Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, ⁴¹ Uriah the Hittite, Zabad son of Ahlai, ⁴² Adina son of Shiza the Reubenite, head of the Reubenites, and thirty by him, ⁴³ Hanan son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, ⁴⁴ Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel sons of Hothan the Aroerite, ⁴⁵ Jediael son of Shimri,

and his brother Joha the Tizite, ⁴⁶ Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, ⁴⁷ Eliel, and Obed, and Jaasiel the Mesobaite.

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¹ And these [are] those coming to David at Ziklag, while shut up because of Saul son of Kish, and they [are] among the mighty ones, helping the battle, ² armed with bow, right and left handed, with stones, and with arrows, with bows, of the brothers of Saul, of Benjamin. ³ The head [is] Ahiezer, and Joash, sons of Shemaab the Gibeathite, and Jeziel, and Pelet, sons of Azmaveth, and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite, ⁴ and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty one among the thirty, and over the thirty, and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite. ⁵ Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite; ⁶ Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam the Korahites, ⁷ and Joelah, and Zebadiah, sons of Jeroham of Gedor. ⁸ And of the Gadite there have been separated to David, to the fortress, to the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men of the host for battle, setting in array buckler and spear, and their faces [are as] the face of the lion, and as roes on the mountains for speed: ⁹ Ezer the head, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, ¹⁰ Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, ¹¹ Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, ¹² Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, ¹³ Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the

eleventh. ¹⁴ These [are] of the sons of Gad, heads of the host; the least [is] one of one hundred, and the greatest, of one thousand; ¹⁵ these [are] they who have passed over the Jordan in the first month—and it is full over all its banks—and cause all [those in] the valley to flee to the east and to the west. ¹⁶ And [some] from the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to David at the stronghold, ¹⁷ and David goes out before them, and answers and says to them, “If you have come to me for peace, to help me, I have a heart to unite with you; and if to betray me to my adversaries—without violence in my hands—the God of our fathers sees and reproves.” ¹⁸ And the Spirit has clothed Amasai, head of the captains: “To you, O David, and with you, O son of Jesse—peace! Peace to you, and peace to your helper, for your God has helped you”; and David receives them, and puts them among the heads of the troop. ¹⁹ And [some] from Manasseh have defected to David in his coming with the Philistines against Israel to battle—and they did not help them, for by counsel the princes of the Philistines sent him away, saying, “He defects with our heads to his master Saul.” ²⁰ In his going to Ziglax there have fallen to him from Manasseh: Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillthai, heads of the thousands who [are] of Manasseh; ²¹ and they have helped with David over the troop, for all of them [are] mighty men of valor, and they are captains in the host, ²² for at that time, day by day, they come to David

to help him, until it is a great camp, like a camp of God. ²³ And these [are] the numbers of the head, of the armed men of the host; they have come to David at Hebron to turn around the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the mouth of YHWH. ²⁴ The sons of Judah, carrying buckler and spear, [are] six thousand and eight hundred, armed ones of the host. ²⁵ Of the sons of Simeon, mighty men of valor for the host, [are] seven thousand and one hundred. ²⁶ Of the sons of Levi [are] four thousand and six hundred; ²⁷ and Jehoiada [is] the leader of the Aaronite, and with him [are] three thousand and seven hundred, ²⁸ and Zadok, a young man, a mighty man of valor, and of the house of his father [are] twenty-two heads. ²⁹ And of the sons of Benjamin, brothers of Saul, [are] three thousand, and until now their greater part are keeping the charge of the house of Saul. ³⁰ And of the sons of Ephraim [are] twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valor, men of renown, according to the house of their fathers. ³¹ And of the half of the tribe of Manasseh [are] eighteen thousand, who have been defined by name, to come to cause David to reign. ³² And of the sons of Issachar, having understanding for the times, to know what Israel should do; their heads [are] two hundred, and all their brothers [are] at their command. ³³ Of Zebulun, going forth to the host, arranging battle with all instruments of battle, [are] fifty thousand, and keeping rank without a double heart. ³⁴ And of Naphtali, one thousand heads, and with them, with buckler and spear,

[are] thirty-seven thousand. ³⁵ And of the Danite, arranging battle, [are] twenty-eight thousand and six hundred. ³⁶ And of Asher, going forth to the host, to arrange battle, [are] forty thousand. ³⁷ And from beyond the Jordan, of the Reubenite, and of the Gadite, and of the half of the tribe of Manasseh, with all instruments of the host for battle, [are] one hundred and twenty thousand. ³⁸ All these [are] men of war, keeping rank—they have come to Hebron with a perfect heart, to cause David to reign over all Israel, and also all the rest of Israel [are] of one heart, to cause David to reign, ³⁹ and they are there, with David, three days, eating and drinking, for their brothers have prepared for them. ⁴⁰ And also those near to them—to Issachar, and Zebulun, and Naphtali—are bringing in bread on donkeys, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen—food of fine flour, fig-cakes and grape-cakes, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep, in abundance, for joy [is] in Israel.

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¹ And David consults with the heads of the thousands and of the hundreds, [and] with every leader, ² and David says to all the assembly of Israel, “If it is good to you, and it has broken forth from our God YHWH—we send to our brothers, those left in all the lands of Israel, and the priests and the Levites with them in the cities of their outskirts, and they are gathered to us, ³ and we bring around the Ark of our God to us, for we did not seek Him in the days of Saul.” ⁴ And

all the assembly says to do so, for the thing is right in the eyes of all the people. ⁵ And David assembles all Israel from Shihor of Egypt even to the entering in of Hamath, to bring in the Ark of God from Kirjath-Jearim, ⁶ and David goes up, and all Israel, to Ba‘alah, to Kirjath-Jearim that [belongs] to Judah, to bring up from there the Ark of God, YHWH, inhabiting the cherubim, where the Name is called on. ⁷ And they place the Ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio are leading the cart, ⁸ and David and all Israel are playing before God, with all strength, and with songs, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. ⁹ And they come to the threshing-floor of Chidon, and Uzza puts forth his hand to seize the Ark, for the oxen were released, ¹⁰ and the anger of YHWH is kindled against Uzza, and He strikes him, because that he has put forth his hand on the Ark, and he dies there before God. ¹¹ And it is displeasing to David, because YHWH has made a breach on Uzza, and one calls that place “Breach of Uzza” to this day. ¹² And David fears God on that day, saying, “How do I bring the Ark of God to me?” ¹³ And David has not turned aside the Ark to himself, to the City of David, and turns it aside to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. ¹⁴ And the Ark of God dwells with the household of Obed-Edom, in his house, three months, and YHWH blesses the house of Obed-Edom, and all that he has.

14

¹ And Hiram king of Tyre sends messengers to David, and cedar-wood, and craftsmen of walls, and craftsmen of wood, to build a house for him. ² And David knows that YHWH has established him for king over Israel, because of the lifting up on high of his kingdom, for the sake of His people Israel. ³ And David takes wives again in Jerusalem, and David begets sons and daughters again; ⁴ and these [are] the names of the children whom he has in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, ⁵ and Ibhaz, and Elishua, and Elpalet, ⁶ and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, ⁷ and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet. ⁸ And the Philistines hear that David has been anointed for king over all Israel, and all the Philistines go up to seek David, and David hears, and goes out before them. ⁹ And the Philistines have come, and rush into the Valley of Rephaim, ¹⁰ and David asks of God, saying, “Do I go up against the Philistines—and have You given them into my hand?” And YHWH says to him, “Go up, and I have given them into your hand.” ¹¹ And they go up into Ba‘al-Perazim, and David strikes them there, and David says, “God has broken up my enemies by my hand, like the breaking up of waters”; therefore they have called the name of that place Ba‘al-Perazim. ¹² And they leave their gods there, and David commands, and they are burned with fire. ¹³ And the Philistines add again, and rush into the valley, ¹⁴ and David asks again of God, and God says to him, “Do not go up after them,

turn around from them, and you have come to them from the front **[[or in front]]** of the mulberries; ¹⁵ and it comes to pass, when you hear the sound of the stepping at the heads of the mulberries, then you go out into battle, for God has gone out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines.” ¹⁶ And David does as God commanded him, and they strike the camp of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer; ¹⁷ and the name of David goes out into all the lands, and YHWH has put his fear on all the nations.

15

¹ And he makes houses for himself in the City of David, and prepares a place for the Ark of God, and stretches out a tent for it. ² Then David said, “None [are] to carry the Ark of God, except the Levites, for YHWH has fixed on them to carry the Ark of God and to serve Him for all time.” ³ And David assembles all Israel to Jerusalem, to bring up the Ark of YHWH to its place that he had prepared for it. ⁴ And David gathers the sons of Aaron and the Levites— ⁵ of sons of Kohath: Uriel the chief and one hundred and twenty of his brothers; ⁶ of sons of Merari: Asaiah the chief and two hundred and twenty of his brothers; ⁷ of sons of Gershon: Joel the chief and one hundred and thirty of his brothers; ⁸ of sons of Elizaphan: Shemaiah the chief and two hundred of his brothers; ⁹ of sons of Hebron: Eliel the chief and eighty of his brothers; ¹⁰ of sons of Uzziel: Amminadab the chief and one hundred and twelve of his brothers. ¹¹ And David calls to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, and to the

Levites, to Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, ¹² and says to them, “You [are] heads of the fathers of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brothers, and you have brought up the Ark of YHWH, God of Israel, to [the place] I have prepared for it; ¹³ because you [did] not [do it] at the first, our God YHWH made a breach on us, because we did not seek Him according to the ordinance.” ¹⁴ And the priests and the Levites sanctify themselves to bring up the Ark of YHWH, God of Israel; ¹⁵ and sons of the Levites carry the Ark of God, as Moses commanded, according to the word of YHWH, above them with poles on their shoulder. ¹⁶ And David says to the heads of the Levites to appoint their brothers the singers, with instruments of song, psalteries, and harps, and cymbals, sounding, to lift up with the voice for joy. ¹⁷ And the Levites appoint Heman son of Joel, and of his brothers, Asaph son of Berechiah, and of the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan son of Kushaiah; ¹⁸ and with them their brothers, the seconds [in rank]: Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah; and Obed-Edom and Jeiel the gatekeepers; ¹⁹ and the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, [are] to sound with cymbals of bronze; ²⁰ and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jeheil, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries over the girls’ [voices], ²¹ and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, and

Azaziah, to oversee with harps on the eighth. ²² And Chenaniah, head of the Levites, [is] over the burden; he instructs about the burden, for he [is] intelligent. ²³ And Berechiah and Elkanah [are] gatekeepers for the Ark. ²⁴ And Shebaniah, and Joshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer the priests, are blowing with trumpets before the Ark of God; and Obed-Edom and Jehiah [are] gatekeepers for the Ark. ²⁵ And it is David, and [the] elderly of Israel, and the heads of the thousands, who are going to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of YHWH from the house of Obed-Edom with joy; ²⁶ and it comes to pass, in God's helping the Levites carrying the Ark of the Covenant of YHWH, that they sacrifice seven bullocks and seven rams. ²⁷ And David is wrapped in an upper robe of fine linen, and all the Levites who are carrying the Ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah head of the burden of the singers; and an Ephod of linen [is] on David. ²⁸ And all of Israel is bringing up the Ark of the Covenant of YHWH with shouting, and with the sound of a horn, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding with psalteries and harps, ²⁹ and it comes to pass, the Ark of the Covenant of YHWH is entering into the City of David, and Michal daughter of Saul is looking through the window, and sees King David dancing and playing, and despises him in her heart.

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¹ And they bring in the Ark of God, and set it up

in the midst of the tent that David has stretched out for it, and they bring burnt-offerings and peace-offerings near before God; ² and David ceases from offering the burnt-offering and the peace-offerings, and blesses the people in the Name of YHWH, ³ and gives a portion to every man of Israel, both man and woman: to each a cake of bread, and a measure of wine, and a grape-cake. ⁴ And he puts before the Ark of YHWH, those ministering from the Levites, even to make mention of, and to thank, and to give praise to YHWH, God of Israel: ⁵ Asaph the head, and his second Zechariah; Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, with instruments of psalteries, and with harps; and Asaph is sounding with cymbals; ⁶ and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests [are] continually [sounding] with trumpets before the Ark of the Covenant of God. ⁷ On that day, at that time, David has given at the beginning to give thanks to YHWH by the hand of Asaph and his brothers: ⁸ “Give thanks to YHWH, call on His Name, || Make His doings known among the peoples. ⁹ Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him, || Meditate on all His wonders. ¹⁰ Boast yourselves in His Holy Name, || The heart of those seeking YHWH rejoices. ¹¹ Seek YHWH and His strength, || Seek His face continually. ¹² Remember His wonders that He did, || His signs, and the judgments of His mouth, ¹³ O seed of Israel, His servant, || O sons of Jacob, His chosen ones! ¹⁴ He [is] our God YHWH, || His judgments [are] in

all the earth. ¹⁵ Remember His covenant for all time, || The word He commanded—To one thousand generations, ¹⁶ Which He has made with Abraham, || And His oath—to Isaac, ¹⁷ And He establishes it to Jacob for a statute, || To Israel [for] a perpetual covenant, ¹⁸ Saying, To you I give the land of Canaan, || The portion of your inheritance, ¹⁹ When you were few in number, || As a little thing, and sojourners in it. ²⁰ And they go up and down, || From nation to nation, || And from a kingdom to another people. ²¹ He has not permitted any to oppress them, || And reproves kings on their account: ²² Do not come against My anointed ones, || And do no evil against My prophets. ²³ Sing to YHWH, all the earth, || Proclaim His salvation from day to day. ²⁴ Recount His glory among nations, || His wonders among all the peoples. ²⁵ For great [is] YHWH, and greatly praised, || And He [is] fearful above all gods. ²⁶ For all gods of the peoples [are] nothing, || And YHWH has made the heavens. ²⁷ Splendor and majesty [are] before Him, || Strength and joy [are] in His place. ²⁸ Ascribe to YHWH, you families of peoples, || Ascribe to YHWH glory and strength. ²⁹ Ascribe to YHWH the glory of His Name, || Lift up a present, and come before Him. Bow yourselves to YHWH, || In the beauty of holiness. ³⁰ Be pained before Him, all the earth; Also, the world is established, || It is not moved! ³¹ The heavens rejoice, and the earth is glad, || And they say among nations,

YHWH has reigned! ³² The sea roars, and its fullness, || The field exults, and all that [is] in it, ³³ Then trees of the forest sing, || From the presence of YHWH, || For He has come to judge the earth! ³⁴ Give thanks to YHWH, for [He is] good, || For His kindness [is] for all time, ³⁵ And say, Save us, O God of our salvation, || And gather us, and deliver us from the nations, || To give thanks to Your Holy Name, || To triumph in Your praise. ³⁶ Blessed [is] YHWH, God of Israel, || From age to age”; And all the people say, “Amen,” and have given praise to YHWH. ³⁷ And he leaves there [those] of Asaph and of his brothers, before the Ark of the Covenant of YHWH, to minister before the Ark continually, according to the matter of a day in its day; ³⁸ both Obed-Edom and their sixty-eight brothers, and Obed-Edom son of Jeduthun, and Hosah, for gatekeepers; ³⁹ and Zadok the priest, and his brothers the priests, before the Dwelling Place of YHWH, in a high place that [is] in Gibeon, ⁴⁰ to cause burnt-offerings to ascend continually to YHWH on the altar of burnt-offering, morning and evening, and for all that is written in the Law of YHWH that He charged on Israel. ⁴¹ And with them [are] Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest of those chosen, who were defined by name, to give thanks to YHWH, for His kindness [is] for all time; ⁴² and with them—Heman and Jeduthun— [are] trumpets and cymbals for those sounding, and instruments of the song of God, and the sons of Jeduthun [are] at the gate. ⁴³ And all the

people go, each to his house, and David turns around to bless his house.

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¹ And it comes to pass as David sat in his house, that David says to Nathan the prophet, “Behold, I am dwelling in a house of cedars, and the Ark of the Covenant of YHWH [is] under curtains”; ² and Nathan says to David, “All that [is] in your heart do, for God [is] with you.” ³ And it comes to pass on that night that a word of God is to Nathan, saying, ⁴ “Go, and you have said to My servant David, Thus said YHWH: You do not build for Me the house to dwell in. ⁵ For I have not dwelt in a house from the day that I brought up Israel until this day, and I am [going] from tent to tent, and from the Dwelling Place. ⁶ Wherever I have walked up and down among all Israel, have I spoken a word with one of [the] judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed My people, saying, Why have you not built a house of cedars for Me? ⁷ And now, thus you say to My servant, to David, Thus said YHWH of Hosts: I have taken you from the habitation, from after the sheep, to be leader over My people Israel, ⁸ and I am with you wherever you have walked, and I cut off all your enemies from your presence, and have made a name for you like the name of the great ones who [are] in the earth. ⁹ And I have prepared a place for My people Israel, and planted it, and it has dwelt in its place, and is not troubled anymore, and the sons of perverseness do not add to wear it out as at first, ¹⁰ indeed,

even from the days that I appointed judges over My people Israel. And I have humbled all your enemies, and I declare to you that YHWH builds a house for you. ¹¹ And it has come to pass, when your days have been fulfilled to go with your fathers, that I have raised up your seed after you, who is of your sons, and I have established his kingdom; ¹² he builds a house for Me, and I have established his throne for all time; ¹³ I am to him for a father, and he is to Me for a son, and I do not turn aside My kindness from him as I turned it aside from him who was before you, ¹⁴ and I have established him in My house, and in My kingdom for all time, and his throne is established for all time.” ¹⁵ According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so spoke Nathan to David. ¹⁶ And David the king comes in and sits before YHWH, and says, “Who [am] I, O YHWH God, and what [is] my house, that You have brought me here? ¹⁷ And this is small in Your eyes, O God, and You speak concerning the house of Your servant far off, and have seen me as a type of the man who is on high, O YHWH God! ¹⁸ What more does David add to You for the honor of Your servant; and You have known Your servant. ¹⁹ O YHWH, for Your servant’s sake, and according to Your own heart You have done all this greatness, to make known all these great things. ²⁰ O YHWH, there is none like You, and there is no god except You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²¹ And who [is] as Your people Israel, one nation in the earth whom God has gone

to ransom to Himself for a people, to make a great and fearful name for Yourself, to cast out nations from the presence of Your people whom You have ransomed out of Egypt? ²² Indeed, You appoint Your people Israel to Yourself for a people for all time, and You, O YHWH, have been to them for God. ²³ And now, O YHWH, let the word that You have spoken concerning Your servant, and concerning his house, be steadfast for all time, and do as You have spoken; ²⁴ and let it be steadfast, and Your Name is great for all time, saying, YHWH of Hosts, God of Israel, [is] God to Israel, and the house of Your servant David is established before You; ²⁵ for You, O my God, have uncovered the ear of Your servant—to build a house for him, therefore Your servant has found [desire] to pray before You. ²⁶ And now, YHWH, You [are] God Himself, and You speak this goodness concerning Your servant; ²⁷ and now, You have been pleased to bless the house of Your servant, to be before You for all time; for You, O YHWH, have blessed, and it is blessed for all time.”

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¹ And it comes to pass after this, that David strikes the Philistines, and humbles them, and takes Gath and its small towns out of the hand of the Philistines; ² and he strikes Moab, and the Moabites are servants to David, bringing a present. ³ And David strikes Hadarezer king of Zobah, at Hamath, in his going to establish his power by the Euphrates River, ⁴ and David captures from him one thousand chariots, and

seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen, and David utterly destroys all the chariots, and leaves of them [only] one hundred chariots. ⁵ And Aram of Damascus comes to give help to Hadarezer king of Zobah, and David strikes twenty-two thousand men in Aram, ⁶ and David puts [garrisons] in Aram of Damascus, and the Arameans are for servants to David, carrying a present, and YHWH gives salvation to David wherever he has gone. ⁷ And David takes the shields of gold that have been on the servants of Hadarezer, and brings them to Jerusalem; ⁸ and from Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, David has taken very much bronze; with it Solomon has made the bronze sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of bronze. ⁹ And Tou king of Hamath hears that David has struck the whole force of Hadarezer king of Zobah, ¹⁰ and he sends his son Hadoram to King David, to ask of him of peace, and to bless him, because that he has fought against Hadarezer and strikes him (for Hadarezer had been a man of wars with Tou); and [with him were] all kinds of vessels, of gold, and silver, and bronze; ¹¹ King David has also sanctified them to YHWH with the silver and the gold that he has taken from all the nations, from Edom, and from Moab, and from the sons of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek. ¹² And Abishai son of Zeruiah has struck Edom in the Valley of Salt—eighteen thousand, ¹³ and he puts garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites are servants to David; and YHWH saves David wherever he has gone. ¹⁴ And David reigns

over all Israel, and he is doing judgment and righteousness to all his people, ¹⁵ and Joab son of Zeruiah [is] over the host, and Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud [is] remembrancer, ¹⁶ and Zadok son of Ahitub and Abimelech son of Abiathar [are] priests, and Shavsha [is] scribe, ¹⁷ and Benaiah son of Jehoiada [is] over the Cherethite and the Pelethite, and the chief sons of David [are] at the hand of the king.

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¹ And it comes to pass after this, that Nahash king of the sons of Ammon dies, and his son reigns in his stead, ² and David says, “I do kindness with Hanun son of Nahash, for his father did kindness with me”; and David sends messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And the servants of David come to the land of the sons of Ammon, to Hanun, to comfort him, ³ and the heads of the sons of Ammon say to Hanun, “Is David honoring your father in your eyes because he has sent comforters to you? Have his servants not come to you in order to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?”

⁴ And Hanun takes the servants of David and shaves them, and cuts their long robes in the midst, to the buttocks, and sends them away.

⁵ And [some] go and declare to David concerning the men, and he sends to meet them—for the men have been greatly ashamed—and the king says, “Dwell in Jericho until your beard is grown, then you have returned.” ⁶ And the sons of Ammon see that they have made themselves

abhorred by David, and Hanun and the sons of Ammon send one thousand talents of silver, to hire for themselves, from Aram-Naharaim, and from Aram-Maachah, and from Zobah, chariots and horsemen; ⁷ and they hire for themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people, and they come in and encamp before Medeba, and the sons of Ammon have been gathered out of their cities, and come to the battle. ⁸ And David hears, and sends Joab, and all the host of the mighty men, ⁹ and the sons of Ammon come out and set in array [for] battle at the opening of the city, and the kings who have come [are] by themselves in the field. ¹⁰ And Joab sees that the front of the battle has been to him, before and behind, and he chooses out of all the choice in Israel, and sets in array to meet Aram, ¹¹ and he has given the remnant of the people into the hand of his brother Abishai, and they set in array to meet the sons of Ammon. ¹² And he says, “If Aram is stronger than me, then you have been for salvation to me; and if the sons of Ammon are stronger than you, then I have saved you; ¹³ be strong, and we strengthen ourselves, for our people, and for the cities of our God, and YHWH does that which is good in His eyes.” ¹⁴ And Joab draws near, and the people who [are] with him, before Aram to battle, and they flee from his face; ¹⁵ and the sons of Ammon have seen that Aram has fled, and they flee—they also—from the face of his brother Abishai, and go into the city. And Joab comes to Jerusalem. ¹⁶ And Aram sees that

they have been struck before Israel, and send messengers, and bring out Aram that [is] beyond the River, and Shophach head of the host of Hadarezer [is] before them. ¹⁷ And it is declared to David, and he gathers all Israel, and passes over the Jordan, and comes to them, and sets in array against them; indeed, David sets in array [for] battle to meet Aram, and they fight with him; ¹⁸ and Aram flees from the face of Israel, and David slays seven thousand charioteers and forty thousand footmen of Aram, and he has put Shophach head of the host to death. ¹⁹ And the servants of Hadarezer see that they have been struck before Israel, and they make peace with David and serve him, and Aram has not been willing to help the sons of Ammon anymore.

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¹ And it comes to pass, at the time of the turn of the year—at the time of the going out of the messengers—that Joab leads out the force of the host, and destroys the land of the sons of Ammon, and comes in and besieges Rabbah—David is abiding in Jerusalem—and Joab strikes Rabbah, and breaks it down. ² And David takes the crown of their king from off his head, and finds it [to be] a talent of gold [in] weight, and [with] precious stone in it, and it is on the head of David; and he has brought out very much spoil of the city, ³ and he has brought out the people who [are] in it, and sets [them] to the saw, and to cutting instruments of iron, and to axes; and thus David does to all cities of the sons

of Ammon, and David turns back—and all the people—to Jerusalem. ⁴ And it comes to pass after this, that war remains in Gezer with the Philistines; then Sibbechai the Hushathite has struck Sippai, of the children of the giant, and they are humbled. ⁵ And there is war with the Philistines again, and Elhanan son of Jair strikes Lahmi, brother of Goliath the Gittite, the wood of whose spear [is] like a weavers' beam. ⁶ And there is war in Gath again, and there is a man of [great] measure, and his fingers and his toes [are] six and six—twenty-four [total], and he has also been born to the giant. ⁷ And he reproaches Israel, and Jonathan son of Shimea, brother of David, strikes him. ⁸ These were born to the giant in Gath, and they fall by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

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¹ Then Satan stands up against Israel, and persuades David to number Israel, ² and David says to Joab and to the heads of the people, “Go, number Israel from Beer-Sheba even to Dan, and bring [the account] to me, and I know their number.” ³ And Joab says, “YHWH adds to His people as they are one hundred times; are they not, my lord, O king, all of them for servants to my lord? Why does my lord seek this? Why is he for a cause of guilt to Israel?” ⁴ And the word of the king [is] severe against Joab, and Joab goes out, and goes up and down in all Israel, and comes to Jerusalem. ⁵ And Joab gives the account of the numbering of the

people to David, and all Israel is one million and one hundred thousand, each drawing sword, and Judah [is] four hundred and seventy thousand, each drawing sword. ⁶ And he has not numbered Levi and Benjamin in their midst, for the word of the king was abominable with Joab. ⁷ And it is evil in the eyes of God concerning this thing, and He strikes Israel, ⁸ and David says to God, “I have sinned exceedingly in that I have done this thing; and now, please cause the iniquity of Your servant to pass away, for I have acted very foolishly.” ⁹ And YHWH speaks to Gad, seer of David, saying, ¹⁰ “Go, and you have spoken to David, saying, Thus said YHWH: I am extending three [choices] to you; choose one of these for yourself, and I do [it] to you.” ¹¹ And Gad comes to David and says to him, “Thus said YHWH: Take for yourself— ¹² either famine for three years, or three months to be consumed from the face of your adversaries (even [for] the sword of your enemies to overtake), or three days of the sword of YHWH (even pestilence in the land, and a messenger of YHWH destroying in all the border of Israel); and now, see; what word do I return to Him who is sending me?” ¹³ And David says to Gad, “I am greatly distressed, please let me fall into the hand of YHWH, for His mercies [are] very many, and do not let me fall into the hand of man.” ¹⁴ And YHWH gives a pestilence in Israel, and there falls from Israel seventy thousand men, ¹⁵ and God sends a messenger to Jerusalem to destroy it, and as he is destroying,

YHWH has seen, and is comforted concerning the calamity, and says to the messenger who [is] destroying, “Enough now, cease your hand.” And the messenger of YHWH is standing by the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, ¹⁶ and David lifts up his eyes, and sees the messenger of YHWH standing between the earth and the heavens, and his sword [is] drawn in his hand, stretched out over Jerusalem, and David falls, and the elderly, covered with sackcloth, on their faces. ¹⁷ And David says to God, “Did I not command to number the people? Indeed, it [is] I who have sinned, and done great evil: and these, the flock, what did they do? O YHWH, my God, please let Your hand be on me, and on the house of my father, and not on Your people—to be plagued.” ¹⁸ And the messenger of YHWH commanded to Gad to say to David, “Surely David goes up to raise an altar to YHWH in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.” ¹⁹ And David goes up by the word of Gad, that he spoke in the Name of YHWH. ²⁰ And Ornan turns back and sees the messenger, and his four sons [are] with him hiding themselves, and Ornan is threshing wheat. ²¹ And David comes to Ornan, and Ornan looks attentively and sees David, and goes out from the threshing-floor, and bows himself to David—face to the earth. ²² And David says to Ornan, “Give the place of the threshing-floor to me, and I build an altar to YHWH in it; give it to me for full price, and the plague is restrained from the people.” ²³ And Ornan says to David, “Take [it] to yourself, and my lord the

king does that which is good in his eyes; see, I have given the oxen for burnt-offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for a present; I have given the whole.”²⁴ And King David says to Ornan, “No, for I surely buy [it] for full price; for I do not lift up that which is yours to YHWH, so as to offer a burnt-offering without cost.”²⁵ And David gives to Ornan six hundred shekels of gold [in] weight for the place;²⁶ and David builds an altar to YHWH there, and offers burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and calls to YHWH, and He answers him from the heavens with fire on the altar of the burnt-offering.²⁷ And YHWH speaks to the messenger, and he turns back his sword to its sheath.²⁸ At that time, when David sees that YHWH has answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrifices there;²⁹ and the Dwelling Place of YHWH that Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt-offering, [are] at that time at a high place in Gibeon;³⁰ and David is not able to go before it to seek God, for he has been afraid because of the sword of the messenger of YHWH.

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¹ And David says, “This is the house of YHWH God, and this [is] the altar for burnt-offering for Israel.”² And David says to gather the sojourners who [are] in the land of Israel, and appoints hewers to hew hewn-stones to build a house of God.³ And David has prepared iron in abundance for nails for leaves of the gates and for

couplings, and bronze in abundance—there is no weighing, ⁴ and cedar-trees without number, for the Zidonians and the Tyrians brought in cedar-trees in abundance to David. ⁵ And David says, “My son Solomon [is] a youth and tender, and the house to be built for YHWH [is] to be made exceedingly great, for renown and for beauty to all the lands; now let me prepare for it”; and David prepares in abundance before his death. ⁶ And he calls for his son Solomon, and charges him to build a house for YHWH, God of Israel, ⁷ and David says to his son Solomon, “As for me, it has been with my heart to build a house for the Name of my God YHWH, ⁸ and the word of YHWH [is] against me, saying, You have shed blood in abundance, and you have made great wars; you do not build a house for My Name, for you have shed much blood to the earth before Me. ⁹ Behold, a son is born to you; he is a man of rest, and I have given rest to him from all his surrounding enemies, for Solomon is his name, and I give peace and quietness to Israel in his days; ¹⁰ he builds a house for My Name, and he is to Me for a son, and I [am] to him for a father, and I have established the throne of his kingdom over Israel for all time. ¹¹ Now my son, YHWH is with you, and you have prospered, and have built the house of your God YHWH, as He spoke concerning you. ¹² Only, may YHWH give wisdom and understanding to you, and charge you concerning Israel, even to keep the Law of your God YHWH; ¹³ then you prosper, if you observe to do the statutes and the judgments that

YHWH charged Moses with concerning Israel; be strong and courageous; do not fear, nor be cast down. ¹⁴ And behold, in my affliction I have prepared for the house of YHWH one hundred thousand talents of gold, and one million talents of silver; and of bronze and of iron there is no weighing, for it has been in abundance; and I have prepared wood and stones, and you add to them. ¹⁵ And with you in abundance [are] workmen, hewers and craftsmen of stone and of wood, and every skillful man for every work. ¹⁶ Of the gold, of the silver, and of the bronze, and of the iron, there is no number; arise and do, and YHWH is with you.” ¹⁷ And David gives charge to all heads of Israel to give help to his son Solomon, [saying], ¹⁸ “Is your God YHWH not with you? Indeed, He has given rest to you all around, for He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land has been subdued before His people. ¹⁹ Now give your heart and your soul to seek for your God YHWH, and rise and build the sanctuary of YHWH God, to bring in the Ark of the Covenant of YHWH, and the holy vessels of God, to the house that is built for the Name of YHWH.”

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¹ And David was old and satisfied with days, and he causes his son Solomon to reign over Israel, ² and gathers all the heads of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites; ³ and the Levites are numbered from a son of thirty years and upward, and their number, for their counted

heads, is of thirty-eight thousand mighty men. ⁴ Of these, twenty-four thousand [are] to preside over the work of the house of YHWH, and six thousand officers and judges, ⁵ and four thousand gatekeepers, and four thousand giving praise to YHWH, “with instruments that I made for praising,” [says David.] ⁶ And David distributes them into divisions of the sons of Levi—of Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ⁷ Of the Gershonite: Laadan and Shimei. ⁸ Sons of Laadan: the head [is] Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel—three. ⁹ Sons of Shimei: Shelomith, and Haziël, and Haran—three; these [are] heads of the fathers of Laadan. ¹⁰ And sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah; these [are] the four sons of Shimei. ¹¹ And Jahath is the head, and Zizah the second, and Jeush and Beriah have not multiplied sons, and they become the house of a father by one numbering. ¹² Sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel—four. ¹³ Sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses; and Aaron is separated for his sanctifying the Holy of Holies, he and his sons, for all time, to make incense before YHWH, to serve Him, and to bless in His Name for all time. ¹⁴ As for Moses, the man of God, his sons are called after the tribe of Levi. ¹⁵ Sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer. ¹⁶ Sons of Gershom: Shebuel the head. ¹⁷ And sons of Eliezer are Rehabiah the head, and Eliezer had no other sons, and the sons of Rehabiah have multiplied exceedingly. ¹⁸ Sons of Izhar: Shelomith the head. ¹⁹ Sons of Hebron: Jeriah the head, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. ²⁰ Sons of Uzziel:

Micah the head, and Ishshiah the second. ²¹ Sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi; sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish. ²² And Eleazar dies, and he had no sons, but daughters, and their brothers, sons of Kish, take them. ²³ Sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth—three. ²⁴ These [are] sons of Levi, by the house of their fathers, heads of the fathers, by their appointments, in the number of names, by their counted heads, doing the work for the service of the house of YHWH, from a son of twenty years and upward, ²⁵ for David said, “YHWH, God of Israel, has given rest to His people, and He dwells in Jerusalem for all time”; ²⁶ and also of the Levites, “None [are] to carry the Dwelling Place and all its vessels for its service”; ²⁷ for by the last words of David they [took] the number of the sons of Levi from a son of twenty years and upward, ²⁸ for their station [is] at the side of the sons of Aaron, for the service of the house of YHWH, over the courts, and over the chambers, and over the cleansing of every holy thing, and the work of the service of the house of God, ²⁹ and for the bread of the arrangement, and for fine flour for present, and for the thin unleavened cakes, and for [the work of] the pan, and for that which is stirred, and for all [liquid] measure and [solid] measure; ³⁰ and to stand, morning by morning, to give thanks, and to give praise to YHWH, and so at evening; ³¹ and for all the burnt-offerings—burnt-offerings to YHWH for Sabbaths, for new moons, and for appointed times, by number, according to the ordinance on them continually,

before YHWH. ³² And they have kept the charge of the Tent of Meeting, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of their brothers, the sons of Aaron, for the service of the house of YHWH.

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¹ And [these are] their divisions, of the sons of Aaron. [The] sons of Aaron [are] Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. ² And Nadab dies—and Abihu—in the presence of their father, and they had no sons, and Eleazar and Ithamar act as priests. ³ And David distributes them—and Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar—according to their office in their service; ⁴ and there are found of the sons of Eleazar more for heads of the mighty men than of the sons of Ithamar; and they distribute them. Of the sons of Eleazar, heads for [each] house of [their] fathers—sixteen; and of the sons of Ithamar, for [each] house of their fathers—eight. ⁵ And they distribute them by lots, with one another, for they have been princes of the holy place and princes of God, from the sons of Eleazar and from the sons of Ithamar. ⁶ And Shemaiah son of Nethaneel the scribe, of the Levites, writes them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech son of Abiathar, and heads of the fathers for priests and for Levites, one house of a father being taken possession of for Eleazar and one being taken possession of for Ithamar. ⁷ And the first lot goes out for Jehoiarib, for Jedaiah the second, ⁸ for Harim the third, for Seorim the fourth, ⁹ for Malchijah the fifth, for Mijamin the sixth,

¹⁰ for Hakkoz the seventh, for Abijah the eighth, ¹¹ for Jeshuah the ninth, for Shecaniah the tenth, ¹² for Eliashib the eleventh, for Jakim the twelfth, ¹³ for Huppah the thirteenth, for Jeshebeab the fourteenth, ¹⁴ for Bilgah the fifteenth, for Immer the sixteenth, ¹⁵ for Hezir the seventeenth, for Aphses the eighteenth, ¹⁶ for Pethahiah the nineteenth, for Jehezekel the twentieth, ¹⁷ for Jachin the twenty-first, for Gamul the twenty-second, ¹⁸ for Delaiah the twenty-third, for Maaziah the twenty-fourth. ¹⁹ These [are] their appointments for their service, to come into the house of YHWH, according to their ordinance by the hand of their father Aaron, as YHWH God of Israel commanded them. ²⁰ And of the sons of Levi who are left—of sons of Amram: Shubael; of sons of Shubael: Jehdeiah. ²¹ Of Rehabiah, of sons of Rehabiah: the head Ishshiah. ²² Of the Izharite: Shelomoth; of sons of Shelomoth: Jahath. ²³ And sons of Jeriah: Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. ²⁴ Sons of Uzziel: Michah; of sons of Michah: Shamir. ²⁵ Ishshiah [is] a brother of Michah; of sons of Ishshiah: Zechariah; ²⁶ sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi; sons of Jaaziah: Beno; ²⁷ sons of Merari, of Jaaziah: Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri. ²⁸ Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons; ²⁹ of Kish, sons of Kish: Jerahmeel. ³⁰ And sons of Mushi [are] Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth; these [are] sons of the Levites, for the house of their fathers, ³¹ and they also cast lots just as their brothers, the sons of Aaron, before David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and heads of

the fathers for priests and for Levites; the chief father just as his younger brother.

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¹ And David and the heads of the host separate for service, of the sons of Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun, who are prophesying with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals; and the number of the workmen is according to their service. ² Of sons of Asaph: Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asharelah; sons of Asaph [are] by the side of Asaph, who is prophesying by the side of the king. ³ Of Jeduthun, sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, [and Shimei, and] Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, by the side of their father Jeduthun; he is prophesying with a harp, for giving of thanks and of praise for YHWH. ⁴ Of Heman, sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Haniah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth; ⁵ all these [are] sons of Heman, seer of the king in the things of God, to lift up a horn; and God gives fourteen sons and three daughters to Heman. ⁶ All these [are] by the side of their father in the song of the house of YHWH, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God; by the side of the king [are] Asaph, and Jeduthun, and Heman. ⁷ And their number, with their brothers taught in the song of YHWH—all who are intelligent—[is] two hundred and eighty-eight. ⁸ And they cause lots to fall, charge next to [charge], the small as well

as the great, the intelligent with the learner.
9 And the first lot goes out for Asaph to Joseph; the second, Gedaliah—him, and his brothers and his sons—twelve; 10 the third, Zaccur, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 11 the fourth to Izri, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 12 the fifth, Nethaniah, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 13 the sixth, Bukkiah, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 14 the seventh, Jesharelah, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 15 the eighth, Jeshaiiah, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 16 the ninth, Mattaniah, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 17 the tenth, Shimei, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 18 eleventh, Azareel, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 19 the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 20 for the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 21 for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 22 for the fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 23 the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 24 the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 25 the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 26 the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 27 the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 28 the twenty-first to Hothir, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 29 the twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 30 the twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and his brothers—twelve; 31 the twenty-fourth to Romamti-Ezer, his sons and his brothers—twelve.

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¹ For the divisions of the gatekeepers, of the Korahites: Meshelemiah son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph; ² and sons of Meshelemiah: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediel the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, ³ Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh. ⁴ And moreover, sons of Obed-Edom: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth, ⁵ Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth, for God has blessed him. ⁶ And sons have been born to his son Shemaiah, who are ruling throughout the house of their father, for they [are] mighty men of valor. ⁷ Sons of Shemaiah: Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, [and] Elzabad; his brothers Elihu and Semachiah [are] sons of valor. ⁸ All these [are] of the sons of Obed-Edom; they, and their sons, and their brothers, men of valor with might for service—sixty-two of Obed-Edom. ⁹ And sons and brothers of Meshelemiah, sons of valor—eighteen; ¹⁰ and of Hosah, of the sons of Merari, [are these] sons: Shimri the head (though he was not firstborn, yet his father sets him for head), ¹¹ Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons and brothers of Hosah—thirteen. ¹² For these [are] the divisions of the gatekeepers, of the heads of the mighty ones, [with] charges just as their brothers, to minister in the house of YHWH, ¹³ and they cause lots to fall, the small as well as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate. ¹⁴ And the lot falls eastward

to Shelemiah; and [for] his son Zechariah, a counselor with understanding, they cause lots to fall, and his lot goes out northward; ¹⁵ to Obed-Edom southward, and to his sons, the house of the gatherings; ¹⁶ to Shuppim and to Hosah to the west, with Shallecheth Gate, in the highway, the ascent, watch next to watch; ¹⁷ to the east [are] six Levites, to the north [are] four each day, to the south [are] four each day, and for the gatherings, two by two; ¹⁸ at Parbar, to the west, [are] four at the highway, two at Parbar. ¹⁹ These are the divisions of the gatekeepers, of the sons of the Korahite, and of the sons of Merari. ²⁰ And of the Levites, Ahijah [is] over the treasures of the house of God, even for the treasures of the holy things. ²¹ Sons of Laadan, sons of the Gershonite, of Laadan, heads of the fathers of Laadan the Gershonite: Jehieli. ²² Sons of Jehieli: Zetham and his brother Joel, over the treasures of the house of YHWH. ²³ Of the Amramite, of the Izharite, of the Hebronite, of [the] Uzzielite—²⁴ and Shebuel son of Gershom, son of Moses, [is] president over the treasures. ²⁵ And his brothers, of Eliezer: Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son. ²⁶ This Shelomith and his brothers [are] over all the treasures of the holy things that David the king, and heads of the fathers, even heads of thousands, and of hundreds, and heads of the host, sanctified; ²⁷ from the battles and from the spoil, they sanctified to strengthen the house of YHWH; ²⁸ and all that Samuel the seer, and Saul son of Kish, and Abner

son of Ner, and Joab son of Zeruah sanctified, everyone sanctifying [anything—it is] by the side of Shelomith and his brothers. ²⁹ Of the Izharite, Chenaniah and his sons [are] for the outward work over Israel, for officers and for judges. ³⁰ Of the Hebronite, Hashabiah and his brothers, one thousand and seven hundred sons of valor, [are] over the inspection of Israel, beyond the Jordan westward, for all the work of YHWH, and for the service of the king. ³¹ Of the Hebronite, Jerijah [is] the head of the Hebronite, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they have been sought out, and there are found among them mighty men of valor, in Jazer of Gilead—³² and his brothers, two thousand and seven hundred sons of valor, [are] heads of the fathers, and King David appoints them over the Reubenite, and the Gadite, and the half of the tribe of the Manassite, for every matter of God and matter of the king.

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¹ And the sons of Israel, after their number, heads of the fathers, and princes of the thousands and of the hundreds, and their officers, those serving the king in any matter of the divisions, that are coming in and going out month by month throughout all months of the year, [are] twenty-four thousand in each division. ² Over the first division for the first month [is] Jashobeam son of Zabdiel, and twenty-four thousand [are] on his division; ³ [he was] of the sons of Perez, [and] the head of all princes

of the hosts for the first month. ⁴ And over the division of the second month [is] Dodai the Ahohite, and Mikloth [is] also president of his division, and twenty-four thousand [are] on his division. ⁵ Head of the third host, for the third month, [is] Benaiah son of Jehoiada, the head priest, and twenty-four thousand [are] on his division. ⁶ This Benaiah [is] a mighty one of the thirty, and over the thirty, and his son Ammizabad [is in] his division. ⁷ The fourth, for the fourth month, [is] Asahel brother of Joab, and his son Zebadiah after him, and twenty-four thousand [are] on his division. ⁸ The fifth, for the fifth month, [is] the prince Shamhuth the Izrahite, and twenty-four thousand [are] on his division. ⁹ The sixth, for the sixth month, [is] Ira son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, and twenty-four thousand [are] on his division. ¹⁰ The seventh, for the seventh month, [is] Helez the Pelonite, of the sons of Ephraim, and twenty-four thousand [are] on his division. ¹¹ The eighth, for the eighth month, [is] Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zerahite, and twenty-four thousand [are] on his division. ¹² The ninth, for the ninth month, [is] Abiezer the Antothite, of the Benjamite, and twenty-four thousand [are] on his division. ¹³ The tenth, for the tenth month, [is] Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zerahite, and twenty-four thousand [are] on his division. ¹⁴ Eleventh, for the eleventh month, [is] Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the sons of Ephraim, and twenty-four thousand [are] on his division. ¹⁵ The twelfth, for the twelfth month, [is] Heldai the Netophathite, of

Othniel, and twenty-four thousand [are] on his division. ¹⁶ And over the tribes of Israel: the leader of the Reubenite [is] Eliezer son of Zichri; of the Simeonite, Shephatiah son of Maachah; ¹⁷ of the Levite, Hashabiah son of Kemuel; of the Aaronite, Zadok; ¹⁸ of Judah, Elihu, of the brothers of David; of Issachar, Omri son of Michael; ¹⁹ of Zebulun, Ishmaiah son of Obadiah; of Naphtali, Jerimoth son of Azriel; ²⁰ of the sons of Ephraim, Hoshea son of Azaziah; of the half of the tribe of Manasseh, Joel son of Pedaiah; ²¹ of the half of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo son of Zechariah; of Benjamin, Jaasiel son of Abner; of Dan, Azareel son of Jeroham. ²² These [are the] heads of the tribes of Israel. ²³ But David has not taken up their number from a son of twenty years and under, for YHWH had said [He would] multiply Israel as the stars of the heavens. ²⁴ Joab son of Zeruah has begun to number, but has not finished; and there is wrath against Israel for this, and the number has not gone up in the account of the Chronicles of King David. ²⁵ And Azmaveth son of Adiel [is] over the treasures of the king; and Jonathan son of Uziah [is] over the treasures in the field, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the towers; ²⁶ and Ezri son of Chelub [is] over workmen of the field for the service of the ground; ²⁷ and Shimei the Ramathite [is] over the vineyards; and Zabdi the Shiphmite [is] over what [is] in the vineyards for the treasures of wine; ²⁸ and Ba'al-Hanan the Gederite [is] over the olives and the sycamores that [are] in the low country; and Joash [is] over the treasures of oil; ²⁹ and

Shitrai the Sharonite [is] over the herds that are feeding in Sharon; and Shaphat son of Adlai [is] over the herds in the valleys; ³⁰ and Obil the Ishmaelite [is] over the camels; and Jehdeiah the Meronothite [is] over the donkeys; ³¹ and Jaziz the Hagerite [is] over the flock; all these [are] heads of the substance that King David has. ³² And Jonathan, David's uncle, [is] counselor, a man of understanding, [and] he is also a scribe; and Jehiel son of Hachmoni [is] with the sons of the king; ³³ and Ahithophel [is] counselor to the king; and Hushai the Archite [is] the friend of the king; ³⁴ and after Ahithophel [is] Jehoiada son of Benaiah, and Abiathar; and the head of the host of the king [is] Joab.

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¹ And David assembles all the heads of Israel, heads of the tribes, and heads of the divisions who are serving the king, and heads of the thousands, and heads of the hundreds, and heads of all the substance and possessions of the king, and of his sons, with the officers and the mighty ones, and of every mighty man of valor—to Jerusalem. ² And David the king rises on his feet and says, “Hear me, my brothers and my people, I [had it] with my heart to build a house of rest for the Ark of the Covenant of YHWH, and for the footstool of our God, and I prepared to build, ³ and God has said to me, You do not build a house for My Name, for you [are] a man of wars, and you have shed blood. ⁴ And YHWH, God of Israel, fixes on me out of

all the house of my father to be for king over Israel for all time, for He has fixed on Judah for a leader, and in the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among the sons of my father, He has been pleased with me to make [me] king over all Israel; ⁵ and out of all my sons—for YHWH has given many sons to me—He also fixes on my son Solomon, to sit on the throne of the kingdom of YHWH over Israel, ⁶ and says to me, Your son Solomon builds My house and My courts, for I have fixed on him [to be] to Me for a son, and I am to him for a father. ⁷ And I have established his kingdom for all time, if he is strong to do My commands and My judgments, as at this day. ⁸ And now, before the eyes of all Israel, the assembly of YHWH, and in the ears of our God, keep and seek all the commands of your God YHWH, so that you possess this good land, and have caused your sons to inherit after you for all time. ⁹ And you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind, for YHWH is seeking all hearts, and He is understanding every imagination of the thoughts; if you seek Him, He is found by you, and if you forsake Him, He casts you off forever. ¹⁰ See, now, for YHWH has fixed on you to build a house for a sanctuary; be strong, and do.” ¹¹ And David gives to his son Solomon the pattern of the porch, and of its houses, and of its treasures, and of its upper chambers, and of its innermost chambers, and of the house of the atonement; ¹² and the pattern

of all that has been with him by the Spirit, for the courts of the house of YHWH, and for all the surrounding chambers, for the treasures of the house of God, and for the treasures of the things sacrificed; ¹³ and for the divisions of the priests and of the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of YHWH, and for all vessels of service of the house of YHWH, ¹⁴ even gold by weight, for [things of] gold, for all instruments of every service; for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every service; ¹⁵ and [by] weight for the lampstands of gold, and their lamps of gold, by weight [for] lampstand and lampstand, and its lamps; and for the lampstands of silver, by weight for a lampstand and its lamps, according to the service of lampstand and lampstand; ¹⁶ and the gold [by] weight for tables of the arrangement, for table and table, and silver for the tables of silver; ¹⁷ and the forks, and the bowls, and the cups of pure gold, and for the basins of gold, by weight for basin and basin, and for the basins of silver, by weight for basin and basin, ¹⁸ and for the altar of incense, refined gold by weight, and for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubim of gold, spreading and covering over the Ark of the Covenant of YHWH. ¹⁹ The whole [is] in writing from the hand of YHWH, “He caused me to understand all the work of the pattern,” [said David.] ²⁰ And David says to his son Solomon, “Be strong and courageous, and do; do not fear nor be frightened, for YHWH God, my God, [is] with you; He does not fail you, nor forsake you, to the

completion of all the work of the service of the house of YHWH. ²¹ And behold, divisions of the priests and of the Levites [are] for all the service of the house of God; and with you in all work [is] every willing one with wisdom, for every service; and the heads and all the people [are] according to all your words.”

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¹ And David the king says to all the assembly, “My son Solomon—the one on whom God has fixed—[is] young and tender, and the work [is] great, for the palace is not for man, but for YHWH God; ² and with all my power I have prepared for the house of my God, the gold for [things of] gold, and the silver for [things of] silver, and the bronze for [things of] bronze, the iron for [things of] iron, and the wood for [things of] wood, shoham stones, and settings, and stones of painting and of diverse colors, and all [kinds of] precious stone, and stones of white marble, in abundance. ³ And again, because of my delighting in the house of my God, the substance I have—a peculiar treasure of gold and silver—I have given for the house of my God, even over and above all I have prepared for the holy house: ⁴ three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses, ⁵ even gold for [things of] gold, and silver for [things of] silver, and for all the work by the hand of craftsmen; and who [is] he that is offering to willingly consecrate

his hand to YHWH today?” ⁶ And the heads of the fathers, and the heads of the tribes of Israel, and the heads of the thousands, and of the hundreds, and of the heads of the work of the king, offer willingly. ⁷ And they give for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand drams of gold, and ten thousand talents of silver, and eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron; ⁸ and he with whom stones are found has given [them] to the treasury of the house of YHWH, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹ And the people rejoice because of their offering willingly, for with a perfect heart they have offered willingly to YHWH; and David the king has also rejoiced [with] great joy. ¹⁰ And David blesses YHWH before the eyes of all the assembly, and David says, “Blessed [are] You, YHWH, God of Israel, our Father, from age even to age. ¹¹ To You, O YHWH, [is] the greatness, and the might, and the beauty, and the victory, and the splendor, because of all in the heavens and in the earth; to You, O YHWH, [is] the kingdom, and He who is lifting up Himself over all for head; ¹² and the riches, and the honor [are] from before You, and You are ruling over all, and in Your hand [is] power and might, and [it is] in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now, our God, we are giving thanks to You, and giving praise to Your beautiful Name; ¹⁴ indeed, because who [am] I, and who [are] my people, that we retain power to offer thus willingly? But the whole [is] from You, and

we have given to You out of Your [own] hand; ¹⁵ for we [are] sojourners and settlers before You, like all our fathers; our days on the land [are] as a shadow, and there is none abiding. ¹⁶ O our God YHWH, all this store [with] which we have prepared to build a house for You, for Your Holy Name, [is] out of Your [own] hand, and the whole [is] of You. ¹⁷ And I have known, my God, that You are trying the heart, and desire uprightness; I, in the uprightness of my heart, have willingly offered all these; and now, I have seen Your people who are found here with joy to offer willingly to You. ¹⁸ O YHWH, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this for all time for the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and prepare their heart for You; ¹⁹ and give a perfect heart to my son Solomon, to keep Your commands, Your testimonies, and Your statutes, and to do the whole, even to build the palace [for] which I have prepared.” ²⁰ And David says to all the assembly, “Now bless your God YHWH”; and all the assembly blesses YHWH, God of their fathers, and bows and pays respect to YHWH and to the king. ²¹ And they sacrifice sacrifices to YHWH, and cause burnt-offerings to ascend to YHWH on that next day: one thousand bullocks, one thousand rams, one thousand lambs, and their oblations, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel. ²² And they eat and drink before YHWH on that day with great joy, and cause Solomon son of David to reign a second time, and anoint [him] before YHWH for leader, and Zadok for

priest. ²³ And Solomon sits on the throne of YHWH for king instead of his father David, and prospers, and all of Israel listens to him, ²⁴ and all the heads, and the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David have given a hand under Solomon the king; ²⁵ and YHWH makes Solomon exceedingly great before the eyes of all Israel, and puts on him the splendor of the kingdom that has not been on any king over Israel before him. ²⁶ And David son of Jesse has reigned over all Israel, ²⁷ and the days that he has reigned over Israel [are] forty years; he reigned in Hebron seven years, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-three; ²⁸ and he dies in a good old age, satisfied with days, riches, and honor, and his son Solomon reigns in his stead. ²⁹ And the matters of David the king, the first and the last, behold, they are written beside the matters of Samuel the seer, and beside the matters of Nathan the prophet, and beside the matters of Gad the seer, ³⁰ with all his reign, and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all kingdoms of the lands.

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