

# REIGN OF KING DAVID

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# I. Death of King Saul

## 1. Final Battle

### 1 Samuel Chapter 31

**1.** Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. **2.** And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons. **3.** And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers. **4.** Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. **5.** And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. **6.** So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together. **7.** And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

**8.** And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. **9.** And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people. **10.** And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan. **11.** And when the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; **12.** All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. **13.** And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

### 1 Chronicles Chapter 10

**1.** Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. **2.** And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul. **3.** And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded of the archers. **4.** Then said Saul to his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. **5.** And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died. **6.** So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together. **7.** And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

**8.** And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa. **9.** And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people. **10.** And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon. **11.** And when all Jabeshgilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, **12.** They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. **13.** So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it; **14.** And enquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

## 2. David Hears of the Deaths

**2 Samuel 1:1** Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag; **2.** It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance. **3.** And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped. **4.** And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the

people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also. **5.** And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead? **6.** And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. **7.** And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here am I. **8.** And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite. **9.** He said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in me. **10.** So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

**11.** Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him: **12.** And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword. **13.** And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite. **14.** And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD'S anointed? **15.** And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died. **16.** And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD'S anointed.

**17.** And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son: **18.** (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.)

**19.** The beauty of Israel is slain  
upon thy high places:  
how are the mighty fallen!

**20.** Tell it not in Gath,  
publish it not  
in the streets of Askelon;  
lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,  
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

**21.** Ye mountains of Gilboa,  
let there be no dew,  
neither let there be rain, upon you,  
nor fields of offerings:  
for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away,  
the shield of Saul,  
as though he had not been anointed with oil.

**22.** From the blood of the slain,  
from the fat of the mighty,  
the bow of Jonathan  
turned not back,  
and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

**23.** Saul and Jonathan were lovely  
and pleasant in their lives,  
and in their death  
they were not divided:  
they were swifter than eagles,  
they were stronger than lions.

**24.** Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,  
who clothed you in scarlet,  
with other delights,

who put on ornaments of gold  
upon your apparel.

**25.** How are the mighty fallen  
in the midst of the battle!  
Jonathan, thou wast slain  
in thine high places.

**26.** I am distressed for thee,  
my brother Jonathan:  
very pleasant hast thou been unto me:  
thy love to me was wonderful,  
passing the love of women.

**27.** How are the mighty fallen,  
and the weapons of war perished!

## II. War Between David and the House of Saul

**2 Samuel 2:1** And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron. **2.** So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite. **3.** And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. **4.** And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabeshgilead were they that buried Saul.

**5.** And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabeshgilead, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him. **6.** And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. **7.** Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them. **8.** But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim; **9.** And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. **10.** Ishbosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. **11.** And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months. **12.** And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. **13.** And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met together by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool. **14.** And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise. **15.** Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which pertained to Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. **16.** And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called Helkathazzurim, which is in Gibeon. **17.** And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

**18.** And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as light of foot as a wild roe. **19.** And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. **20.** Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Art thou Asahel? And he answered, I am. **21.** And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him. **22.** And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother? **23.** Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth rib, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still. **24.** Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

25. And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of an hill.

26. Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren? 27. And Joab said, As God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother. 28. So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more. 29. And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim. 30. And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. 31. But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, so that three hundred and threescore men died.

32. And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Bethlehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

**2 Samuel 3:1.** Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

2. And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; 3. And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; 4. And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; 5. And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

6. And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul. 7. And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Ishbosheth said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine? 8. Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ishbosheth, and said, Am I a dog's head, which against Judah do shew kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargest me to day with a fault concerning this woman? 9. So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him; 10. To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba. 11. And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him. 12. And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying also, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee.

13. And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face. 14. And David sent messengers to Ishbosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines. 15. And Ishbosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phaltiel the son of Laish. 16. And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

17. And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past to be king over you: 18. Now then do it: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies. 19. And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin. 20. So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that were with him a feast. 21. And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

22. And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace. 23. When Joab and all the host that was with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace. 24. Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone? 25. Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in,

and to know all that thou doest. **26.** And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew it not. **27.** And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

**28.** And afterward when David heard it, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner: **29.** Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread. **30.** So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

**31.** And David said to Joab, and to all the people that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David himself followed the bier.

**32.** And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. **33.** And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth? **34.** Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him. **35.** And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun be down. **36.** And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people. **37.** For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner. **38.** And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? **39.** And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah be too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

**2 Samuel 4:1** And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled. **2.** And Saul's son had two men that were captains of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin: **3.** And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there until this day.) **4.** And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth. **5.** And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, who lay on a bed at noon. **6.** And they came thither into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him under the fifth rib: and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. **7.** For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night. **8.** And they brought the head of Ishbosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ishbosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

**9.** And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, **10.** When one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who thought that I would have given him a reward for his tidings: **11.** How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth? **12.** And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth, and buried it in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

### III. David Becomes King of Israel

#### 2 Samuel Chapter 5

**1.** Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. **2.** Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain

#### 1 Chronicles Chapter 11, 14

**1 Chronicles 11:1.** Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. **2.** And moreover in time past, even when Saul was king, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou

over Israel. **3.** So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel. **4.** David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. **5.** In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

**6.** And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither. **7.** Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David. **8.** And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul, he shall be chief and captain. Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house. **9.** So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward. **10.** And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

**11.** And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house. **12.** And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake. **13.** And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David. **14.** And these be the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, **15.** Ibhar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia, **16.** And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet.

shalt be ruler over my people Israel. **3.** Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel.

**4.** And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus; where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. **5.** And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which is the city of David. **6.** And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruah went first up, and was chief. **7.** And David dwelt in the castle; therefore they called it the city of David. **8.** And he built the city round about, even from Millo round about: and Joab repaired the rest of the city. **9.** So David waxed greater and greater: for the LORD of hosts was with him.

**1 Chronicles 14:1.** Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him an house. **2.** And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel. **3.** And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters. **4.** Now these are the names of his children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, **5.** And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet, **6.** And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, **7.** And Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

#### IV. David's Army

*1 Samuel and 1 Chronicles both list David's army.*

*The lists vary, but I am presenting them side-by-side anyway.*

##### 2 Samuel Chapter 23

**8.** These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite: he lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time. **9.** And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away: **10.** He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the

##### 1 Chronicles 11 - 12

**1 Chronicles 11:10.** These also are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, and with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel. **11.** And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, an Hachmonite, the chief of the captains: he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain by him at one time. **12.** And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighties. **13.** He was with David at Paddamim, and there the Philistines

people returned after him only to spoil. **11.** And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines. **12.** But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.

**13.** And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim. **14.** And David was then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. **15.** And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate! **16.** And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD. **17.** And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men. **18.** And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among three. **19.** Was he not most honourable of three? Therefore he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the first three.

**20.** And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lionlike men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow: **21.** And he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. **22.** These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men. **23.** He was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him over his guard. **24.** Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, **25.** Shammah the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite, **26.** Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, **27.** Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite, **28.** Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite, **29.** Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, **30.** Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash, **31.** Abialbon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, **32.** Eliahba the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen,

were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. **14.** And they set themselves in the midst of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a great deliverance.

**15.** Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim. **16.** And David was then in the hold, and the Philistines' garrison was then at Bethlehem. **17.** And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, that is at the gate! **18.** And the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but David would not drink of it, but poured it out to the LORD, **19.** And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mightiest. **20.** And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew them, and had a name among the three. **21.** Of the three, he was more honourable than the two; for he was their captain: howbeit he attained not to the first three.

**22.** Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done many acts; he slew two lionlike men of Moab: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day. **23.** And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. **24.** These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among the three mighties. **25.** Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the first three: and David set him over his guard. **26.** Also the valiant men of the armies were, Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, **27.** Shammoth the Hararite, Helez the Pelonite, **28.** Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Antothite, **29.** Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, **30.** Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, **31.** Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, that pertained to the children 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

Jonathan, **33.** Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite, **34.** Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite, **35.** Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, **36.** Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, **37.** Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armourbearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah, **38.** Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite, **39.** Uriah the Hittite: thirty and seven in all.

Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite, **35.** Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphai the son of Ur, **36.** Hopher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, **37.** Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai, **38.** Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Haggeri, **39.** Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armourbearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah, **40.** Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, **41.** Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai,

**42.** Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him, **43.** Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, **44.** Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hothan the Aroerite, **45.** Jediahel the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, **46.** Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, **47.** Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

**1 Chronicles 12:1.** Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war. **2.** They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bow, even of Saul's brethren of Benjamin. **3.** The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite, **4.** And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man 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 Korhites, **7.** And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor. **8.** And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains; **9.** Ezer the first, 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, Machbanai the eleventh. **14.** These were of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: one of the least was over an hundred, and the greatest over a thousand. **15.** These are they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all his banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west. **16.** And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David. **17.** And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it. **18.** Then the spirit came upon Amasai, who was chief of the captains, and he said, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band. **19.** And there fell some of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads. **20.** As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediahel, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that were of Manasseh. **21.** And they helped David against the band of the rovers: for they were all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host. **22.** For at that time day by day there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God.

**23.** And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD. **24.** The children of Judah that bare shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war. **25.** Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. **26.** Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred. **27.** And Jehoiada was the leader of the Aaronites, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred; **28.** And Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains. **29.** And of the children of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul. **30.** And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous throughout the house of their fathers. **31.** And of the half tribe of Manasse eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king. **32.** And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the

heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment. **33.** Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: they were not of double heart. **34.** And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand. **35.** And of the Danites expert in war twenty and eight thousand and six hundred. **36.** And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand. **37.** And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand. **38.** All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. **39.** And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them. **40.** Moreover they that were nigh them, even unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for there was joy in Israel.

## V. The Ark Is Moved to Jerusalem

### 1. Decision Made; Move Begins

2 Samuel Chapters 5 and 6	1 Chronicles Chapters 13 and 14
<p><b>2 Samuel 5:17.</b> But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold. <b>18.</b> The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. <b>19.</b> And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand. <b>20.</b> And David came to Baalperazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baalperazim. <b>21.</b> And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them. <b>22.</b> And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. <b>23.</b> And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. <b>24.</b> And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines. <b>25.</b> And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.</p> <p><b>2 Samuel 6:1.</b> Again, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <b>2.</b> And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims.</p>	<p><b>1 Chronicles 14:8.</b> And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against them. <b>9.</b> And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. <b>10.</b> And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? And wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand. <b>11.</b> So they came up to Baalperazim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place Baalperazim. <b>12.</b> And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire. <b>13.</b> And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley. <b>14.</b> Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. <b>15.</b> And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines. <b>16.</b> David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer. <b>17.</b> And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.</p> <p><b>1 Chronicles 13:1.</b> And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. <b>2.</b> And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and that it be of the LORD our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren every where, that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the priests and Levites which are in their cities and suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us: <b>3.</b> And let us bring again the ark of our God to</p>

<p>3. And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. 4. And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. 5. And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.</p>	<p>us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul. 4. And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.</p> <p>5. So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjathjearim. 6. And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to Kirjathjearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that dwelleth between the cherubims, whose name is called on it. 7. And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart. 8. And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.</p>
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## 2. Uzzah Steadies the Ark and Dies

2 Samuel Chapter 6	1 Chronicles Chapter 13
<p>2 Samuel 6:6. And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. 7. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. 8. And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perezuzzah to this day. 9. And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me? 10. So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obedom the Gittite. 11. And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obedom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obedom, and all his household. 12. And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obedom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obedom into the city of David with gladness.</p>	<p>1 Chronicles 13:9. And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. 10. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God. 11. And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called Perezuzza to this day. 12. And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me? 13. So David brought not the ark home to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obedom the Gittite. 14. And the ark of God remained with the family of Obedom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of Obedom, and all that he had.</p>

## 3. Move Continues

<p>1 Chronicles 15:1. And David made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. 2. Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever. 3. And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it. 4. And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites: 5. Of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twenty: 6. Of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty: 7. Of the sons of Gershon; Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty: 8. Of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred: 9. Of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore: 10. Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve. 11. And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, 12. And said unto them, Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify</p>
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yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it. **13.** For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order. **14.** So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

#### 4. Sacrifices Offered

##### 2 Samuel Chapter 13

**2 Samuel 6:13.** And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

##### 1 Chronicles Chapter 15

**1 Chronicles 15:15.** And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD.

#### 5. Singers Appointed

**1 Chronicles 15:16.** And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy. **17.** So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; **18.** And with them their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obedom, and Jeiel, the porters. **19.** So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed to sound with cymbals of brass; **20.** And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth; **21.** And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obedom, and Jeiel, and Azariah, with harps on the Sheminith to excel. **22.** And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was for song: he instructed about the song, because he was skilful. **23.** And Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark. **24.** And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obedom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.

**25.** So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obedom with joy. **26.** And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams. **27.** And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: David also had upon him an ephod of linen.

#### 6. David Dances before the Lord; Ark Reaches Temporary Tabernacle

##### 2 Samuel Chapter 6

**2 Samuel 6:14.** And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. **15.** So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. **16.** And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

**17.** And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. **18.** And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts. **19.** And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh,

##### 1 Chronicles Chapters 15 and 16

**1 Chronicles 15:28.** Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps. **29.** And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

**1 Chronicles 16:1.** So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God. **2.** And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. **3.** And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed every one to his house.

## 7. Ministers to the Ark Appointed; David Sings Praises

**1 Chronicles 16:4.** And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel: **5.** Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obedom: and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals; **6.** Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

**7.** Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

8. Give thanks unto the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the people.
9. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him,  
talk ye of all his wondrous works.
10. Glory ye in his holy name:  
let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
11. Seek the LORD and his strength,  
seek his face continually.
12. Remember his marvellous works that he hath done,  
his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;
13. O ye seed of Israel his servant,  
ye children of Jacob,  
his chosen ones.
  
14. He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.
15. Be ye mindful always of his covenant;  
the word which he commanded to a thousand generations;
  
16. Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham,  
and of his oath unto Isaac;
17. And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law,  
and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,
18. Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,  
the lot of your inheritance;
19. When ye were but few,  
even a few, and strangers in it.
20. And when they went from nation to nation,  
and from one kingdom to another people;
21. He suffered no man to do them wrong:  
yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes,
22. Saying, Touch not mine anointed,  
and do my prophets no harm.
  
23. Sing unto the LORD, all the earth;  
shew forth from day to day his salvation.
24. Declare his glory among the heathen;  
his marvellous works among all nations.
  
25. For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised:

he also is to be feared above all gods.

26. For all the gods of the people are idols:

but the LORD made the heavens.

27. Glory and honour are in his presence;

strength and gladness are in his place.

28. Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people,

give unto the LORD glory and strength.

29. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name:

bring an offering, and come before him:

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

30. Fear before him, all the earth:

the world also shall be stable,

that it be not moved.

31. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice:

and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.

32. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof:

let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.

33. Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD,

because he cometh to judge the earth.

34. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good;

for his mercy endureth for ever.

35. And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation,

and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen,

that we may give thanks to thy holy name,

and glory in thy praise.

36. Blessed be the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever.

And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

37. So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required: 38. And Obededom with their brethren, threescore and eight; Obededom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be porters: 39. And Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place that was at Gibeon, 40. To offer burnt offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt offering continually morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel; 41. And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever; 42. And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were porters. 43. And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

## **8. David Returns to his House; Rebuked by Michal**

**2 Samuel 6:20.** Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! 21. And David said unto Michal, It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD. 22. And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour. 23. Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

## 9. The Lord Comes to David; Not Allowed to Build the Lord's House

### 2 Samuel Chapter 7

**1.** And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies; **2.** That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. **3.** And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee.

**4.** And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying, **5.** Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? **6.** Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. **7.** In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar? **8.** Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: **9.** And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. **10.** Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime, **11.** And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. **12.** And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. **13.** He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. **14.** I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: **15.** But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. **16.** And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

**17.** According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David. **18.** Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my

### 1 Chronicles Chapter 17

**1.** Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth under curtains. **2.** Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee.

**3.** And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, **4.** Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in: **5.** For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. **6.** Wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedars? **7.** Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel: **8.** And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth. **9.** Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning, **10.** And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house. **11.** And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. **12.** He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever. **13.** I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee: **14.** But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.

**15.** According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David. **16.** And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is mine house,

house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? **19.** And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD? **20.** And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant. **21.** For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them. **22.** Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. **23.** And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods? **24.** For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God. **25.** And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said. **26.** And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

**27.** For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. **28.** And now, O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: **29.** Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

that thou hast brought me hitherto? **17.** And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God. **18.** What can David speak more to thee for the honour of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant. **19.** O LORD, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all these great things. **20.** O LORD, there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. **21.** And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt? **22.** For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God. **23.** Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established for ever, and do as thou hast said. **24.** Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and let the house of David thy servant be established before thee. **25.** For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found in his heart to pray before thee. **26.** And now, LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: **27.** Now therefore let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou blessest, O LORD, and it shall be blessed for ever.

## VI. More Wars

### 2 Samuel Chapter 8

**1.** And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Methegammah out of the hand of the Philistines. **2.** And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

**3.** David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates. **4.** And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for an hundred

### 1 Chronicles Chapter 18

**1.** Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines. **2.** And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

**3.** And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to stablish his dominion by the river Euphrates. **4.** And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them an hundred chariots. **5.** And

chariots. **5.** And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. **6.** Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went. **7.** And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. **8.** And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

**9.** When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer, **10.** Then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass: **11.** Which also king David did dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued; **12.** Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah. **13.** And David gat him a name when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, being eighteen thousand men.

**14.** And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went. **15.** And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people. **16.** And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; **17.** And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Seraiah was the scribe; **18.** And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief rulers.

when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. **6.** Then David put garrisons in Syriadamascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went. **7.** And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. **8.** Likewise from Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the brasen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

**9.** Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah; **10.** He sent Hadoram his son to king David, to enquire of his welfare, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; (for Hadarezer had war with Tou;) and with him all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass. **11.** Them also king David dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all these nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek. **12.** Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt eighteen thousand.

**13.** And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

**14.** So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people. **15.** And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, recorder. **16.** And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Shavsha was scribe; **17.** And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

## VII. Peace with the House of Saul

**2 Samuel 9:1.** And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? **2.** And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he. **3.** And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet. **4.** And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar.

**5.** Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar. **6.** Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant!

**7.** And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. **8.** And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

9. Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house. 10. Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11. Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons. 12. And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth. 13. So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

## VIII. War with the Ammonites

### 2 Samuel Chapter 10

1. And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. 2. Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. 3. And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David rather sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? 4. Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5. When they told it unto David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

6. And when the children of Ammon saw that they stank before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Bethrehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of Ishtob twelve thousand men.

7. And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. 8. And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entering in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba, and of Rehob, and Ishtob, and Maacah, were by themselves in the field. 9. When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians: 10. And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put them in array against the children of Ammon. 11. And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee. 12. Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which

### 1 Chronicles Chapter 19

1. Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. 2. And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. 3. But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? 4. Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away. 5. Then there went certain, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

6. And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syriamaachah, and out of Zobah.

7. So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle. 8. And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. 9. And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come were by themselves in the field. 10. Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians. 11. And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of Abishai his brother, and they set themselves in array against the children of Ammon. 12. And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of

seemeth him good. **13.** And Joab drew nigh, and the people that were with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him. **14.** And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

**15.** And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together. **16.** And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the river: and they came to Helam; and Shobach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them. **17.** And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him. **18.** And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, who died there. **19.** And when all the kings that were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee. **13.** Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do that which is good in his sight. **14.** So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him. **15.** And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

**16.** And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the river: and Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them. **17.** And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. **18.** But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host. **19.** And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

## **IX. War Against Joab; Uriah, Bathsheba, and David**

### **2 Samuel Chapter 11**

**1.** And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

**2.** And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. **3.** And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? **4.** And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. **5.** And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

**6.** And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. **7.** And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered. **8.** And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king. **9.** But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. **10.** And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house? **11.** And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing. **12.** And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. **13.** And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before

### **1 Chronicles Chapter 20**

**1.** And it came to pass, that after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out to battle, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem... (continued)

him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

**14.** And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. **15.** And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die. **16.** And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were. **17.** And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

**18.** Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; **19.** And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king, **20.** And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall? **21.** Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

**22.** So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for. **23.** And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate. **24.** And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. **25.** Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.

**26.** And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. **27.** And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

**2 Samuel 12:1.** And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. **2.** The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: **3.** But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. **4.** And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. **5.** And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: **6.** And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. **7.** And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; **8.** And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. **9.** Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. **10.** Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. **11.** Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. **12.** For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. **13.** And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. **14.** Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

**15.** And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. **16.** David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. **17.** And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. **18.** And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? **19.** But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. **20.** Then

David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. **21.** Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. **22.** And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? **23.** But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

**24.** And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him. **25.** And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

**2 Samuel 12:26.** And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city. **27.** And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters. **28.** Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called after my name. **29.** And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. **30.** And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof was a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance. **31.** And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

**1 Chronicles 20:1, continued** ...And Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it. **2.** And David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city. **3.** And he brought out the people that were in it, and cut them with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

## X. War with the Philistines

**1 Chronicles 20:4.** And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, that was of the children of the giant: and they were subdued. **5.** And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam. **6.** And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot: and he also was the son of the giant. **7.** But when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. **8.** These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

## XI. Ammon's Sin; Absalom's Revenge and Rebellion Against David

**2 Samuel 13:1.** And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. **2.** And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her. **3.** But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtil man. **4.** And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. **5.** And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand.

**6.** So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand. **7.** Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat. **8.** So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. **9.** And she took a pan, and poured them out before him;

but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him. **10.** And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. **11.** And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister. **12.** And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly. **13.** And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. **14.** Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

**15.** Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone. **16.** And she said unto him, There is no cause: this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her. **17.** Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her. **18.** And she had a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

**19.** And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying. **20.** And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

**21.** But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth. **22.** And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

**23.** And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baalhazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons. **24.** And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant. **25.** And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him. **26.** Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee? **27.** But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

**28.** Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant. **29.** And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

**30.** And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. **31.** Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent. **32.** And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. **33.** Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead. **34.** But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him. **35.** And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come: as thy servant said, so it is. **36.** And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore.

**37.** But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day. **38.** So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years. **39.** And the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

**2 Samuel 14:1** Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom. **2.** And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead: **3.** And come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So Joab put the words in her mouth.

**4.** And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did

obedience, and said, Help, O king. **5.** And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, I am indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead. **6.** And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him. **7.** And, behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband neither name nor remainder upon the earth. **8.** And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee. **9.** And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house: and the king and his throne be guiltless. **10.** And the king said, Whosoever saith ought unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more. **11.** Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, that thou wouldest not suffer the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth. **12.** Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak one word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on. **13.** And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished. **14.** For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him. **15.** Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, it is because the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid. **16.** For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man that would destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God. **17.** Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee. **18.** Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak. **19.** And the king said, Is not the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid: **20.** To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

**21.** And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again. **22.** And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Joab said, To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his servant. **23.** So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. **24.** And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.

**25.** But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. **26.** And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled it: because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight. **27.** And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

**28.** So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face. **29.** Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come. **30.** Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. **31.** Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire? **32.** And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? it had been good for me to have been there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be any iniquity in me, let him kill me. **33.** So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.

**2 Samuel 15:1** And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. **2.** And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of

what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. **3.** And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. **4.** Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! **5.** And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. **6.** And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

**7.** And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron. **8.** For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD. **9.** And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

**10.** But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron. **11.** And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing. **12.** And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

**13.** And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. **14.** And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. **15.** And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint. **16.** And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house. **17.** And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off. **18.** And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

**19.** Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou art a stranger, and also an exile. **20.** Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth be with thee. **21.** And Ittai answered the king, and said, As the LORD liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be. **22.** And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him. **23.** And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

**24.** And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city. **25.** And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me both it, and his habitation: **26.** But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him. **27.** The king said also unto Zadok the priest, Art not thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. **28.** See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me. **29.** Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there.

**30.** And David went up by the ascent of mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that was with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

**31.** And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

**32.** And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the mount, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head: **33.** Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me: **34.** But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel. **35.** And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou

shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. **36.** Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear. **37.** So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

**2 Samuel 16:1** And when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine. **2.** And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink. **3.** And the king said, And where is thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father. **4.** Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine are all that pertained unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, I humbly beseech thee that I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

**5.** And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came. **6.** And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. **7.** And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial: **8.** The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man.

**9.** Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head. **10.** And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so? **11.** And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him. **12.** It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day. **13.** And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust. **14.** And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.

**15.** And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. **16.** And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, God save the king, God save the king. **17.** And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend? **18.** And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide. **19.** And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

**20.** Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do. **21.** And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong. **22.** So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. **23.** And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

**2 Samuel 17:1** Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: **2.** And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only: **3.** And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace. **4.** And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel. **5.** Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith. **6.** And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do after his saying? if not; speak thou. **7.** And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good at this time. **8.** For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. **9.** Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will come to pass,

when some of them be overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom. **10.** And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men. **11.** Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own person. **12.** So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the men that are with him there shall not be left so much as one. **13.** Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there. **14.** And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

**15.** Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled. **16.** Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him. **17.** Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by Enrogel; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David. **18.** Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, which had a well in his court; whither they went down. **19.** And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known. **20.** And when Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem. **21.** And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you. **22.** Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

**23.** And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father. **24.** Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

**25.** And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa was a man's son, whose name was Ithra an Israelite, that went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruihah Joab's mother. **26.** So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

**27.** And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lodebar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, **28.** Brought beds, and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse, **29.** And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

**2 Samuel 18:1** And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. **2.** And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruihah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also. **3.** But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou succour us out of the city. **4.** And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands. **5.** And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

**6.** So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim; **7.** Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men. **8.** For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

**9.** And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the

thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away. **10.** And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak. **11.** And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest him, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten shekels of silver, and a girdle. **12.** And the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a thousand shekels of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none touch the young man Absalom. **13.** Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against me. **14.** Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak. **15.** And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him. **16.** And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people. **17.** And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

**18.** Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's place.

**19.** Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath avenged him of his enemies. **20.** And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. **21.** Then said Joab to Cush, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cush bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. **22.** Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cush. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings ready? **23.** But howsoever, said he, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cush. **24.** And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone. **25.** And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near. **26.** And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold another man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings. **27.** And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings. **28.** And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king. **29.** And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was. **30.** And the king said unto him, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. **31.** And, behold, Cush came; and Cush said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. **32.** And the king said unto Cush, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cush answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is.

**33.** And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

**2 Samuel 19:1** And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom. **2.** And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son. **3.** And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. **4.** But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son! **5.** And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; **6.** In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well. **7.** Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from

thy youth until now. **8.** Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

**9.** And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom. **10.** And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

**11.** And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, even to his house. **12.** Ye are my brethren, ye are my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king? **13.** And say ye to Amasa, Art thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab. **14.** And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as the heart of one man; so that they sent this word unto the king, Return thou, and all thy servants. **15.** So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

**16.** And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which was of Bahurim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. **17.** And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king. **18.** And there went over a ferry boat to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan; **19.** And said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart. **20.** For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king. **21.** But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD'S anointed? **22.** And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I am this day king over Israel? **23.** Therefore the king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And the king sware unto him.

**24.** And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came again in peace. **25.** And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth? **26.** And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant is lame. **27.** And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore what is good in thine eyes. **28.** For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king? **29.** And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land. **30.** And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house.

**31.** And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan. **32.** Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man. **33.** And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem. **34.** And Barzillai said unto the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem? **35.** I am this day fourscore years old: and can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king? **36.** Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward? **37.** Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee. **38.** And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, that will I do for thee. **39.** And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kissed

Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place. **40.** Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

**41.** And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan? **42.** And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's cost? or hath he given us any gift?

**43.** And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more right in David than ye: why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

**2 Samuel 20:1** And there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said,

We have no part in David,  
neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse:  
every man to his tents, O Israel.

**2.** So every man of Israel went up from after David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

**3.** And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.

**4.** Then said the king to Amasa, Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here present. **5.** So Amasa went to assemble the men of Judah: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him. **6.** And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom: take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us. **7.** And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri. **8.** When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out. **9.** And Joab said to Amasa, Art thou in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him. **10.** But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri. **11.** And one of Joab's men stood by him, and said, He that favoureth Joab, and he that is for David, let him go after Joab. **12.** And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still. **13.** When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

**14.** And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Bethmaachah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after him. **15.** And they came and besieged him in Abel of Bethmaachah, and they cast up a bank against the city, and it stood in the trench: and all the people that were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down.

**16.** Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee. **17.** And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, Art thou Joab? And he answered, I am he. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear. **18.** Then she spake, saying, They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask counsel at Abel: and so they ended the matter. **19.** I am one of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD? **20.** And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. **21.** The matter is not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, even against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall. **22.** Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast it out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

**23.** Now Joab was over all the host of Israel: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites

and over the Pelethites: **24.** And Adoram was over the tribute: and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder: **25.** And Sheva was scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests: **26.** And Ira also the Jairite was a chief ruler about David.

## **XII. Revenges the Gibeonites; Buries Saul's and Jonathon's Bones**

**2 Samuel 21:1** Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites. **2.** And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.) **3.** Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the LORD? **4.** And the Gibeonites said unto him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What ye shall say, that will I do for you. **5.** And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel, **6.** Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, whom the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give them. **7.** But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the LORD'S oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. **8.** But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite: **9.** And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest.

**10.** And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night. **11.** And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. **12.** And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabeshgilead, which had stolen them from the street of Bethshan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa: **13.** And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged. **14.** And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was intreated for the land.

## **XIII. Philistine Giants Destroyed**

**2 Samuel 21:15.** Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint. **16.** And Ishbibenob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David. **17.** But Abishai the son of Zeruah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David sware unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel. **18.** And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the giant. **19.** And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. **20.** And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant. **21.** And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew him. **22.** These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

**2 Samuel 22:1.** And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: **2.** And he said,

The LORD is my rock,  
and my fortress, and my deliverer;  
**3.** The God of my rock;  
in him will I trust:

he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation,  
my high tower, and my refuge,  
my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

4. I will call on the LORD,  
who is worthy to be praised:  
so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

5. When the waves of death compassed me,  
the floods of ungodly men made me afraid;  
6. The sorrows of hell compassed me about;  
the snares of death prevented me;  
7. In my distress I called upon the LORD,  
and cried to my God:  
and he did hear my voice out of his temple,  
and my cry did enter into his ears.

8. Then the earth shook and trembled;  
the foundations of heaven  
moved and shook,  
because he was wroth.

9. There went up a smoke out of his nostrils,  
and fire out of his mouth devoured:  
coals were kindled by it.

10. He bowed the heavens also,  
and came down;  
and darkness was under his feet.

11. And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly:  
and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

12. And he made darkness pavilions round about him,  
dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

13. Through the brightness before him  
were coals of fire kindled.

14. The LORD thundered from heaven,  
and the most High uttered his voice.

15. And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning,  
and discomfited them.

16. And the channels of the sea appeared,  
the foundations of the world were discovered,  
at the rebuking of the LORD,  
at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

17. He sent from above, he took me;  
he drew me out of many waters;

18. He delivered me  
from my strong enemy,  
and from them that hated me:  
for they were too strong for me.

19. They prevented me in the day of my calamity:  
but the LORD was my stay.

20. He brought me forth also into a large place:

he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

21. The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness:  
according to the cleanness of my hands  
hath he recompensed me.

22. For I have kept the ways of the LORD,  
and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23. For all his judgments were before me:  
and as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.

24. I was also upright before him,  
and have kept myself from mine iniquity.

25. Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me  
according to my righteousness;  
according to my cleanness in his eye sight.

26. With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful,  
and with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.

27. With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure;  
and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury.

28. And the afflicted people thou wilt save:  
but thine eyes are upon the haughty,  
that thou mayest bring them down.

29. For thou art my lamp, O LORD:  
and the LORD will lighten my darkness.

30. For by thee I have run through a troop:  
by my God have I leaped over a wall.

31. As for God, his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD is tried:  
he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

32. For who is God, save the LORD?  
and who is a rock, save our God?

33. God is my strength and power:  
and he maketh my way perfect.

34. He maketh my feet like hinds' feet:  
and setteth me upon my high places.

35. He teacheth my hands to war;  
so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

36. Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation:  
and thy gentleness hath made me great.

37. Thou hast enlarged my steps under me;  
so that my feet did not slip.

38. I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them;  
and turned not again  
until I had consumed them.

39. And I have consumed them, and wounded them,  
that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet.

40. For thou hast girded me with strength to battle:  
them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me.

41. Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies,  
that I might destroy them that hate me.

42. They looked, but there was none to save;  
even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.  
43. Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth,  
I did stamp them as the mire of the street,  
and did spread them abroad.

44. Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people,  
thou hast kept me to be head of the heathen:  
a people which I knew not shall serve me.  
45. Strangers shall submit themselves unto me:  
as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.  
46. Strangers shall fade away,  
and they shall be afraid out of their close places.

47. The LORD liveth;  
and blessed be my rock;  
and exalted be the God  
of the rock of my salvation.  
48. It is God that avengeth me,  
and that bringeth down the people under me,  
49. And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies:  
thou also hast lifted me up on high  
above them that rose up against me:  
thou hast delivered me from the violent man.  
50. Therefore I will give thanks unto thee,  
O LORD, among the heathen,  
and I will sing praises unto thy name.  
51. He is the tower of salvation for his king:  
and sheweth mercy to his anointed,  
unto David, and to his seed for evermore.

**2 Samuel 23:1** Now these be the last words of David.

David the son of Jesse said,  
and the man who was raised up on high,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

2. The Spirit of the LORD spake by me,  
and his word was in my tongue.  
3. The God of Israel said,  
the Rock of Israel spake to me,  
He that ruleth over men must be just,  
ruling in the fear of God.  
4. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth,  
even a morning without clouds;  
as the tender grass springing out of the earth  
by clear shining after rain.

5. Although my house be not so with God;  
yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant,  
ordered in all things, and sure:

for this is all my salvation, and all my desire,  
although he make it not to grow.

6. But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away,  
because they cannot be taken with hands:

7. But the man that shall touch them  
must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear;  
and they shall be utterly burned  
with fire in the same place.

## XIV. Sins in Numbering Israel

### 2 Samuel Chapter 24

1. And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah. 2. For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people. 3. And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing? 4. Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.

5. And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that lieth in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer: 6. Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtimhodshi; and they came to Danjaan, and about to Zidon, 7. And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, even to Beersheba. 8. So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9. And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

10. And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. 11. For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, 12. Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. 13. So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine

### 1 Chronicles Chapter 21

1. And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. 2. And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it. 3. And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel? 4. Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5. And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword. 6. But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab. 7. And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel. 8. And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. 9. And the LORD spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying, 10. Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things: choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. 11. So Gad came to

come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me. **14.** And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

**15.** So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men. **16.** And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite. **17.** And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

**18.** And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite. **19.** And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded. **20.** And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground. **21.** And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people. **22.** And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood. **23.** All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee. **24.** And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. **25.** And David built there an altar unto the

David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Choose thee **12.** Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me. **13.** And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

**14.** So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. **15.** And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. **16.** And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. **17.** And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? Let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

**18.** Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. **19.** And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the LORD. **20.** And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. **21.** And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshingfloor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. **22.** Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threshingfloor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people. **23.** And Ornan said unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: lo, I give thee the oxen also for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat offering; I give it all. **24.** And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost. **25.** So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by

LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

weight. **26.** And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering. **27.** And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.

**28.** At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. **29.** For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that season in the high place at Gibeon. **30.** But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

## XV. David's Last Days

### 1. David Prepares Materials for the Temple

**1 Chronicles 22:1.** Then David said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel. **2.** And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. **3.** And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance without weight; **4.** Also cedar trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David. **5.** And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

**6.** Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel. **7.** And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God: **8.** But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. **9.** Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. **10.** He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever. **11.** Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee. **12.** Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God. **13.** Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed. **14.** Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. **15.** Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. **16.** Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number. Arise therefore, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee.

**17.** David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, **18.** Is not the LORD your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people. **19.** Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

### 2. Adonijah Attempts to be King

**1 Kings 1:1.** Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. **2.** Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may

get heat. **3.** So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. **4.** And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

**5.** Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. **6.** And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom. **7.** And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped him. **8.** But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with Adonijah. **9.** And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by Enrogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants: **10.** But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

**11.** Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? **12.** Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. **13.** Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? **14.** Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.

**15.** And Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king. **16.** And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou? **17.** And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. **18.** And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not: **19.** And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. **20.** And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. **21.** Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.

**22.** And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. **23.** And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. **24.** And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? **25.** For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah. **26.** But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called. **27.** Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

**28.** Then king David answered and said, Call me Bathsheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. **29.** And the king sware, and said, As the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, **30.** Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day. **31.** Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

**32.** And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. **33.** The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon: **34.** And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon. **35.** Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah. **36.** And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so too. **37.** As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my

lord king David. **38.** So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. **39.** And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon. **40.** And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

**41.** And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the city being in an uproar? **42.** And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings. **43.** And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king. **44.** And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule: **45.** And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard. **46.** And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom. **47.** And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed. **48.** And also thus said the king, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it. **49.** And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

**50.** And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. **51.** And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword. **52.** And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die. **53.** So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

### **3. Divisions of the Levites and Priests**

**1 Chronicles 23:1.** So when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel. **2.** And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. **3.** Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand. **4.** Of which, twenty and four thousand were to set forward the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand were officers and judges: **5.** Moreover four thousand were porters; and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, said David, to praise therewith. **6.** And David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi, namely, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. **7.** Of the Gershonites were, Laadan, and Shimei. **8.** The sons of Laadan; the chief was Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three. **9.** The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the chief of the fathers of Laadan. **10.** And the sons of Shimei were, Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei. **11.** And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to their father's house. **12.** The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. **13.** The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever. **14.** Now concerning Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi. **15.** The sons of Moses were, Gershom, and Eliezer. **16.** Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel was the chief. **17.** And the sons of Eliezer were, Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. **18.** Of the sons of Izhar; Shelomith the chief. **19.** Of the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. **20.** Of the sons of Uzziel; Michah the first, and Jesiah the second. **21.** The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. The sons of Mahli; Eleazar, and Kish. **22.** And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters: and their brethren the sons of Kish took them. **23.** The sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

**24.** These were the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers; even the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of twenty years and upward. **25.** For David said, The LORD God of Israel hath given rest unto his people,

that they may dwell in Jerusalem for ever: **26.** And also unto the Levites; they shall no more carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof. **27.** For by the last words of David the Levites were numbered from twenty years old and above: **28.** Because their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God; **29.** Both for the shewbread, and for the fine flour for meat offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for that which is baked in the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of measure and size; **30.** And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even; **31.** And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the LORD in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD: **32.** And that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the house of the LORD.

**1 Chronicles 24:1** Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. **2.** But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office. **3.** And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service. **4.** And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and thus were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen chief men of the house of their fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers. **5.** Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. **6.** And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, one of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and before the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one principal household being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar. **7.** Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, **8.** The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, **9.** The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, **10.** The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, **11.** The ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah, **12.** The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, **13.** The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, **14.** The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, **15.** The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses, **16.** The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel, **17.** The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul, **18.** The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah. **19.** These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

**20.** And the rest of the sons of Levi were these: Of the sons of Amram; Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah. **21.** Concerning Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Isshiah. **22.** Of the Izharites; Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath. **23.** And the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. **24.** Of the sons of Uzziel; Michah: of the sons of Michah; Shamir. **25.** The brother of Michah was Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah; Zechariah. **26.** The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno. **27.** The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri. **28.** Of Mahli came Eleazar, who had no sons. **29.** Concerning Kish: the son of Kish was Jerahmeel. **30.** The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after the house of their fathers. **31.** These likewise cast lots over against their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brethren.

#### **4. Musicians, Gatekeepers, Treasuries, and Other Duties**

**1 Chronicles 25:1** Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was: **2.** Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied according to the order of the king. **3.** Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD. **4.** Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamtiezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth: **5.** All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons

and three daughters. **6.** All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman. **7.** So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the LORD, even all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight.

**8.** And they cast lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar. **9.** Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons were twelve: **10.** The third to Zaccur, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **11.** The fourth to Izri, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **12.** The fifth to Nethaniah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **13.** The sixth to Bukkiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **14.** The seventh to Jesharelah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **15.** The eighth to Jeshaiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **16.** The ninth to Mattaniah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **17.** The tenth to Shimei, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **18.** The eleventh to Azareel, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **19.** The twelfth to Hashabiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **20.** The thirteenth to Shubael, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **21.** The fourteenth to Mattithiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **22.** The fifteenth to Jeremoth, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **23.** The sixteenth to Hananiah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **24.** The seventeenth to Joshbekashah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **25.** The eighteenth to Hanani, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **26.** The nineteenth to Mallothi, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **27.** The twentieth to Eliathah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **28.** The one and twentieth to Hothir, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **29.** The two and twentieth to Giddalti, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **30.** The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: **31.** The four and twentieth to Romamtiezer, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.

**1 Chronicles 26:1** Concerning the divisions of the porters: Of the Korhites was Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. **2.** And the sons of Meshelemiah were, Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, **3.** Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh. **4.** Moreover the sons of Obedom were, Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth, **5.** Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth: for God blessed him. **6.** Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father: for they were mighty men of valour. **7.** The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren were strong men, Elihu, and Semachiah. **8.** All these of the sons of Obedom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men for strength for the service, were threescore and two of Obedom. **9.** And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, strong men, eighteen. **10.** Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief;) **11.** Hilkiyah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen. **12.** Among these were the divisions of the porters, even among the chief men, having wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD. **13.** And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate. **14.** And the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. **15.** To Obedom southward; and to his sons the house of Asuppim. **16.** To Shuppim and Hosah the lot came forth westward, with the gate Shallecheth, by the causeway of the going up, ward against ward. **17.** Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward Asuppim two and two. **18.** At Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar. **19.** These are the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari.

**20.** And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the dedicated things. **21.** As concerning the sons of Laadan; the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, chief fathers, even of Laadan the Gershonite, were Jehieli. **22.** The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, which were over the treasures of the house of the LORD. **23.** Of the Amramites, and the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites: **24.** And Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures. **25.** And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiyah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son. **26.** Which Shelomith and his brethren were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated. **27.** Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of the LORD. **28.** And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated; and

whosoever had dedicated any thing, it was under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

**29.** Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. **30.** And of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, were officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king. **31.** Among the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at Jazer of Gilead. **32.** And his brethren, men of valour, were two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and affairs of the king.

## **5. Military Divisions, Tribal Leaders, other State Officials**

**1 Chronicles 27:1.** Now the children of Israel after their number, to wit, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course were twenty and four thousand. **2.** Over the first course for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. **3.** Of the children of Perez was the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month. **4.** And over the course of the second month was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his course was Mikloth also the ruler: in his course likewise were twenty and four thousand. **5.** The third captain of the host for the third month was Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. **6.** This is that Benaiah, who was mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course was Ammizabad his son. **7.** The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. **8.** The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. **9.** The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkes the Tekoite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. **10.** The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. **11.** The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. **12.** The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. **13.** The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. **14.** The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. **15.** The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

**16.** Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: the ruler of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah: **17.** Of the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of the Aaronites, Zadok: **18.** Of Judah, Elihu, one of the brethren of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael: **19.** Of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel: **20.** Of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azariah: of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah: **21.** Of the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner: **22.** Of Dan, Azareel the son of Jeroham. These were the princes of the tribes of Israel. **23.** But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because the LORD had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens. **24.** Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel; neither was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David. **25.** And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jehonathan the son of Uzziab: **26.** And over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub: **27.** And over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite: over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite: **28.** And over the olive trees and the sycomore trees that were in the low plains was Baalhanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil was Joash: **29.** And over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai: **30.** Over the camels also was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite: **31.** And over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagerite. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's. **32.** Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counsellor, a wise man, and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons: **33.** And Ahithophel was the king's counsellor: and Hushai the Archite was

the king's companion: 34. And after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the general of the king's army was Joab.

## **6. Instructs Solomon to Build Temple; Offerings for Temple; Praises God**

**1 Chronicles 28:1.** And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem. **2.** Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building: **3.** But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood. **4.** Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make me king over all Israel: **5.** And of all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. **6.** And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. **7.** Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day. **8.** Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever. **9.** And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. **10.** Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

**11.** Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat, **12.** And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things: **13.** Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD. **14.** He gave of gold by weight for things of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service; silver also for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service: **15.** Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, both for the candlestick, and also for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick. **16.** And by weight he gave gold for the tables of shewbread, for every table; and likewise silver for the tables of silver: **17.** Also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups: and for the golden basons he gave gold by weight for every bason; and likewise silver by weight for every bason of silver: **18.** And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD. **19.** All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern. **20.** And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. **21.** And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, even they shall be with thee for all the service of the house of God: and there shall be with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment.

**1 Chronicles 29:1.** Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God. **2.** Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. **3.** Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over

and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, **4.** Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal: **5.** The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD? **6.** Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, **7.** And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. **8.** And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. **9.** Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

**10.** Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said,

Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel  
our father, for ever and ever.

**11.** Thine, O LORD, is the greatness,  
and the power, and the glory,  
and the victory, and the majesty:  
for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine;  
thine is the kingdom, O LORD,  
and thou art exalted as head above all.

**12.** Both riches and honour come of thee,  
and thou reignest over all;  
and in thine hand is power and might;  
and in thine hand it is to make great,  
and to give strength unto all.

**13.** Now therefore, our God,  
we thank thee,  
and praise thy glorious name.

**14.** But who am I, and what is my people,  
that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort?  
for all things come of thee,  
and of thine own have we given thee.

**15.** For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners,  
as were all our fathers:  
our days on the earth are as a shadow,  
and there is none abiding.

**1 Chronicles 29:16.** O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own. **17.** I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. **18** O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: **19.** And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision. **20.** And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king. **21.** And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel: **22.** And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him

unto the LORD to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest.

## 7. David's Death; Solomon Reigns

**1 Kings 2:1** Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, **2.** I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; **3.** And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: **4.** That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel. **5.** Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet. **6.** Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace. **7.** But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother. **8.** And, behold, thou hast with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I swore to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. **9.** Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood. **10.** So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. **11.** And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

**1 Chronicles 29:23** Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. **24.** And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves unto Solomon the king. **25.** And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel. **26.** Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. **27.** And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem. **28.** And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead. **29.** Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book 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 the kingdoms of the countries.