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1 Chronicles 27.

1 . The Military Divisions. .

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

2 Over the first division for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

3 He was of the children of Perez, the chief of all the captains of the army for the first month.

4 Over the division of the second month was Dodai the Ahohite, and his division; and Mikloth the ruler: and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

5 The third captain of the army for the third month was Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the priest, chief: and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

6 This is that Benaiah, who was the mighty man of the thirty, and over the thirty: and of his division 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 division were twenty-four thousand.

8 The fifth captain for this fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

9 The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

10 The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

11 The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zerahites: and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

12 The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites: and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

13 The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zerahites: and in his division were Twenty-four thousand.

14 The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his division were twenty-four thousand.

16 . Leaders of Tribes. .

Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri the ruler: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maacah:

17 of Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of Aaron, Zadok:

18 of Judah, Elihu, one of the brothers of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael:

19 of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jeremoth the son of Azriel:

20 of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: 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, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These were the captains of the tribes of Israel.

23 But David didn't take the number of them from twenty years old and under, because YAHWEH had said he would increase Israel like the stars of the sky.

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24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but didn't finish; and there came wrath for this on Israel; neither was the number put into the account in the chronicles of king David.

25 . Other State Officials. .

Over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the treasures in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the towers, was Jonathan the son of Uzziah:

26 Over those who 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: and over the increase of the vineyards for the winecellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite:

28 and over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the lowland was Baal Hanan 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 and over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the donkeys was Jehdeiah the Meronothite: and over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite.

31 All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's.

32 Also Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a man of understanding, and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons:

33 Ahithophel was the king's counselor: and Hushai the Archite was the king's friend:

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

1 Chronicles 28.

1 . Solomon Instructed to Build the Temple. .

David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies who served the king by division, and the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, and the rulers over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officers, and the mighty men, even all the mighty men of valor, to Jerusalem.

2 Then David the king stood up on his feet, and said, "Hear me, my brothers, and my people! As for me, it was in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of YAHWEH, and for the footstool of our ELOHIM; and I had prepared for the building.

3 But ELOHIM said to me, 'You shall not build a house for my name, because you are a man of war, and have shed blood.'

4 However YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Israel, chose me out of all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever. For he has chosen Judah to be prince; and in the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel.

5 Of all my sons (for YAHWEH has given me many sons), he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of YAHWEH's kingdom over Israel.

6 He said to me, 'Solomon, your son, shall build my house and my courts; for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.

7 I will establish his kingdom forever, if he continues to do my commandments and my ordinances, as at this day.'

8 Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of YAHWEH, and in the audience of our ELOHIM, observe and seek out all the commandments of YAHWEH your

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ELOHIM; that you may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you forever.

9 You, Solomon my son, know the ELOHIM of your father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for YAHWEH searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever.

10 Take heed now; for YAHWEH has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary. Be strong, and do it.”

11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch of the temple, and of its houses, and of its treasuries, and of the upper rooms of it, and of the inner rooms of it, and of the place of the mercy seat;

12 and the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, for the courts of the house of YAHWEH, and for all the surrounding rooms, for the treasuries of the house of ELOHIM, and for the treasuries of the dedicated things;

13 also for the divisions of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of YAHWEH, and for all the vessels of service in the house of YAHWEH;

14 of gold by weight for the gold, for all vessels of every kind of service; for all the vessels of silver by weight, for all vessels of every kind of service;

15 by weight also for the menorahs of gold, and for its lamps, of gold, by weight for every menorah and for its lamps; and for the menorahs of silver, by weight for every menorah and for its lamps, according to the use of every menorah;

16 and the gold by weight for the tables of show bread, for every table; and silver for the tables of silver;

17 and the forks, and the basins, and the cups, of pure gold; and for the golden bowls by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls by weight for every bowl;

18 and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot, the cherubim, that spread out, and covered the ark of the covenant of YAHWEH!

19 “All this,” said David, “I have been made to understand in writing from the hand of YAHWEH, even all the works of this pattern.”

20 David said to Solomon his son, “Be strong and courageous, and do it. Don’t be afraid, nor be dismayed; for YAHWEH ELOHIM, even my ELOHIM, is with you. He will not fail you, nor forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of YAHWEH is finished.

21 Behold, there are the divisions of the priests and the Levites, for all the service of the house of ELOHIM! There shall be with you in all kinds of work every willing man who has skill, for any kind of service. Also the captains and all the people will be entirely at your command.”

Zechariah 12.

1 . The Coming Deliverance of Judah. .

An oracle. The word of YAHWEH concerning Israel. YAHWEH, who stretches out the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him says:

2 “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling to all the surrounding peoples, and on Judah also will it be in the siege against Jerusalem.

3 It will happen in that day, that I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples. All who burden themselves with it will be severely wounded, and all the nations of the earth will be gathered together against it.

4 In that day,” says YAHWEH, “I will strike every horse with terror, and his rider with madness; and I will open my eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of

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the peoples with blindness.

5 The chieftains of Judah will say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength in YAHWEH of Hosts their ELOHIM!'

6 In that day I will make the chieftains of Judah like a pan of fire among wood, and like a flaming torch among sheaves; and they will devour all the surrounding peoples, on the right hand and on the left; and Jerusalem will yet again dwell in their own place, even in Jerusalem.

7 YAHWEH also will save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem not be magnified above Judah.

8 In that day YAHWEH will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem. He who is feeble among them at that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like ELOHIM, like the angel of YAHWEH before them.

9 It will happen in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 . Mourning for the Pierced One. .

I will pour on the house of David, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they will look to me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and will grieve bitterly for him, as one grieves for his firstborn.

11 In that day there will be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 The land will mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

13 the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of the Shimeites apart, and their wives apart;

14 all the families who remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

Psalms 59.

1 . To the Chief Musician. Set to Do Not Destroy. A Michtam of David when Saul sent men, and they watched the house in order to kill him.. .

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him. Deliver me from my enemies, my ELOHIM! Set me on high from those who rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity. Save me from the bloodthirsty men.

3 For, behold, they lie in wait for my soul. The mighty gather themselves together against me, not for my disobedience, nor for my sin, YAHWEH!

4 I have done no wrong, yet they are ready to attack me. Rise up, behold, and help me!

5 You, YAHWEH ELOHIM of Hosts, the ELOHIM of Israel, rouse yourself to punish the nations. Show no mercy to the wicked traitors. Selah.

6 They return at evening, howling like dogs, and prowl around the city.

7 Behold, they spew with their mouth. Swords are in their lips, "For," they say, "who hears us?"

8 But you, YAHWEH, laugh at them. You scoff at all the nations.

9 Oh, my Strength, I watch for you, for ELOHIM is my high tower.

10 My ELOHIM will go before me with his loving kindness. ELOHIM will let me look at my enemies in triumph.

11 Don't kill them, or my people may forget. Scatter them by your power, and bring them down, ADONAI our shield.

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- 12 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips, let them be caught in their pride, for the curses and lies which they utter.
- 13 Consume them in wrath. Consume them, and they will be no more. Let them know that ELOHIM rules in Jacob, to the ends of the earth. Selah.
- 14 At evening let them return. Let them howl like a dog, and go around the city.
- 15 They shall wander up and down for food, and wait all night if they aren't satisfied.
- 16 But I will sing of your strength. Yes, I will sing aloud of your loving kindness in the morning. For you have been my high tower, a refuge in the day of my distress.
- 17 To you, my strength, I will sing praises. For ELOHIM is my high tower, the ELOHIM of my mercy.

Proverbs 12.

- 1 Whoever loves correction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.
- 2 A good man shall obtain favor from YAHWEH, but he will condemn a man of wicked devices.
- 3 A man shall not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
- 4 A worthy woman is the crown of her husband, but a disgraceful wife is as rotteness in his bones.
- 5 The thoughts of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.
- 6 The words of the wicked are about lying in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them.
- 7 The wicked are overthrown, and are no more, but the house of the righteous shall stand.
- 8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom, but he who has a warped mind shall be despised.
- 9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed, and has a servant, than he who honors himself, and lacks bread.
- 10 A righteous man respects the life of his animal, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
- 11 He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread, but he who chases fantasies is void of understanding.
- 12 The wicked desires the plunder of evil men, but the root of the righteous flourishes.
- 13 An evil man is trapped by sinfulness of lips, but the righteous shall come out of trouble.
- 14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth. The work of a man's hands shall be rewarded to him.
- 15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who is wise listens to counsel.
- 16 A fool shows his annoyance the same day, but one who overlooks an insult is prudent.
- 17 He who is truthful testifies honestly, but a false witness lies.
- 18 There is one who speaks rashly like the piercing of a sword, but the tongue of the wise heals.
- 19 Truth's lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only momentary.
- 20 Deceit is in the heart of those who plot evil, but joy comes to the promoters of peace.
- 21 No mischief shall happen to the righteous, but the wicked shall be filled with evil.
- 22 Lying lips are an abomination to YAHWEH, but those who do the truth are his delight.
- 23 A prudent man keeps his knowledge, but the hearts of fools proclaim foolishness.
- 24 The hands of the diligent ones shall rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.
- 25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a kind word makes it glad.

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26 A righteous person is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

27 The slothful man doesn't roast his game, but the possessions of diligent men are prized.

28 In the way of righteousness is life; in its path there is no death.

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