

1 CHRONICLES CHAPTER 11

¹ And all Israel came to David in Hebron, saying, "Behold, we *are* your bones and your flesh. ² And in times past, when Saul was king, you were the one that led Israel in and out, and the Lord of Israel said to you, 'You shall feed My people Israel, and you shall be ruler over Israel.'" ³ And all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord. And they anointed David to be king over Israel, according to the word of the Lord by Samuel.

⁴ And the king and his men went to Jerusalem (this *is* Jebus); and there the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, said to David, ⁵ "You shall not enter in here." But he took the stronghold of Zion (this *is* the City of David). ⁶ And David said, "Whoever first shall strike the Jebusite, even he shall be chief and captain." And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and became chief. ⁷ And David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore he called it the City of David. ⁸ And he fortified the city round about. ⁹ And David continued to increase, and the Lord Almighty *was* with him.

¹⁰ And these *are* the chiefs of the mighty men, whom David had, who strengthened *themselves* with him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the Lord concerning Israel. ¹¹ And this *is* the list of the mighty *men* of David: Jashobeam, son of a Hachmonite, first of the thirty; he drew his sword once against three hundred, whom he killed at one time.

¹² And after him Eleazar son of Dodo, the Ahohite; he was among the three mighty men. ¹³ He was with David in Pasdammim, and the Philistines were gathered there to battle, and *there was* a portion of the field full of barley; and the people fled before the Philistines. ¹⁴ And he stood in the midst of the portion, and rescued it, and attacked the Philistines; and the Lord wrought a great deliverance.

¹⁵ And three of the thirty chiefs went down to the rock to David, to the cave of Adullam, and the camp of the Philistines *was* in the giants' valley. ¹⁶ And David *was* then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then in Bethlehem. ¹⁷ And David longed, and said, "Who will give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem, that is in the gate?" ¹⁸ And the three broke through the camp of the Philistines, and they drew water out of the well that was in Bethlehem, which was in the gate, and they took it, and came to David. But David would not drink it, and poured it out to the Lord, and said, ¹⁹ "God forbid that I should do this thing—shall I drink the blood of these men with their lives? For with *the peril* of their lives they brought it." So he would not drink it. These things were done by the three mighty *men*.

²⁰ And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of *another* three; he drew his sword against three hundred *men* at one time and killed them; and he had a name among the *second* three. ²¹ He was more famous than the two *others* among the three, and he was chief *over* them; yet he did not reach to the *first* three.

²² And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was the son of a valiant man; many *were* his acts for Kabzeel; he struck two lion-like men of Moab, and he went down and killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day. ²³ And he killed an Egyptian, a

great man five cubits *high*; and in the hand of the Egyptian *there was* a spear like a weavers' beam; and Benaiah went down to him with a staff, and took the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear. ²⁴ These things did Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and his name *was* among the three mighties. ²⁵ He was distinguished beyond the thirty, yet he did not reach to the *first* three. And David set him over his family.

²⁶ And the mighty *men* of the forces *were* Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, ²⁷ Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite, ²⁸ Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite, ²⁹ Sibbechai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, ³⁰ Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, ³¹ Ithai the son of Ribai of the hill of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, ³² Hurai of Nachali Gaash, Abiel the Arabathite, ³³ Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliabah the Shaalbonite, ³⁴ the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shageh the Hararite, ³⁵ Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Ur, ³⁶ *Hepher* the Mecherathrite, Ahijah the Pelonite, ³⁷ Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai, ³⁸ Joel the son of Nathan, Mibhar son of Hagri, ³⁹ Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, armor-bearer to *Joab* the son of Zeruiah, ⁴⁰ Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, ⁴¹ Uriah the Hittite, Zabad son of Ahlai, ⁴² Adina son of Shiza, a chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with him, ⁴³ Hanan the son of Maachah, Joshaphat the Mithnite, ⁴⁴ Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel sons of Hotham the Aroerite, ⁴⁵ Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, ⁴⁶ Eliel the Mahavite, Jeribai, Joshaviah his son, Elnaam, Ithmah the Moabite, ⁴⁷ Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel of Mezobaite.