

1 CHRONICLES CHAPTER 23

¹ And David was old and full of days, and he made Solomon his son king over Israel in his place.

² And he assembled all the chief men of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites. ³ And the Levites numbered *themselves* from thirty years old and upward; and their number by their polls amounted to thirty-eight thousand men.

⁴ Of the overseers over the works of the house of the Lord *there were* twenty-four thousand, and *there were* six thousand scribes and judges; ⁵ and four thousand gatekeepers, and four thousand to praise the Lord with instruments which he made to praise the Lord. ⁶ And David divided them *into* daily courses, for the sons of Levi, for Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. ⁷ And for *the family of* Gershon, Laadan, and Shimei. ⁸ The sons of Laadan *were* Jehiel the chief, Zetham, and Joel—three *in all*. ⁹ The sons of Shimei *were* Shelomith, Haziël, and Haran, three *in all*: these *were* the chiefs of the families of Laadan. ¹⁰ And to the sons of Shimei *were* Jahath, Zina, Jeush, and Beriah: these *were* the four sons of Shimei. ¹¹ And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second; but Jeush and Beriah did not multiply sons, and they became *only* one reckoning according to the house of their father.

¹² The sons of Kohath *were* Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel—four *in all*. ¹³ The sons of Amram *were* Aaron and Moses; and Aaron was appointed for the consecration of the most holy things, he and his sons forever, to burn incense before the Lord, to minister and bless in His name forever. ¹⁴ And *as for* Moses the man of God, his sons were reckoned to the tribe of Levi. ¹⁵ The sons of Moses *were* Gershon, and Eliezer. ¹⁶ Of the sons of Gershon, Shebuel *was* the chief. ¹⁷ And the sons of Eliezer were Rehabiah the chief; and Eliezer had no other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very greatly multiplied. ¹⁸ *Of* the sons of Izhar, Shelomith *was* the chief. ¹⁹ *Of* the sons of Hebron, Jeriah *was* the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. ²⁰ *Of* the sons of Uzziel, Michah *was* the chief, and Jesshiah the second.

²¹ The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli *were* Eleazar, and Kish. ²² And Eleazar died, and he had no sons, but daughters. And the sons of Kish, their brothers, took them *as wives*. ²³ The sons of Mushi *were* Mahli, Eder, and Jeremoth—three *in all*.

²⁴ These *are* the sons of Levi according to the houses of their fathers; chiefs of their families according to their numbering, according to the number of their names, according to their polls, doing the works of service of the house of the Lord, from twenty years old and upward. ²⁵ For David said, "The Lord God of Israel has given rest to His people, and has taken up His dwelling place in Jerusalem forever." ²⁶ And the Levites did not bear the tabernacle, or any of the vessels for its service. ²⁷ For by the last words of David was the number of the Levites *taken* from twenty years old and upward. ²⁸ For he appointed them to wait on Aaron, to minister in the house of the Lord, over the courts, and over the chambers, and over the purification of all the holy things, and over the works of the service of the house of God; ²⁹ and for the showbread, and for the fine flour of the meat offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for the fried cake, and for the dough, and for every measure; ³⁰ and to stand in the morning to praise

and give thanks to the Lord, and so in the evening; ³¹ and *to be* over all the burnt offerings that were offered up to the Lord on the Sabbaths, and at the new moons, and at the feasts, by number, according to the order *given* to them, continually before the Lord. ³² And they are to keep the charge of the tabernacle of witness, and the charge of the holy place, and the charges of the sons of Aaron their brothers, to minister in the house of the Lord.