

1 Chronicles 26; The Levitical porters, treasurers and officers

I. "the divisions of the _____" (v1-v19)

- A. "Of the Korhites (*Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi (Num16:1)*) was Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph" (v1-v9)
1. "the sons of Meshelemiah..." (v2-v9)
 - a. "Zechariah the firstborn ... Elieoenai the seventh" (v2-v3)
 - b. "the sons of Obed-edom..." (v4-v8)
 - 1) "Shemaiah the firstborn ... Peulthai the eighth: for God blessed him" (v4-v5)
 - 2) "unto Shemaiah..." (v6)
 - a) "his ... sons ... ruled throughout the house of their father"
 - b) "they were mighty men of valour"
 - c) four sons and two strong brethren (v7)
 - 3) "All ... the sons of _____ ... able men for strength for the service, were threescore and two" (v8)
 - c. "Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, strong men, eighteen" (v9)
 - B. "Also Hosah, of the children of _____, had sons..." (v10-v11)
 1. "Simri the chief (*though not the firstborn*) ... Zechariah the fourth"
 2. "all the sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen"
 - C. "the porters ... the chief men ... to minister in the house of the LORD" (v12)
 - D. "they cast _____ ... for every gate" (v13-v18)
 1. "the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah (*Meshelemiah, (v1)*)" (v14)
 2. "for Zechariah his son, a wise counsellor ... his lot came out northward"
 3. "to Obed-edom southward" (v15)
 4. "to his (*Obed-edom's*) sons the house of Asuppim (*'gatherings'*). To Shuppim and Hosah the lot came forth westward ... by the causeway of the going up" (v15-v16)
 5. "Eastward were _____ Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward Asuppim two and two. At Parbar (*'out part', (2 Kings 23:11)*) westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar ($6+4+4+2+2+4+2=24$ total)"
 - E. "These are the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore ... and Merari" (v19)

II. "of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the dedicated things" (v20-v28)

- A. "the sons of (*the Gershonite*) Laadan ... were Jehieli" (v21)
 1. "The (*two*) sons of Jehieli ... were over the treasures of the house of the LORD" (v22)
- B. "Of the Amramites ... Izharites ... Hebronites, and the Uzzielites ... Shebuel the son of _____, the son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures" (v23-v24)
- C. "his brethren by Eliezer ... (*four sons*) and Shelomith his son ... and his brethren were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which..." (v25-v27)
 1. "David the king ... the chief fathers ... the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated" (v26)
 - a. "Out of the spoils won in battle did they dedicate to _____ the house of the LORD" (v27)
 2. "Samuel the seer ... Saul the son of Kish ... Abner the son of Ner ... Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated" (v28)

III. "for officers and judges..." (v29-v32)

- A. "Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel" (v29)

- B. "of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, were officers ... on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king" (v30)
- C. "Among the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief" (v31)
 - 1. "In the _____ year of the reign of David they were sought for"
 - 2. "there were found among them mighty men of valour at Jazer of Gilead"
 - 3. "his (*Jerijah's*) brethren ... were two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers" (v32)
 - 4. "king David made (*them*) rulers over the Reubenites ... Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for..."
 - a. "every matter pertaining to God"
 - b. "affairs of the king"

1 Chronicles 27; Military and civil officials

- I. "the children of Israel ... which came in and went out month by month ... of every _____ were twenty and four thousand" (v1-v15)
 - A. "Over the first course for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel ... and in his course were twenty and four thousand. Of the children of Perez was the chief ... The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand"
- II. "over the tribes of Israel..." (v16-v24)
 - A. "the ruler of the Reubenites ... of the Simeonites ... Of the Levites ... of the Aaronites, Zadok: Of Judah ... of Issachar ... Of Zebulun ... of Naphtali ... Of the children of Ephraim ... of the half tribe Manasseh ... Of the (*other*) half tribe of Manasseh ... of Benjamin ... Of Dan" (v16-v22)
 - B. "These were the _____ of the tribes of Israel" (v22)
 - C. "David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under" (v23-v24)
 - 1. "the LORD had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens" (v23)
 - 2. "Joab ... began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it" (v24)
- III. Various officials (v25-v34)
 - A. "over the king's treasures ... storehouses ... tillage of the ground ... over the vineyards ... trees ... oil ... herds ... camels ... asses ... flocks" (v25-v31)
 - B. "a counsellor ... and ... with the king's sons ... Ahithophel was the _____ counsellor ... the king's companion ... after Ahithophel ... Jehoiada ... and Abiathar: and the general ... was Joab" (v32-v34)

Notes: Continuing with chapters 23-25, chapters 26 & 27 show more preparations by David for Solomon (23:1) so that Solomon will be able to build the house of God. Here we see the divisions of the porters (*gate keepers/sentries*) (26:1-19), Levites over the treasures (26:20-28), Levitical officers and judges concerned with civil matters (26:29-32), military officials (27:1-22) and various counsellors and high officials (27:25-34). Though materials for the temple are certainly important (22:14,16), God is stressing the importance of having the right people in the right positions before Solomon can build the house of God (22:15 & 28:21). Note the blessings to Obed-edom in 26:4-8,15, whom we saw back in 13:13-14, keeping the ark of the covenant for three months. God had been preparing Samuel the prophet, king Saul, the generals Abner and Joab, as well as king David, to dedicate war spoils for the house of God (26:26-28). Chapter 26:29-32 is interesting, in that the Kohathite Levites are assigned civil duties along with their sacred duties, showing that God is still Sovereign and King even under Israel's monarchy. The military divisions in 27:1-15 show a militia force set up by David to keep the peace in Israel in case of insurrection or internal conflict. The princes of the tribes of Israel (27:16-22) indicate leadership over all Israel, a theme we have seen throughout 1 Chronicles. Though the tribes of Gad and Asher are omitted in this listing, God, by including the Levites and the Aaronites (*the priests*), has maintained a complete number of twelve divisions. Chapter 28 will resume the succession of the throne from David to Solomon...