

# 1 Chronicles 24 - Preparation for Temple Service: Priests; 24 Courses for Priests

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- "...Nadab, Abihu" - Cf. Lev 10:1-3

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3 Along with Zadok, one of Eleazar's descendants, and Ahimelech, one of Ithamar's descendants, David organized their service according to their assigned responsibilities.

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 Since more chief men were found from the descendants of Eleazar than the descendants of Ithamar, they divided them this way: *there were* sixteen heads of fathers' households of the descendants of Eleazar, and eight of the descendants of Ithamar according to their fathers' households.

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4 More leaders were located among Eleazar's descendants than among those of Ithamar, so sixteen leaders were appointed from the leaders of the ancestral households of Eleazar's descendants and eight from those of Ithamar.

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.

- Priesthood duties were divided up into 24 divisions, 16 of Eleazar and 8 of Ithamar

— The reasons Eleazar's family had twice as many divisions were that:

(1) He had received the birthright since his older brothers, Nadab and Abihu, had been killed

(2) He had more descendants

(3) His descendants had more leadership ability

- These 24 divisions appear again in Neh 10:2-8; 12:1-7; 12:12-21. They extended even into the time of Christ (Luke 1:5-9).

5 So they were **divided by lot**, the one as the other; for they were officers of the sanctuary and officers of God, both from the descendants of Eleazar and the descendants of Ithamar.

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5 They were chosen by impartial lottery, since there were trustees of the sanctuary and officers of God among both Eleazar's descendants and among Ithamar's descendants.

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. - "...divided by lot" - the ancient method of discerning God's will (Prov 16:33; Acts 1:26) was used to sort out all the duties to mitigate any pride or jealousy (Cf. v31; 1 Chr 26:13)

6 Shemaiah, the son of Nethanel the scribe, from the Levites, recorded them in the presence of the king, the leaders, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' *households* of the priests and the Levites; one father's household taken for Eleazar and one taken for Ithamar.

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6 Nethanel's son Shemaiah, a Levitical scribe, made an official record of them for the king, the officers, Zadok the priest, Abiathar's son Ahimelech, and the heads of ancestral households of both the priests and the descendants of Levi. One ancestral house was chosen for Eleazar and one for 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.

(b) Names of these priests (24:7-19)

7 Now the first lot came out for Jehoiarib, the second for Jedaiah,

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7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

8 the third for Harim, the fourth for Seorim,

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9 the fifth for Malchijah, the sixth for Mijamin,

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- 9 The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,
- 10 the seventh for Hakkoz, the eighth for Abijah,  
10 the seventh for Hakkoz, the eighth for Abijah,  
10 the seventh for Hakkoz, the eighth for Abijah,  
10 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,
- 11 the ninth for Jeshua, the tenth for Shecaniah,  
11 the ninth for Jeshua, the tenth for Shecaniah,  
11 the ninth for Jeshua, the tenth for Shecaniah,  
11 The ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,
- 12 the eleventh for Eliashib, the twelfth for Jakim,  
12 the eleventh for Eliashib, the twelfth for Jakim,  
12 the eleventh for Eliashib, the twelfth for Jakim,  
12 The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,
- 13 the thirteenth for Huppah, the fourteenth for Jeshebeab,  
13 the thirteenth for Huppah, the fourteenth for Jeshebeab,  
13 the thirteenth for Huppah, the fourteenth for Jeshebeab,  
13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,
- 14 the fifteenth for Bilgah, the sixteenth for Immer,  
14 the fifteenth for Bilgah, the sixteenth for Immer,  
14 the fifteenth for Bilgah, the sixteenth for Immer,  
14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,
- 15 the seventeenth for Hezir, the eighteenth for Happizzesz,  
15 the seventeenth for Hezir, the eighteenth for Happizzesz,  
15 the seventeenth for Hezir, the eighteenth for Happizzesz,  
15 The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphas,
- 16 the nineteenth for Pethahiah, the twentieth for Jehezkel,  
16 the nineteenth for Pethahiah, the twentieth for Jehezkel,  
16 the nineteenth for Pethahiah, the twentieth for Jehezkel,  
16 The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel,
- 17 the twenty-first for Jachin, the twenty-second for Gamul,

17 the twenty-first for Jachin, the twenty-second for Gamul,  
17 the twenty-first for Jachin, the twenty-second for Gamul,  
17 The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,

18 the twenty-third for Delaiah, *and* the twenty-fourth for Maaziah.

18 the twenty-third for Delaiah, the twenty-fourth for Maaziah.

18 the twenty-third for Delaiah, and the twenty-fourth for Maaziah.

18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.

- This appears to be the only "24" in Scripture (along with the singers in 1 Chr 25); they appear to set the order that appears with the "Kings and Priests" in Rev 4-5...

— See [24 Elders](#) for more information

19 These were their offices for their ministry when *they* entered the house of the LORD according to the ordinance *given* to them through their father Aaron, just as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

19 These were their offices for their ministry when *they* came in to the house of the LORD according to the ordinance *given* to them through Aaron their father, just as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

19 These were appointed to enter the Temple of the LORD according to their protocols established by their ancestor Aaron, as commanded by the LORD God of Israel.

**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.

(c) Names of the other priests serving under the 24 priests (24:20-31)

**20** Now for the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah.

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**20** Now with respect to the descendants of Levi there remained Shubael from the descendants of Amram and Jehdeiah from the descendants of Shubael;

**20** And the rest of the sons of Levi were these: Of the sons of Amram; Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah.

21 Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah, the first.

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21 with respect to Rehabiah, Isshiah their chief from the descendants Rehabiah;

21 Concerning Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Isshiah.

22 Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.  
22 Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.  
22 with respect to the Izharites, Shelomoth, Jahath from the descendants of Shelomoth;  
22 Of the Izharites; Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath.

23 The sons of *Hebron*: Jeriah *the first*, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

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23 with respect to the descendants of Hebron, Jeriah their chief, Amariah their second in rank, Jahaziel their third, and Jekameam their fourth;

23 And the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

24 Of the sons of Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of Micah, Shamir.

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24 with respect to the descendants of Uzziel, Micah; with respect to the descendants of Micah, Shamir;

24 Of the sons of Uzziel; Michah: of the sons of Michah; Shamir.

25 The brother of Micah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

25 The brother of Micah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

25 with respect to Micah's brother Isshiah; with respect to the descendants of Isshiah, Zechariah;

25 The brother of Michah was Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah; Zechariah.

26 The sons of Merari, Mahli and Mushi; the sons of Jaaziah, Beno.

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26 with respect to Merari's sons, Mahli and Mushi; with respect to the sons of Jaaziah, Beno;

26 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno.

27 The sons of Merari: by Jaaziah were Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.

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27 with respect to the sons of Merari, Jaaziah, Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri;

27 The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 By Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.  
28 By Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.  
28 with respect to Mahli, Eleazar, who had no sons;  
28 Of Mahli came Eleazar, who had no sons.

29 By Kish: the sons of Kish, Jerahmeel.  
29 By Kish: the sons of Kish, Jerahmeel.  
29 with respect to Kish, Jerahmeel, one of the descendants of Kish;  
29 Concerning Kish: the son of Kish was Jerahmeel.

30 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites according to their fathers' households.  
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30 and with respect to the descendants of Mushi, Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the descendants of Levi according to their ancestral households.  
**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 also cast lots just as their relatives, the sons of Aaron *did* in the presence of David the king, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' *households* of the priests and of the Levites—the head of fathers' *households* as well as those of his younger brother.  
31 These also cast lots just as their relatives the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' *households* of the priests and of the Levites—the head of fathers' *households* as well as those of his younger brother.  
31 These individuals also cast lots corresponding to their relatives, Aaron's descendants, in the presence of King David, Zadok, and Ahimelech, and in the presence of the heads of the ancestral households of the priests and of the descendants of Levi, and the eldest was treated as impartially as was the younger brother.  
**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.