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1 The guild of trustees included, from the descendants of Korah, Kore's son Meshelemiah from Asaph's descendants;

1 Concerning the divisions of the porters: Of the Korhites was Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.

(ii) 90 men (26:2-11)

2 Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediel the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

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2 Meshelemiah's sons Zechariah, his firstborn, Jediel his second, Zebadiah his third, Jathniel his fourth,

2 And the sons of Meshelemiah were, Zechariah the firstborn, Jediel the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

3 Elam the fifth, Johanan the sixth, *and* Eliehoenai the seventh.

3 Elam the fifth, Johanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh.

3 Elam his fifth, Jehohanan his sixth, and Eliehoenai his seventh;

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4 Obed-edom had sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth,

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4 Obed-edom's sons Shemaiah, his firstborn, Jehozabad his second, Joah his third, Sachar his fourth, Nethanel his fifth,

4 Moreover the sons of Obededom were, Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth,

5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, *and* Peullethai the eighth; God had indeed blessed him.

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5 Ammiel his sixth, Issachar his seventh, and Peullethai his eighth, since God had blessed him.

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6 Also to his son Shemaiah sons were born who ruled over the house of their father, for they were valiant mighty men.

6 Also to his son Shemaiah sons were born who ruled over the house of their father, for they were mighty men of valor.

6 Furthermore, his son Shemaiah had sons born to him who wielded authority in their ancestral households, since they were mighty men of valor.

6 Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father: for they were mighty men of valour.

7 The sons of Shemaiah were Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose brothers, Elihu and Semachiah, were valiant men.

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7 These sons of Shemaiah included Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose brothers were valiant, able men, Elihu and Semachiah.

7 The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren were strong men, Elihu, and Semachiah.

8 All these *were* of the sons of Obed-edom; they and their sons and relatives *were* able men with strength for the service, sixty-two from Obed-edom.

8 All these *were* of the sons of Obed-edom; they and their sons and their relatives *were* able men with strength for the service, 62 from Obed-edom.

8 All of these sons of Obed-edom, along with their sons and brothers, were valiant men, fully qualified for duty—62 descendants of Obed-edom.

8 All these of the sons of Obededom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men for strength for the service, were threescore and two of Obededom.

9 Meshelemiah had sons and relatives, eighteen valiant men.

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9 Meshelemiah had 18 sons and brothers who were valiant men.

9 And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, strong men, eighteen.

10 Also Hosah, *one* of the sons of Merari had sons: Shimri the first (although he was not the firstborn, his father made him first),

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10 Hosah, one of Merari's sons, had these sons: Shimri their chief (though not the firstborn, his father had appointed him chief),

10 Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief;)

11 Hilkiyah the second, Tebaliah the third, *and* Zechariah the fourth; the sons and relatives of Hosah *were* thirteen in all.

11 Hilkiyah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons and relatives of Hosah *were* 13.

11 Hilkiyah his second, Tebaliah his third, and Zechariah his fourth, with a total of 13 sons and brothers of Hosah.

11 Hilkiyah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen.

(iii) Sides of the temple (26:12-19)

12 To these divisions of the gatekeepers, to the chief men, *were given* duties like their relatives, to serve in the house of the LORD.

12 To these divisions of the gatekeepers, the chief men, *were given* duties like their relatives to minister in the house of the LORD.

12 With respect to their leaders, these courses of trustees had responsibilities, along with their relatives, regarding ministry within the Temple of the LORD

12 Among these were the divisions of the porters, even among the chief men, having wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD.

13 They cast lots, the small and the great alike, according to their fathers' households, for every gate.

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13 assigned by lottery according to their ancestral households, whether large or small alike, for their gate assignments.

13 And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate.

- There were guards placed to watch the gates (24 guard stations on duty 24 hours a day)

— In view of the wealth in and on the temple, security needed to be tight (Cf. 27-28)

14 The lot to the east fell to Shelemiah. Then they cast lots *for* his son Zechariah, a counselor with insight, and his lot came out to the north.

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14 The lot for the eastern gate fell to Shelemiah. They also cast lots for his son Zechariah, who was a wise counselor, and his lot indicated the northern gate.

14 And the lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward.

15 For Obed-edom *it fell* to the south, and to his sons went the storehouse.

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15 Obed-edom's lot indicated the south gate, and his sons were also allotted responsibility for the storehouse.

15 To Obededom southward; and to his sons the house of Asuppim.

16 For Shuppim and Hosah *it was* to the west, by the gate of Shallecheth, on the ascending highway. Guard corresponded to guard.

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16 For Shuppim and Hosah the lot indicated the west at the gate of Shallecheth on the ascending road.

Each guard corresponding to each guard,

16 To Shuppim and Hosah the lot came forth westward, with the gate Shallecheth, by the causeway of the going up, ward against ward.

17 On the east there were six Levites, on the north four daily, on the south four daily, and at the storehouse two by two.

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17 on the east six descendants of Levi were assigned for each day, on the north four for each day, on the south four for each day (as well as two pairs of guards assigned to the storehouse),

17 Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward Asuppim two and two.

18 At the annex on the west *there were* four at the highway and two at the annex.

18 At the Parbar on the west *there were* four at the highway and two at the Parbar.

18 and for the colonnade on the west four were assigned at the road and two at the colonnade.

18 At Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar.

19 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers of the sons of Korah and of the sons of Merari.

19 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers of the sons of Korah and of the sons of Merari.

19 These were the ranks of trustees assigned among the descendants of Korah and the sons of Merari.

19 These are the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari.

(b) Treasures (26:20-28)

20 The Levites, their relatives, were in charge of the treasures of the house of God and of the treasures of the dedicated gifts.

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20 Now with respect to the descendants of Levi, Ahijah was responsible for the treasuries of the Temple of God, including the treasuries containing dedicated gifts.

20 And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the dedicated things.

21 The sons of Ladan, the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, *namely*, the Jehielites, *were* the heads of the fathers' *households*, belonging to Ladan the Gershonite.

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21 With respect to the descendants of Ladan, the Gershonite descendants pertaining to Ladan, the heads of families pertaining to Ladan the Gershonite, there was Jehieli.

21 As concerning the sons of Laadan; the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, chief fathers, even of Laadan the Gershonite, were Jehieli.

22 The sons of Jehieli, Zetham, and his brother Joel, were in charge of the treasures of the house of the LORD.

22 The sons of Jehieli, Zetham and Joel his brother, had charge of the treasures of the house of the LORD.

22 The descendants of Jehieli, Zetham and his brother Joel, were responsible for the treasuries of the Temple of the LORD.

22 The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, which were over the treasures of the house of the LORD.

23 As for the Amramites, the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites,

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23 From the descendants of Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel were assigned

23 Of the Amramites, and the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites:

24 Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was officer over the treasures.

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24 Shebuel, a descendant of Gershom and a descendant of Moses (as chief officer in charge of the treasuries)

24 And Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures.

25 His relatives by Eliezer *were* Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiiah his son, Joram his son, Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son.

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25 and his brothers from Eliezer, including his son Rehabiah, his son Jeshaiiah, his son Joram, his son Zichri, and his son Shelomoth.

25 And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son.

26 This Shelomoth and his relatives were in charge of all the treasures of the dedicated gifts which King David and the heads of the fathers' *households*, the commanders of thousands and hundreds, and the commanders of the army, had dedicated.

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26 Shelomoth and his brothers were responsible for all of the treasuries of dedicated gifts given by King David, by the heads of families, by the officers of groups of thousands and groups of hundreds, and by the leading army officers.

26 Which Shelomith and his brethren were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated.

27 They dedicated part of the spoils won in battles to repair the house of the LORD.

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27 They dedicated gifts for the maintenance of the Temple of the LORD from spoils of war.

27 Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of the LORD.

28 And all that Samuel the seer had dedicated, and Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruah, everyone who had dedicated *anything, all of this* was under the care of Shelomoth and his relatives.

28 And all that Samuel the seer had dedicated and Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner and Joab the son of Zeruah, everyone who had dedicated *anything, all of this* was in the care of Shelomoth and his relatives.

28 Furthermore, everything that Samuel the seer, Kish's son Saul, Ner's son Abner, and Zeruah's son Joab had dedicated—all of their dedicated gifts—were under the care of Shelomoth and his brothers.

28 And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruah, had dedicated; and whosoever had dedicated any thing, it was under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

(c) Magistrates (26:29-32)

29 As for the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were *assigned* to outside duties for Israel, as officers and judges.

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29 From the descendants of Izhar, Chenaniah and his sons were assigned as officers and judges with responsibilities relating to external duties.

29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges.

30 As for the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his relatives, 1,700 capable men, were responsible for the affairs of Israel west of the Jordan, for all the work of the LORD and the service of the king.

30 As for the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his relatives, 1,700 capable men, had charge of the affairs of Israel west of the Jordan, for all the work of the LORD and the service of the king.

30 From the descendants of Hebron, Hashabiah and his relatives—1,700 outstanding men—were assigned oversight of Israel west of the Jordan regarding all of the LORD's work and services on behalf of the king.

30 And of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, were officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king.

31 As for the Hebronites, Jerijah the chief (these Hebronites were sought out according to their genealogies and fathers' *households*, in the fortieth year of David's reign, and men of outstanding capability were found among them at Jazer of Gilead)

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31 From the descendants of Hebron, Jerijah was assigned chief of the descendants of Hebron. During the fortieth year of David's administration, a search was made by genealogical record, family by family, to find men of great ability, including those found at Jazer in Gilead.

31 Among the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at Jazer of Gilead.

32 and his relatives, capable men, *numbered 2,700*, heads of fathers' *households*. And King David appointed them as overseers of the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites concerning all the affairs of God and of the king.

32 and his relatives, capable men, *were 2,700* in number, heads of fathers' *households*. And King David made them overseers of the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of the Manassites concerning all the affairs of God and of the king.

32 King David appointed Jerijah, his relatives, and 2,700 competent men who were each family heads, to oversee the tribes of Reuben and Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh regarding everything pertaining to God as well as matters relating to the king.

32 And his brethren, men of valour, were two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and affairs of the king.