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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Remember: when reading the 1st and 2nd Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**;

not like 1st and 2nd Kings... where we read the historical perspective of the 10 tribes of the **Northern Kingdom**... the House of **Israel**.
David's last instructions to the People, and to his son Solomon,

The Divisions of the Priests

¹ Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

² But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children; so Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as priests.

³ With Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, David divided them according to the schedule of their service.

⁴ There were more leaders found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar, and thus they were divided. Among the sons of Eleazar were sixteen heads of their fathers' houses, and eight heads of their ancient families among the sons of Ithamar.

⁵ They were divided by lot, one group as another, for there were officials of the sanctuary and officials of the house of God, from the sons of Eleazar and from the sons of Ithamar.

⁶ And the scribe, Shemaiah the son of Nethanel, a Levite, recorded them before the king, and the officers, Zadok the priest, Ahimelech son of Abiathar, and the heads of families of the priests and Levites, one father's house taken for Eleazar and one for Ithamar.

⁷ Now the first lot fell to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

⁸ the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

⁹ the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

¹⁰ the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,

¹¹ the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

¹² the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

¹³ the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,



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¹⁴ the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

¹⁵ the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzesz,

¹⁶ the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel,

¹⁷ the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul,

¹⁸ the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah. / 24 groups indicated that each group served two weeks every year, and their time of service, based on their calendar would gradually shift the following year.

¹⁹ These had their schedule of service for entering the house of the Lord according to their order received from of Aaron their father, as the Lord God of Israel had instructed him.

Other Levites

²⁰ For the rest of Levi's sons: from Amram's sons Shubael; from Shubael's sons, Jehdeiah.

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

²² Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.

²³ Of the sons of Hebron, Jeriah was the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

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

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

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

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

²⁸ Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons. ²⁹ Of Kish: the son of Kish, Jerahmeel.

³⁰ Also the sons of Mushi were Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites according to their fathers' houses.

³¹ These also cast lots just as their relatives, descendants of Aaron did, in the presence of King David, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the families of the priests and Levites -- the family heads and their younger brothers.

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