

1 CHRONICLES 23

1 When David was old and full of years, he made his son Solomon king over Israel.

2 He also gathered together all the leaders of Israel, as well as the priests and Levites.

3 The Levites thirty years old or more were counted, and the total number of men was thirty-eight thousand.

4 David said, "Of these, twenty-four thousand are to supervise the work of the temple of the LORD and six thousand are to be officials and judges.

5 Four thousand are to be gatekeepers and four thousand are to praise the LORD with the musical instruments I have provided for that purpose."

6 David divided the Levites into groups corresponding to the sons of Levi . . .

13 The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses. Aaron was set apart, he and his descendants for ever, to consecrate the most holy things, to offer sacrifices before the LORD, to minister before him and to pronounce blessings in his name for ever.

24 These were the descendants of Levi by their families--the heads of families as they were registered under their names and counted individually, that is, the workers twenty years old or more who served in the temple of the LORD.

25 For David had said, "Since the LORD, the God of Israel, has granted rest to his people and has come to dwell in Jerusalem for ever,

26 the Levites no longer need to carry the tabernacle or any of the articles used in its service."

27 According to the last instructions of David, the Levites were counted from those twenty years old or more.

28 The duty of the Levites was to help Aaron's descendants in the service of the temple of the LORD: to be in charge of the courtyards, the side rooms, the purification of all sacred things and the performance of other duties at the house of God.

29 They were in charge of the bread set out on the table, the flour for the grain offerings, the unleavened wafers, the baking and the mixing, and all measurements of quantity and size.

30 They were also to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD. They were to do the same in the evening

31 and whenever burnt offerings were presented to the LORD on Sabbaths and at New Moon festivals and at appointed feasts. They were to serve before the LORD regularly in the proper number and in the way prescribed for them.

32 And so the Levites carried out their responsibilities for the Tent of Meeting, for the Holy Place and, under their brothers the descendants of Aaron, for the service of the temple of the LORD.

PRIORITIZED

for praise a redeemed people



✓ remember their miserable slavery

EX.2:23 – "The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out..."

✓ remember their mindful and merciful Shepherd

EX.3:7 – "The LORD said, 'I have...seen the misery of my people...'"

✓ remember their mighty and marvelous salvation

EX.13:16 – "The LORD brought us out of Egypt with his mighty hand."

✓ remember their miraculous supply

PS.78:24 – "He rained down manna for the people to eat..."

a rich and restful place

✓ God's people were there

v.1 – "...Israel..."

✓ God's protection and peace were there

v.25 – "The LORD...has granted rest to his people..."

✓ God's provision was there

v.29 – "...bread...flour...grain...wafers..."

✓ God's presence was there

v.25 – "The LORD...has come to dwell in Jerusalem for ever."

a reorganized priesthood

✓ they assessed the workload and workforce

v.1-2 – "David...gathered...all the leaders...priests...Levites."

✓ they assigned workers

v.4 – "Twenty-four thousand are to supervise the work of the temple..."

✓ they assigned watchmen

v.5 – "Four thousand are to be gatekeepers..."

✓ they authorized wardens

v.4 – "Six thousand are to be officials and judges."

✓ they abandoned their wilderness wanderings

v.26 – "The Levites no longer need to carry the tabernacle..."

✓ they added worshipers

v.5 – "Four thousand are to praise the LORD..."

v.30 – "They were also to stand...to thank and praise the LORD."

a responsible people

✓ they RE-ORGANIZED for thanksgiving and praise

v.32 – "So the Levites carried out their responsibilities..."

✓ let's RE-PRIORITIZE for thanksgiving and praise

1PE.2:9 – "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation..."

1PE.2:9 – "Declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness..."