

1 Chron 12:1-41

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(1) The following joined David at Ziklag while he was still in hiding from Saul son of Kish; these were the warriors who gave support in battle; (2) they were armed with the bow and could use both right hand and left hand to sling stones or shoot arrows with the bow; they were kinsmen of Saul from Benjamin. (3) At the head were Ahiezer and Joash, sons of Shemaah of Gibeah; and Jeziel and Pelet, sons of Azmaveth; and Beracah and Jehu of Anathoth; (4) Ishmaiah of Gibeon, a warrior among the thirty, leading the thirty; (5) Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, and Jozabad of Gederah; (6) Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Hariphite; (7) Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and

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to David, (18) and David went out to meet them, saying to them, “If you come on a peaceful errand, to support me, then I will make common cause with you, but if to betray me to my foes, for no injustice on my part, then let the God of our fathers take notice and give judgment.” (19) Then the spirit seized Amasai, chief of the captains: “We are yours, David, On your side, son of Jesse; At peace, at peace with you, And at peace with him who supports you, For your God supports you.” So David accepted them, and placed them at the head of his band. (20) Some Manassites went over to David’s side when he came with the Philistines to make war against Saul, but they were of no help to them, because the lords of the Philistines in council dismissed him, saying, “He will go over to the side of his lord, Saul, and it will cost us our heads”; (21) when he went to Ziklag, these Manassites went over to his side—Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, chiefs of the clans of Manasseh. (22) It was they who gave support to David against the band, for all were valiant men; and they were officers of the force. (23) Day in day out, people came to David to give him support, until there was an army as vast as the army of God. (24) These are the numbers of the [men of the] armed bands who joined David at Hebron to transfer Saul’s kingdom to him, in accordance with the word of the LORD: (25) Judahites, equipped with shield and spear—6,800 armed men; (26) Simeonites, valiant men, fighting troops—7,100; (27) of the Levites—4,600; (28)

Jehoiada, chief officer of the Aaronides; with him, 3,700; (29) Zadok, a young valiant man, with his clan—22 officers; (30) of the Benjaminites, kinsmen of Saul, 3,000 in their great numbers, hitherto protecting the interests of the house of Saul; (31) of the Ephraimites, 20,800 valiant men, famous in their clans; (32) of the half-tribe of Manasseh, 18,000, who were designated by name to come and make David king; (33) of the Issacharites, men who knew how to interpret the signs of the times, to determine how Israel should act; their chiefs were 200, and all their kinsmen followed them; (34) of Zebulun, those ready for service, able to man a battle line with all kinds of weapons, 50,000, giving support wholeheartedly; (35) of Naphtali, 1,000 chieftains with their shields and lances—37,000; (36) of the Danites, able to man the battle line—28,600; (37) of Asher, those ready for service to man the battle line—40,000; (38) from beyond the Jordan, of the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, together with all kinds of military weapons—120,000. (39) All these, fighting men, manning the battle line with whole heart, came to Hebron to make David king over all Israel. Likewise, all the rest of Israel was of one mind to make David king. (40) They were there with David three days, eating and drinking, for their kinsmen had provided for them. (41) And also, their relatives as far away as Issachar, Zebulun, and Naphtali brought food by ass, camel, mule, and ox—provisions of flour, cakes of figs, raisin cakes, wine, oil, cattle, and sheep in abundance, for there was joy in Israel.

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