

Chapter 23

King Dauid being old conftituteth Salomon king, 3. difpofeth the offices of Leuites, 7. to wit, the families of Gerfon, 12. of Caath, 21. and of Merari: (26. ceafing to carrie the tabernacle.) 27. to ferue in the temple.

Dauid therefore being old & full of daies, made Salomon his fonne king ouer Ifrael. ² And he gathered al the princes of Ifrael, and the Prieftes and Leuites. ³ And the Leuites were numbred from thirtie yeares, & vpward: and there were found thirtie eight thoufand men. ⁴ Of thefe were chofen, and diftributed into the minifterie of the houfe of our Lord foure and twentie thoufand: and of the ouerfeers and iudges, fix thoufand. ⁵ Moreouer foure thoufand porters: and as manie finging to our Lord on inftrumtes, which he had made to fing on. ⁶ And ^aDauid diftributed them by the courfes of the children of Leui, to witte, of Gerfon, and Caath, and Merari. ⁷ The fonnes of Gerfon: Leedan, and Semei. ⁸ The fonnes of Leedan: the prince Iahiel, & Zethan, and Ioel, three. ⁹ The fonnes of Semei: Salomith, and Hofiel, and Aram, three. Thefe be the princes of the families of Leedan. ¹⁰ Moreouer the fonnes of Semei: Leheth, and Ziza, and Iaus, and Baria: thefe be the fonnes of Semei, foure. ¹¹ And Leheth was the firft, Ziza the fecond: moreouer Iaus and Baria had not manie children, and therefore they were counted in one familie, and in one houfe. ¹² The children of Caath: Amram, and Ifaar, Hebron, and Oziel, foure. ¹³ The fonnes of Amram: Aaron, and Moyfes. And Aaron was feperated to minifter in *Sancta Sanctorum*, he and his

^a Aarons fonnes being confecrated Prieftes according to Gods ordinance, *Leuit. 8.* the Leuites to do other offices about the tabernacle. *Num. 3. 8. 4.* King Dauid (with Sadoc the high priefte, and other chief men *ch. 24. v. 6.*) difpofed them by lottes which fhould ferue by courfes, to fing and play on inftrumtes, as wel in the tabernacle now refing in Ierufalem, *v. 26.* as in the Temple when it fhould be built.

fonnes for euer, and to burne incense to our Lord according to his rite, and to bleffe his name for euer. ¹⁴ The fonnes of Moyfes also the man of God were numbred in the tribe of Leui. ¹⁵ The fonnes of Moyfes: Gerfom and Eliezer. The fonnes of Gerfom: Subuel the first. ¹⁶ And the fonnes of Eliezer were: Rohobia the first. And Eliezer had noe moe fonnes. Moreouer the children of Rohobia were multiplied excedingly. ¹⁷ The fonnes of Ifaar: Salomith the first. ¹⁸ The fonnes of Hebron: Ieriau the first, Amarias the second, Iahaziel the third, Iecmaan the fourth. ¹⁹ The fonnes of Oziel: Micha the first, Iefia the second. ²⁰ The fonnes of Merari: Moholi, & Mufi. The fonnes of Moholi: Eleazar and Cis. ²¹ And Eleazar died, and had no fonnes but daughters, and the fonnes of Cis their brethren tooke them. ²² The fonnes of Mufi: Moholi, and Eder, and Ierimoth, three. ²³ These be the children of Leui in their kinredes and families, princes by courfes, and number of euerie head, that did the workes of ministerie of the house of our Lord from twentie yeares, and vpward. ²⁴ For Daud fayd: Our Lord the God of Irael hath geuen rest to his people, and the habitation of Ierufalem for euer. ²⁵ Neither shal it be the office of the Leuites to carie any more the tabernacle, and al the vessels therof to minister. ²⁶ According to the last preceptes also of Daud the number of the children of Leui shal be numbred from twentie yeares and vpward. ²⁷ And they shal be vnder the hand of the fonnes of Aaron for the seruice of the house of our Lord, in the entrances, and in the chambers, and in the place of purification, and in the Sanctuarie, and in al the workes of the ministerie of the temple of our Lord. ²⁸ And the Priestes, ouer the loaves of propofition, and for the sacrifice of floure, and for cakes and azimes, and the frying panne, and to roft, and ouer al weight and meafure. ²⁹ But the Leuites to stand in the morning to confesse, and sing to our Lord: and in like maner at euening, ³⁰ as wel in the oblation of the holocaustes of our Lord, as in the Sabbathes and Calendes, and the rest of the solemnities, according to the number, and ceremonies of euerie thing, continually before our Lord. ³¹ And let them keepe the obseruations

of the tabernacle of couenant, and the rite of the Sanctuarie, and the obferuance of the children of Aaron their brethren, that they minifter in the houfe of our Lord.