

Chapter 26

Porters are designed by lottes to watch at foure gates of the temple. 20. Others made keepers of the holie treasure, and veffel. 30. Officers alfo appointed in the two tribes and half ouer Iordan, for Gods feruice, and the kinges.

And the diuifions of the porters: of the Corites Mefelemia, the fonnes of Core, of the fonnes of Afaph. ²The fonnes of Mefelemia: Zacharias the firft begotten, Iadihel the fecond, Zabadias the third, Iathanael the fourth, ³ Aelam the fifth, Iohanan the fixth, Elioenai the feuenth. ⁴ And the fonnes of Obededom: Semeias the firftbegotten, Iozabad the fecond, Ioaha the third, Sachar the fourth, Nathanael the fifth, ⁵ Ammiel the fixth, Iffachar the feuenth, Phollathi the eight: becaufe our Lord bleffed him. ⁶ And to Semias his fonne were borne fonnes, the chiefe of their families: for they were moft valiant men. ⁷ The fonnes then of Semeias: Othni, and Raphael, and Obed, Elizabad, and his brethren moft valiant men: Eliu alfo, and Samachias. ⁸ Al thefe of the fonnes of Obededom: they, and their fonnes, and their brethren moft able to minifter, fixtie two of Obededom. ⁹ Moreouer the fonnes of Mefelemia, and their brethren moft ftrong, eightene. ¹⁰ And of Hofa, that is of the fonnes of Merari: Semri the prince (^afor he had not a firftbegotten, and therefore his father made him chief) ¹¹ Helcias the fecond, Tabelias the third, Zacharias the fourth: al thefe the fonnes, and brethren to Hofa, thirtene. ¹² Thefe were diuided into porters, that the princes alfo of the watches, euen as their brethren, might minifter in the houfe of our Lord. ¹³ Lottes therefore were caft equally, both to litle, and great, by their families for euerie one of the gates. ¹⁴ The lotte then of the Eaft fel to Selemia. Moreouer to Zacharias his fonne, a moft wife man, and skilful, the North quarter chanced by lot. ¹⁵ But to Obededom and his fonnes, toward the South:

^a Either his firft fonne was dead, or was not fitte to be chief ouer the reft.

in which part of the house was the council of the ancients. ¹⁶ Sephim, and Hofa toward the West, by the gate, which leadeth to the way of ascent: watch against watch. ¹⁷ And toward the East six Leuites: and toward the North foure a day: and toward the South likewise in a day foure: and where the council was two and two. ¹⁸ In the celles also of the porters toward the West foure in the way: and two at euerie celle. ¹⁹ These be the diuisions of the porters of the houses of Core, and of Merari. ²⁰ Moreover Achias was over the treasures of the house of God, and the vessels of the holie places. ²¹ The houses also of Ledan, the houses of Gerfonni: of Ledan princes of the families, Ledan, and Gerfonni, Iehieli. ²² The houses of Iehieli: Zathan, and Ioel his brethren over the treasures of the house of our Lord, ²³ to the Amramites, and Ifaarites, and Hebronites, and Ozielites. ²⁴ And Subael the house of Gerfom, the house of Moyfes, chiefe over the treasures. ²⁵ His brethren also Eliezer, whose house Rahabia, and his house Ifaias, and his house Ioram, his house also Zechri, and his house Selemith. ²⁶ Selemith himself, and his brethren over the treasures of the sanctified holie things, which Dauid the king ^asanctified, and the princes of families, and the centurions, and the captaynes of the host ²⁷ of the warres, and of the spoiles of the battels, which they had consecrated to the maynteynance and furniture of the temple of our Lord. ²⁸ And all these things did Samuel the Seer sanctifie, and Saul the house of Cis, and Abner the house of Ner, and Ioab the house of Saruia: and all that had sanctified them by the hand of Selemith, and of his brethren. ²⁹ But the chiefe over the Ifaarites was Chonenias, and his houses to the workes abroad over Israel to teach and iudge them. ³⁰ Moreover the Hebronites Hafabias, and his brethren, most able men, a thousand seven hundred were chiefe over Israel beyond Jordan against the West, in all the workes of our Lord, and for the ministerie of the king. ³¹ And the prince of the Hebronites was Ieria according to their families

^a Things are sanctified by designation to holie use.

and kinredes. In the fourteth yeare of king Daud they were numbred, and there were found moft valiant men in Iazer Galaad, ³² and his brethren of ftronger age, two thoufand feuen hundred princes of families. And Daud the king made them ouerfeers ouer the Rubenites and the Gaddites, and the halfe tribe of Manaffes, for al the minifterie of God, and the king.