

Chapter 26

Porters are designed by lottes to watch at foure gates of the temple. 20. Others made kepers of the holie treafure, 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. ² The 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 firft begotten, 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 (^a)for he had not a firft begotten, and therfore 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 houle of our Lord. ¹³ Lottes therfore 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 fix 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 ſonnes of Core, and of Merari. ²⁰ Moreouer Achias was ouer the treaſures of the houſe of God, and the veſſels of the holie places. ²¹ The ſonnes alſo of Ledan, the ſonnes of Gerſonni: of Ledan princes of the families, Ledan, and Gerſonni, Iehieli. ²² The ſonnes of Iehieli: Zathan, and Ioel his brethren ouer the treaſures of the houſe of our Lord, ²³ to the Amramites, and Iſaarites, and Hebronites, and Ozielites. ²⁴ And Subael the ſonne of Gerſon, the ſonne of Moyſes, chiefe ouer the treaſures. ²⁵ His brethren alſo Eliezer, whoſe ſonne Rahabia, and his ſonne Iſaias, and his ſonne Ioram, his ſonne alſo Zechri, and his ſonne Selemith. ²⁶ Selemith himſelf, and his brethren ouer the treaſures of the ſanctified holie thinges, 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 ſpoyles of the battels, which they had conſecrated to the maynteynance and furniture of the temple of our Lord. ²⁸ And al theſe thinges did Samuel the Seer ſanctifie, and Saul the ſonne of Cis, and Abner the ſonne of Ner, and Ioab the ſonne of Saruia: and al that had ſanctified them by the hand of Selemith, and of his brethren. ²⁹ But the chiefe ouer the Iſaarites was Chonenias, and his ſonnes to the workes abroad ouer Iſrael to teach and iudge them. ³⁰ Moreouer the Hebronites Hafabias, and his brethren, moſt able men, a thouſand ſeuene hundred were chiefe ouer Iſrael beyond Iordan agaynſt the Weſt, in al 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.