***1 Chronicles***

***Chapter 25***

**David, together with the commanders of the army, set apart some of the sons of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun for the ministry of prophesying, accompanied by harps, lyres and cymbals. Here is the list of the men who performed this service:**

**2 From the sons of Asaph:**

**Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah and Asarelah. The sons of Asaph were under the supervision of Asaph, who prophesied under the king’s supervision.**

**3 As for Jeduthun, from his sons:**

**Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Shimei, Hashabiah and Mattithiah, six in all, under the supervision of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied, using the harp in thanking and praising the Lord.**

**4 As for Heman, from his sons:**

**Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shubael and Jerimoth; Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti and Romamti-Ezer; Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir and Mahazioth. 5 All these were sons of Heman the king’s seer. They were given him through the promises of God to exalt him. God gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.**

**6 All these men were under the supervision of their fathers for the music of the temple of the Lord, with cymbals, lyres and harps, for the ministry at the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman were under the supervision of the king. 7 Along with their relatives—all of them trained and skilled in music for the Lord—they numbered 288. 8 Young and old alike, teacher as well as student, cast lots for their duties.**

**9 The first lot, which was for Asaph, fell to Joseph,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**the second to Gedaliah,**

**he and his relatives and sons, 12**

**10 the third to Zaccur,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**11 the fourth to Izri,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**12 the fifth to Nethaniah,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**13 the sixth to Bukkiah,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**14 the seventh to Jesarelah,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**15 the eighth to Jeshaiah,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**16 the ninth to Mattaniah,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**17 the tenth to Shimei,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**18 the eleventh to Azarel,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**19 the twelfth to Hashabiah,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**20 the thirteenth to Shubael,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**21 the fourteenth to Mattithiah,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**22 the fifteenth to Jerimoth,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**23 the sixteenth to Hananiah,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**24 the seventeenth to Joshbekashah,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**25 the eighteenth to Hanani,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**26 the nineteenth to Mallothi,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**27 the twentieth to Eliathah,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**28 the twenty-first to Hothir,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**29 the twenty-second to Giddalti,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**30 the twenty-third to Mahazioth,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**31 the twenty-fourth to Romamti-Ezer,**

**his sons and relatives, 12**

**25:1** *commanders of the army.* David often sought the counsel of military leaders (11:10; 12:32; 28:1), even in cultic affairs (13:1; 15:25). (CSB)

*Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun.* See note on 6:31–48. (CSB)

*ministry of prophesying.* There are several passages in Chronicles, largely in portions unique to these books, where cultic personnel are designated prophets (here; 2Ch 20:14–17; 29:30; 35:15; cf. 2Ki 23:2; 2Ch 34:30). Zechariah the priest also appears to function as a prophet, though he is not so named (2Ch 24:19–22). This may reflect postexilic interest in the prophet-priest-king figure of Messianic expectation: In Chronicles not only do priests prophesy, but kings also function as priests (see notes on 15:27; 16:1–3). David’s organizing of the temple musicians may reflect his overall interest in music (1Sa 16:23; 18:10; 19:9; 2Sa 1:17–27; 6:5, 14). (CSB)

**25:5** *fourteen sons and three daughters.* Numerous progeny are a sign of divine blessing (see Job 1:2; 42:13). This is specifically stated for Heman as the result of the promises of God to exalt him. See 3:1–9; 14:2–7; 26:4–5; 2Ch 11:18–21; 13:21; 21:2; 24:3. (CSB)