

1 Chronicles 26:1-19 **Divisions of the Gatekeepers**

The Gatekeepers

¹ Concerning the divisions of the gatekeepers: of the **Korahites**, **Meshelemiah** the son of **Kore**, of the sons of **Asaph**.

² And the sons of **Meshelemiah** were Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, ³ Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh.

⁴ Moreover the sons of **Obed-Edom** were Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth, ⁵ Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth; for God blessed him.

⁶ Also to **Shemaiah** his son were sons born who governed their fathers' houses, because they were men of great ability.

⁷ The sons of Shemaiah were Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose brothers Elihu and Semachiah were able men.

⁸ All these were of the sons of Obed-Edom, they and their sons and their brethren, able men with strength for the work: sixty-two of Obed-Edom.

⁹ And **Meshelemiah** had sons and brethren, eighteen able men.

¹⁰ Also **Hosah**, of the children of Merari, had sons: Shimri the first (for though he was not the firstborn, his father made him the first), ¹¹ Hilkiyah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen.

¹² Among these were the divisions of the gatekeepers, among the chief men, having duties just like their brethren, to serve in Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord).

Gates

¹³ And they cast lots for each gate, the small as well as the great, according to their father's house.

¹⁴ The lot for the **East Gate** fell to Shelemiah. Then they cast lots for his son Zechariah, a wise counselor, and his lot came out for the **North Gate**;

¹⁵ to Obed-Edom the **South Gate**, and to his sons the storehouse.

¹⁶ To Shuppim and Hosah the lot came out for the **West Gate**, with the **Shallecheth Gate** on the ascending highway — watchman opposite watchman.

¹⁷ On the **east** were six Levites, on the **north** four each day, on the **south** four each day, and for the storehouse two by two.

¹⁸ As for the **Parbar on the west**, there were four on the highway and two at the Parbar.

¹⁹ These were the divisions of the gatekeepers among the **sons of Korah** and among the **sons of Merari**.

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Facts Revealed:

✧ The Gatekeepers changed each day.