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1CHRONICLES 25: 1 Moreover, David and the captains of the army set apart for the service certain of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with stringed instruments, and with cymbals: and the number of those who did the work according to their service was:

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The number and offices of the singers and players on musical instruments; and their division by lot into twenty-four courses, vv. 1-31.

Verse 1

David and the captains of the host - The chiefs of those who formed the several orders: not military captains.

Should prophesy - Should accompany their musical instruments with prayer and singing.

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1CHRONICLES 25: 2 of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asharelah, the sons of Asaph, under the hand of Asaph, who prophesied after the order of the king.

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Verse 2

Which prophesied - Sung hymns and prayed. But the Targum understands this of prophesying in the proper sense of the term; and therefore says, "Who prophesied by the Holy Spirit." Jarchi is of the same opinion and quotes the case of Elisha, 2Kgs 3:15; While the minstrel played, the hand of the Lord [i.e., the spirit of prophecy] was upon him.

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1CHRONICLES 25: 3 Of Jeduthun; the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun with the harp, who prophesied in giving thanks and praising the LORD.

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Verse 3

The sons of Jeduthun - six - That is, six with their father, otherwise, there are but five. Hence it is said, they were under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, etc.

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1CHRONICLES 25: 4 Of Heman; the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth.

1CHRONICLES 25: 5 All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

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Verse 5

To lift up the horn - "The horn of prophecy," says Jarchi; "to sound with the trumpet in the words of prophecy before the Lord." - T.

Three daughters - These also were employed among the singers.

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1CHRONICLES 25: 6 All these were under the hands of their father for song in the LORD's house, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of God's house; Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman being under the order of the king.

1CHRONICLES 25: 7 The number of them, with their brothers who were instructed in singing to the LORD, even all who were skilful, was two hundred eighty-eight.

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Verse 7

Two hundred fourscore and eight - That it twelve classes of twenty-four Levites each; for two hundred and eighty-eight divided by twelve quotes twenty-four.

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1CHRONICLES 25: 8 They cast lots for their offices, all alike, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.

1CHRONICLES 25: 9 Now the first lot came out for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah; he and his brothers and sons were twelve:

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Verse 9

For Asaph to Joseph - His first-born.

The second to Gedaliah - The first-born of Jeduthun.

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1CHRONICLES 25: 10 the third to Zaccur, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

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Verse 10

The third to Zaccur - The first-born of Asaph.

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1CHRONICLES 25: 11 the fourth to Izri, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

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Verse 11

The fourth to Izri - The second son of Jeduthun.

1CHRONICLES 25: 12 the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

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Verse 12

The fifth to Nethaniah - The third son of Asaph. Thus we find the lot did not run in any particular kind of order.

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1CHRONICLES 25: 13 the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 14 the seventh to Jesharelah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

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Verse 14

Jesharelah - Supposed to be the same with Uzziel, son of Heman.

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1CHRONICLES 25: 15 the eighth to Jeshaiiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 16 the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 17 the tenth to Shimei, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 18 the eleventh to Azarel, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 19 the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 20 for the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 21 for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 22 for the fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 23 for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 24 for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 25 for the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 26 for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 27 for the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 28 for the one and twentieth to Hothir, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 29 for the two and twentieth to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 30 for the twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and his brothers, twelve:

1CHRONICLES 25: 31 for the four and twentieth to Romanti-Ezer, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

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Verse 31

Romanti-ezer - Both these names belong to the same person. He is mentioned also 1Chr 25:4.

With this immense parade of noise and show, (David's own invention), Christianity has nothing to do.