

# The Book of FIRST CHRONICLES

## Chapters 26 – 29

### “Government & Vision”

#### Chapter 26 - “Governmental Duties”

(v1-11) **Gatekeepers**- The gatekeepers of the Temple, who were guards as well, numbered 4,000 in David's time (1 Chron 23:5), were divided into divisions (26:1-19), and had their posts assigned them by lot (v. 13). They entered upon their service on the Sabbath day and remained a week (2 Kings 11:5-7; those mentioned in vv. 4, 10-11 are probably the king's bodyguard). (From The New Unger's Bible Dictionary.)

> **Character Analysis of the Gatekeepers:**

- (v5) God blessed him
- (v6) Also to Shemaiah his son were sons born who governed their fathers' houses, because they were men of great ability.
- (v7) able men
- (v8) able men with strength for the work

(v12-19) **Responsibilities of the Gatekeepers:**

- (v12) duties just like their brethren, to serve in the house of the LORD.
- (v16) the West Gate, with the Shallecheth Gate on the ascending highway--watchman opposite watchman.
- (v17) storehouse two by two

(*Matthew 16:13-20- Jesus- the ultimate Gatekeeper!*)

(v20-28) **Oversight of the treasuries** of the house of God and over the treasuries of the dedicated things.

Oversight of the spoils won in battles they dedicated to maintain the house of the LORD.

(v29-32) **Governmental duties**

- (v29)- Duties as officials and judges
- (v30)- For all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king.
- (v32)- For every matter pertaining to God and the affairs of the king.

#### Chapter 27 - “Military Divisions”

(v1-15) **Military Divisions with a one month assignment.**

(v16-22) **Leaders (Officers) listed for each tribe**

(v23-24) **Age for service & the deadly reminder of the census**

(v25-34) **Heads of various Administrative Departments**

#### Chapter 28 - “God’s Vision For God’s People”

(v1) A Vision begins with

**V- Valiant men!**

(v2-6) A Vision must be

**I - Industrious!**

(v7-8) A Vision must be

**S - Steadfast in & Seeking all the commandments & judgments of the LORD!**

(v9-10) A Vision must have the right

**I - Intentions**

(v11-20) A Vision must have

**O - Order & Organization**

**N - Now bless the LORD your God!**

#### Chapter 29 - “Now Bless the LORD!”

(v1-5) **Now prepare the house my God with all my might!**

Now I have set my affection on the house of my God!

Now I have given to the house of my God!

(v6-9) **Now the people will follow & rejoice!**

(v10-19) **Now let's pray!**

(v20-30) **Now bless the LORD your God!**

> **Our Vision in Heaven- Rev 5:8-13-** *Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" and every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"*