

# 1 Chronicles 12:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**The children of Judah that bare shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war**—The Hebrew chaluts tsaba ('armed for war') means battle-equipped and prepared. This census of David's supporters at Hebron documents the coalition that made him king. Judah's relatively small contingent (compared to other tribes) is striking—David's support came from all Israel, not tribal nepotism.

The military inventory demonstrates how God assembled diverse forces to establish messianic kingship. Each tribe brought unique contributions: Judah had heavy infantry, Zebulun had strategists (v.33), Issachar had timing wisdom (v.32). Unity in diversity for kingdom purposes.

## Historical Context

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This gathering at Hebron (c. 1003 BC) followed Saul's death and Ish-bosheth's failed reign. The military census served political purposes—documenting tribal support for David's legitimacy. The Chronicler uses these numbers to show that all Israel, not just Judah, recognized David as God's chosen.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

### Study Questions

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1. How does the Church benefit from diverse gifts and backgrounds united under Christ's kingship?
2. What unique contribution has God equipped you to bring to His kingdom purposes?

### Interlinear Text

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<b>The children</b>	<b>of Judah</b>	<b>that bare</b>	<b>shield</b>	<b>and spear</b>	<b>were six</b>	<b>thousand</b>			
H1121	H3063	H5375	H6793	H7420	H8337	H505			

  

אַבְנָה	כְּבָאָה	מִאַת	וְשָׁמֹונָה	הַלְוָאָה	וְתָ	<b>and eight</b>	<b>hundred</b>	<b>ready armed</b>	<b>to the war</b>
H8083	H3967	H2502	H6635						

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