

# Ezra 6:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

## Analysis

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The organizational statement—'they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem'—restored Davidic worship structure. The phrase 'as it is written in the book of Moses' demonstrates submission to biblical authority. This balance of Davidic innovation (divisions and courses) grounded in Mosaic authorization shows that legitimate development must accord with Scripture. The restored order enabled regular worship according to divine prescription.

## Historical Context

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David organized priests into twenty-four divisions and Levites into courses for rotating temple service (1 Chronicles 24-25). This maintained continuous worship without exhausting any group. The system balanced orderly structure with personal participation. 'As it is written in the book of Moses' refers to Levitical service regulations (Numbers 3-4, 8), showing Davidic organization implemented rather than contradicted Torah. Maintaining this structure through exile required oral tradition and committed teaching.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

### Study Questions

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1. How does implementing Davidic organizational structures under Mosaic authority demonstrate proper relationship between biblical command and wise application?
2. What does careful organization for worship demonstrate about honoring God through excellence and order rather than mere spontaneity?

### Interlinear Text

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וְהָקִי יָמֵי	קֹהֲנֵי אֵלֹהִים	בְּפִלְגֵּתָהּ וּבְיָמֵי	וּלְלֵוִי	בְּמַחֲלָקָתָהּ וּבְיָמֵי	עַל
And they set	the priests	in their divisions	and the Levites	in their courses	for
H6966	H3549	H6392	H3879	H4255	H5922
עֲבֹדָתָהּ	אֱלֹהֵי אֵלֹהֵי	דָּי יֵשׁוּעַ	בִּירוּשָׁלַם	כְּכֹתָבָהּ	סֵפֶר רַחֲמֵי
the service	of God	H1768	which is at Jerusalem	as it is written	in the book
H5673	H426		H3390	H3792	H5609
מֹשֶׁה:					
of Moses					
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### Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 3:6** (Parallel theme): Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him.

**1 Chronicles 24:1** (Parallel theme): Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.