1. And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and the captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with all the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

2. Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: [As for me], I [had] in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building:

3. But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou [hast been] a man of war, and hast shed blood.

4. Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah [to be] the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father, he hath chosen me [to be] the ruler; and of the sons of my father he liked me, to make [me] king over all Israel:

5. And of all my sons, (for the LORD God hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

6. And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen Solomon to be my son, to build my house:

7. Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he is holding fast to do my...
Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat.

And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the heart: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.

And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things:

Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD.

[He gave] of gold by weight for [things] of gold, for all instruments of all commandments and my judgments, as at this day.
21 Also pure gold for the tables of the array to array and table and table and silver for tables of vessels of their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

22 All [this, said David], the LORD made me understand in writing by [his] hand upon me, [even] all the works of this pattern.

23 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do [it]; [fear not, nor be dismayed]: for the LORD God, [even] my God, [will be] with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

24 And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, [even] they shall be with thee for all the service of the house of God: and [there shall be] with thee for thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people [will be] wholly at thine commandment.