


Theme:
God's People Ready for Battle

1 Chronicles 7:40 (NIV)
All these were descendants of Asher—heads of families—communities, **choice men**, brave warriors and outstanding leaders. The number of men **ready for battle**, as listed in their genealogy, was 26,000.



Introduction:

4-Key Characteristics of such people ready for battle:

1. They are Heads of Families-Communities - **Father-Leaders**.
2. They are Select Choice Men - **Character**.
3. They are Brave Mighty Warriors - **Boldness**.
4. They are Outstanding Leaders - **Leader of Father-Leaders**.

Today's Topic:

Select Choice Men

I. Select Choice Men are:

1. the special ones for specific tasks.

- ✓ **Abraham** called to leave his country
- ✓ **Moses** called to lead His people out of Egypt
- ✓ **Joshua & Caleb** to take the Promised Land
- ✓ **Esther** - to go to the king to seek deliverance for Israel
- ✓ **Nehemiah** to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem
- ✓ **Gideon's 300** mighty men to rout the Midianites

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2 Samuel 10:9 When Joab saw that the battle line was against him before and behind, he chose some of Israel's best and put them in battle array against the Syrians.

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2. all Father-Leaders who are Disciple-Makers.

John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

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Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

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2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, **commit these to faithful men** who will be **able to teach others also**.

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3. all **Father-Leaders** who reflect the **character** of God.

Genesis 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “**I am Almighty God**; walk before Me ? and be blameless. [*El-Shaddai - “strong-breasted One”*]

1 Samuel 17:45 Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the **Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel**, whom you have defied.

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1 Thessalonians 2:7, 11

7 But we were **gentle** among you, just **as a nursing mother cherishes** her own children.

11 as you know **how we exhorted**, and **comforted**, and **charged** every one of you, **as a father** does his own children ...

I. Select Choice Men are:

4. **all** believers who **partner** God in His redemptive purpose at a **given** time and season to **influence and impact** lives in their **specific** situations.

Husbands & Wives

Sons & Daughters

Fellow Brothers & Sisters

Colleagues & Bosses

Co-workers in the Ministry

Dads & Moms

Neighbours & Acquaintances

Divine Appointments & Connections

Mentors & Coaches

Discipleship & Equipping Groups

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1. Character Traits.

Ezekiel 14:14, 20

14 Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,” says the Lord GOD.

20 even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live,” says the Lord GOD, “they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.”

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Righteousness =

- A. Right standing with God.
- B. Right believing in God.
- C. Right doing unto the Lord.

II. Key Qualities of Select Choice Men ready for battle:

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Genesis 6:9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

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Daniel 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

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Job 1:1, 8

1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.

8 ... Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"

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1. Character Traits.

Psalm 78:72 So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

It takes Character rooted to the Word and connected to a vibrant relationship with the Holy Spirit to fulfill the purposes of God and to finish well.

II. Key Qualities of Select Choice Men ready for battle:

2. Competent.

Exodus 18:21 Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

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1 Chronicles 11:11, 14, 20

11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam the son of a Hachmonite, chief of the captains; he had lifted up his spear against three hundred, killed by him at one time. **14** But they stationed themselves in the middle of that field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So the LORD brought about a great victory. **20** Abishai the brother of Joab was chief of another three. He had lifted up his spear against three hundred men, killed them, and won a name among these three.

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1 Chronicles 11:22-23

22 Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had done many deeds. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.

23 And he killed an Egyptian, a man of great height, five cubits tall ...

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1 Chronicles 12:1-2, 8

1 ... they were among the **mighty men**, helpers in the war, **2** armed with bows, using both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows with the bow ... **8** Some Gadites .. mighty men of valor, men trained for battle, who could handle shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as gazelles on the mountains ...

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1 Chronicles 12:32-33

32 of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command; 33 of Zebulun there were fifty thousand who went out to battle, expert in war with all weapons of war, stouthearted men who could keep ranks

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Be Effective Priests & Kings

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Acts 6:3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business ...

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Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.

The battle to tear down demonic strongholds
can only be won when we are filled with
the Spirit of God.

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4. Filled with the Wisdom of God.

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James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

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Matthew 7:24-25

24 Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: **25** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

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4. Filled with the Wisdom of God.

Ephesians 5:15-18

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,
16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **17** Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

II. Key Qualities of Select Choice Men ready for battle:

4. Filled with the Wisdom of God.

Acts 6:10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he [Stephen] spoke.

1 Chronicles 12:32 of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command ...

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5. Filled with the **Faith of God**.

Acts 6:8 And Stephen, **full of faith** and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

Romans 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall **live by faith**."

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Romans 10:17 So then **faith comes by hearing**, and hearing by **the word of God**.

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2 Corinthians 4:13 And since we have the same **spirit of faith**, according to what is written, “**I believed** and therefore I **spoke**,” **we** also **believe** and therefore **speak**,

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6. Filled with the **Grace of God**.

Acts 6:8 (NIV) And Stephen, a man **full of God's grace** and power did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.

II. Key Qualities of Select Choice Men ready for battle:

6. Filled with the Grace of God.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

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2 Peter 3:18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

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7. Filled with the **Power of God**.

Acts 6:8, 10

8 And Stephen, **full of** faith and **power**, **did** great wonders and signs among the people. 10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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Acts 10:38 how **God anointed Jesus** of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and **with power**, who went about **doing good** and **healing** all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

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Luke 24:49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but **tarry** in the city of Jerusalem **until you are endued with power from on high.**

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- The **Hebrew midwives** refused to comply with Pharaoh's edict to kill all male Israelite babies, as a result of which God blessed them (**Exodus 1**).

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- **Daniel's three friends** refused to bow down to Nebuchadnezzar's idolatrous statue, as a result of which they were thrown into a fiery furnace but delivered by God (**Daniel 3**).
- **Daniel himself** refused to obey the king's command not to pray to any other deity for a one-month period, as a result of which he was thrown into the lion's den but also delivered by God (**Daniel 6**).

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- The **wise men** who came to see the baby Jesus disobeyed King Herod's order to report back to him, having been warned not to do so by the Lord in a dream (**Matthew 2**).
- The **apostles** refused to stop preaching and teaching in Jesus' name despite an order from the Sanhedrin, their Jewish leadership, saying in response: "... **for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard**"; and, "**We must obey God rather than men**" (**Acts 4:19-20; 5:29**).

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Genesis 9:20-22, 24-25

20 And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. 21 Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. 22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 24 So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. 25 Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants He shall be to his brethren."

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- Noah refused to uphold a standard of righteousness for his sons.
- Noah's drunkard-ness opened the door for Ham to see something he should not see.
- The compromise of one generation (Noah) caused the captivity of the next generation (Ham - Canaan).

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e.g. 2 - King Ahab & the sons of Hiel

1 King 16:30-32

30 Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam

the son of Nebat, that he **took as wife Jezebel** the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and **served Baal and worshiped him**.

32 Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

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1 King 16:33-34

33 And Ahab made a wooden image. **Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.**

34 **In his (Ahab) days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation with Abiram his firstborn, and with his youngest son Segub he set up its gates**, according to the word of the Lord, which He had spoken through Joshua the son of Nun.

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God is Sovereign and is our Redeemer

Isaiah 60:2 Arise, shine; for behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; **but** the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

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- Ham - Cursed be Canaan, the next generation.
- God raised Abra-ham - God reversed the curse on the generations.
- Canaan became the Promised Land.

A man in covenant with God can reverse the curse on the generations.

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- Ahab and Jezebel - death of sons of Hiel (1 Kings 16:34).
- 1 Kings 17:1 - Elijah - Sons - School of Prophets.
- The Call - Time to Repent and Return to the Lord.

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Esther 4:14 ... if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise .. from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

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King David's Mighty Men:

- 400 Men [1 Samuel 22]
- Abishai [1 Samuel 26]
- Abner [2 Samuel 3]
- 3 Mighty Men [1 Chronicles 11]
- Mighty Men of Valor [1 Chronicles 12]

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King David's Mighty Men

All **willingly chose** to go to King David to serve under Him!

God is looking for Mighty Men & Women!
God's Select Choice Men!
Will you choose to partner and serve Him?

Bottom-Line

Select Choice Men fit and ready for battle:

Revelation 17:14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are **called, chosen, and faithful.**

