

PRAISE OF THE FATHERS OF OLD

44	1	<p>I will now praise devoted men, our fathers, of past generations!¹ The Most High parceled out an abundance of honor, greatness, from days of old.</p>		<p><i>praise a person</i> Pr 27:2; 28:4; 31:28; <i>devoted men</i> 1:13; 43:33; 44:10; Is 57:1; <i>devotion</i> 46:7; 49:3; <i>of every generation</i> Gn 6:9 <i>personal honor</i> 37:26; 44:7,19; 45:7,25; 50:11; <i>human greatness</i> 50:1; Est 1:4; <i>days of old</i> Dt 32:7</p>
	2	<p>Subduers of the land, for their government, men of renown, for their valor;</p>		<p><i>subduers of the land</i> Ps 72:8; 144:2; 1 Chr 22:18; (<i>praise for</i> 11:2; Ps 150:2; <i>men of renown</i> Gn 6:4; Nm 16:2; 1 Chr 5:24; 12:31; 46:12; <i>valor</i> 46:1; <i>seers, prophecy</i> 46:13,15,20; <i>commanders of nations</i> Ps 18:48-50; Is 55:4 (David);</p>
	3	<p>counselors, for their understanding, seers of all things, for their prophecy;</p>		<p><i>skilled</i> Is 3:3; cf. 8:8; <i>poets</i> Nb 21:27; Is 28:14; Ez 18:2; 24:3; <i>pointed sayings</i> Qo 12:11; cf. 47:17; <i>connoisseurs of song</i> 47:9; 49:1; cf. <i>to savor wine</i> Pr 23:30; <i>verse</i> 50:27; cf. 47:17; <i>valiant men</i> 46:1; Gn 47:6; Ex 18:21; Jdg 3:29; 2 K 24:16; <i>at rest in their domain</i> 41:1; Jos 11:23; Jdg 8:28</p>
	4	<p>commanders of nations,² for their planning, princes, for their insights.³</p>		<p><i>held in honor</i> 1 S 9:6; etc.; (<i>honored with glory</i> cf. Is 43:23; <i>glory</i> 9:16; 45:8; 50:1,11; Pr 17:6; 20:29 <i>left behind a name</i> Is 65:15; <i>name</i> 46:12</p>
	5	<p>Skilled orators, for their literature, poets, for their pointed sayings;⁴ connoisseurs of song, for composition, givers of voice to verse in writing;</p>		<p><i>some of them ... some of them</i> 48:16; <i>no memory</i> 10:17; 40:15-15; 41:6-10; Qo 2:16; <i>cease</i> 38:23; Dt 32:26; <i>as though they never were</i> Ob 16; Jb 10:19</p>
	6	<p>valiant men, powerful sustainers, at rest in their domain.</p>		<p>44:10-15 cf. 45:25-26; 50:22-24; <i>devoted men</i> → 44:1; <i>prospects cut off</i> Pr 23:18; Jr 29:11; Ez 37:11 (<i>cord/hope</i>); <i>cut off</i> 39:9; 41:11; <i>seed ... inheritance</i> 44:21; 46:19-10; <i>goodly estate</i> 31:11; Pr 13:21-22; Is 63:7; <i>lineage</i> 40:15 <i>covenant</i> 44:18, 20, 22; 45:5, 7, 24, 25; <i>because of them</i> 1 K 11:12,34; <i>memory blotted out</i> Ex 17:14; Dt 25:19; <i>memory</i> 45:1; 46:11; 49:1,13; Pr 10:7; <i>endure forever</i> 37:26; <i>beneficence</i> 40:17; Pr 21:21; Gn 15:6; Ps 106:31 <i>laid away in peace</i> 38:16; 2 K 22:20; Jr 8:2; 25:33; Ez 29:5; <i>name lives on age to age</i> 37:26; 39:9; <i>name</i> 41:11; 46:12; 47:16 G; 49:1 31:11; 39:10; <i>wisdom</i> 45:26; 47:14; 50:23; <i>congregation</i> 46:7,14</p>
	7	<p>All of them were held in honor in their generation, glory accorded them in their day;</p>		<p>44:10-15 cf. 45:25-26; 50:22-24; <i>devoted men</i> → 44:1; <i>prospects cut off</i> Pr 23:18; Jr 29:11; Ez 37:11 (<i>cord/hope</i>); <i>cut off</i> 39:9; 41:11; <i>seed ... inheritance</i> 44:21; 46:19-10; <i>goodly estate</i> 31:11; Pr 13:21-22; Is 63:7; <i>lineage</i> 40:15 <i>covenant</i> 44:18, 20, 22; 45:5, 7, 24, 25; <i>because of them</i> 1 K 11:12,34; <i>memory blotted out</i> Ex 17:14; Dt 25:19; <i>memory</i> 45:1; 46:11; 49:1,13; Pr 10:7; <i>endure forever</i> 37:26; <i>beneficence</i> 40:17; Pr 21:21; Gn 15:6; Ps 106:31 <i>laid away in peace</i> 38:16; 2 K 22:20; Jr 8:2; 25:33; Ez 29:5; <i>name lives on age to age</i> 37:26; 39:9; <i>name</i> 41:11; 46:12; 47:16 G; 49:1 31:11; 39:10; <i>wisdom</i> 45:26; 47:14; 50:23; <i>congregation</i> 46:7,14</p>
	8	<p>some of them left behind a name, are spoken of, because of their legacy.</p>		<p>44:10-15 cf. 45:25-26; 50:22-24; <i>devoted men</i> → 44:1; <i>prospects cut off</i> Pr 23:18; Jr 29:11; Ez 37:11 (<i>cord/hope</i>); <i>cut off</i> 39:9; 41:11; <i>seed ... inheritance</i> 44:21; 46:19-10; <i>goodly estate</i> 31:11; Pr 13:21-22; Is 63:7; <i>lineage</i> 40:15 <i>covenant</i> 44:18, 20, 22; 45:5, 7, 24, 25; <i>because of them</i> 1 K 11:12,34; <i>memory blotted out</i> Ex 17:14; Dt 25:19; <i>memory</i> 45:1; 46:11; 49:1,13; Pr 10:7; <i>endure forever</i> 37:26; <i>beneficence</i> 40:17; Pr 21:21; Gn 15:6; Ps 106:31 <i>laid away in peace</i> 38:16; 2 K 22:20; Jr 8:2; 25:33; Ez 29:5; <i>name lives on age to age</i> 37:26; 39:9; <i>name</i> 41:11; 46:12; 47:16 G; 49:1 31:11; 39:10; <i>wisdom</i> 45:26; 47:14; 50:23; <i>congregation</i> 46:7,14</p>
	9	<p>But of some of them, there is no memory, they ceased whenever they ceased; as though they never were they have become, and their children after them.</p>		<p>44:10-15 cf. 45:25-26; 50:22-24; <i>devoted men</i> → 44:1; <i>prospects cut off</i> Pr 23:18; Jr 29:11; Ez 37:11 (<i>cord/hope</i>); <i>cut off</i> 39:9; 41:11; <i>seed ... inheritance</i> 44:21; 46:19-10; <i>goodly estate</i> 31:11; Pr 13:21-22; Is 63:7; <i>lineage</i> 40:15 <i>covenant</i> 44:18, 20, 22; 45:5, 7, 24, 25; <i>because of them</i> 1 K 11:12,34; <i>memory blotted out</i> Ex 17:14; Dt 25:19; <i>memory</i> 45:1; 46:11; 49:1,13; Pr 10:7; <i>endure forever</i> 37:26; <i>beneficence</i> 40:17; Pr 21:21; Gn 15:6; Ps 106:31 <i>laid away in peace</i> 38:16; 2 K 22:20; Jr 8:2; 25:33; Ez 29:5; <i>name lives on age to age</i> 37:26; 39:9; <i>name</i> 41:11; 46:12; 47:16 G; 49:1 31:11; 39:10; <i>wisdom</i> 45:26; 47:14; 50:23; <i>congregation</i> 46:7,14</p>
	10	<p>The following, however, were devoted men, their prospects will not be cut off;⁵</p>		<p>44:10-15 cf. 45:25-26; 50:22-24; <i>devoted men</i> → 44:1; <i>prospects cut off</i> Pr 23:18; Jr 29:11; Ez 37:11 (<i>cord/hope</i>); <i>cut off</i> 39:9; 41:11; <i>seed ... inheritance</i> 44:21; 46:19-10; <i>goodly estate</i> 31:11; Pr 13:21-22; Is 63:7; <i>lineage</i> 40:15 <i>covenant</i> 44:18, 20, 22; 45:5, 7, 24, 25; <i>because of them</i> 1 K 11:12,34; <i>memory blotted out</i> Ex 17:14; Dt 25:19; <i>memory</i> 45:1; 46:11; 49:1,13; Pr 10:7; <i>endure forever</i> 37:26; <i>beneficence</i> 40:17; Pr 21:21; Gn 15:6; Ps 106:31 <i>laid away in peace</i> 38:16; 2 K 22:20; Jr 8:2; 25:33; Ez 29:5; <i>name lives on age to age</i> 37:26; 39:9; <i>name</i> 41:11; 46:12; 47:16 G; 49:1 31:11; 39:10; <i>wisdom</i> 45:26; 47:14; 50:23; <i>congregation</i> 46:7,14</p>
	11	<p>with their seed their goodly estate is secure, their inheritance, with their lineage.</p>		<p>44:10-15 cf. 45:25-26; 50:22-24; <i>devoted men</i> → 44:1; <i>prospects cut off</i> Pr 23:18; Jr 29:11; Ez 37:11 (<i>cord/hope</i>); <i>cut off</i> 39:9; 41:11; <i>seed ... inheritance</i> 44:21; 46:19-10; <i>goodly estate</i> 31:11; Pr 13:21-22; Is 63:7; <i>lineage</i> 40:15 <i>covenant</i> 44:18, 20, 22; 45:5, 7, 24, 25; <i>because of them</i> 1 K 11:12,34; <i>memory blotted out</i> Ex 17:14; Dt 25:19; <i>memory</i> 45:1; 46:11; 49:1,13; Pr 10:7; <i>endure forever</i> 37:26; <i>beneficence</i> 40:17; Pr 21:21; Gn 15:6; Ps 106:31 <i>laid away in peace</i> 38:16; 2 K 22:20; Jr 8:2; 25:33; Ez 29:5; <i>name lives on age to age</i> 37:26; 39:9; <i>name</i> 41:11; 46:12; 47:16 G; 49:1 31:11; 39:10; <i>wisdom</i> 45:26; 47:14; 50:23; <i>congregation</i> 46:7,14</p>
	12	<p>By the covenant with them,⁶ their seed has endured, their offspring, because of them;</p>		<p>44:10-15 cf. 45:25-26; 50:22-24; <i>devoted men</i> → 44:1; <i>prospects cut off</i> Pr 23:18; Jr 29:11; Ez 37:11 (<i>cord/hope</i>); <i>cut off</i> 39:9; 41:11; <i>seed ... inheritance</i> 44:21; 46:19-10; <i>goodly estate</i> 31:11; Pr 13:21-22; Is 63:7; <i>lineage</i> 40:15 <i>covenant</i> 44:18, 20, 22; 45:5, 7, 24, 25; <i>because of them</i> 1 K 11:12,34; <i>memory blotted out</i> Ex 17:14; Dt 25:19; <i>memory</i> 45:1; 46:11; 49:1,13; Pr 10:7; <i>endure forever</i> 37:26; <i>beneficence</i> 40:17; Pr 21:21; Gn 15:6; Ps 106:31 <i>laid away in peace</i> 38:16; 2 K 22:20; Jr 8:2; 25:33; Ez 29:5; <i>name lives on age to age</i> 37:26; 39:9; <i>name</i> 41:11; 46:12; 47:16 G; 49:1 31:11; 39:10; <i>wisdom</i> 45:26; 47:14; 50:23; <i>congregation</i> 46:7,14</p>
	13	<p>their memory⁷ will endure forever, their beneficence⁸ will not be blotted out.</p>		<p>44:10-15 cf. 45:25-26; 50:22-24; <i>devoted men</i> → 44:1; <i>prospects cut off</i> Pr 23:18; Jr 29:11; Ez 37:11 (<i>cord/hope</i>); <i>cut off</i> 39:9; 41:11; <i>seed ... inheritance</i> 44:21; 46:19-10; <i>goodly estate</i> 31:11; Pr 13:21-22; Is 63:7; <i>lineage</i> 40:15 <i>covenant</i> 44:18, 20, 22; 45:5, 7, 24, 25; <i>because of them</i> 1 K 11:12,34; <i>memory blotted out</i> Ex 17:14; Dt 25:19; <i>memory</i> 45:1; 46:11; 49:1,13; Pr 10:7; <i>endure forever</i> 37:26; <i>beneficence</i> 40:17; Pr 21:21; Gn 15:6; Ps 106:31 <i>laid away in peace</i> 38:16; 2 K 22:20; Jr 8:2; 25:33; Ez 29:5; <i>name lives on age to age</i> 37:26; 39:9; <i>name</i> 41:11; 46:12; 47:16 G; 49:1 31:11; 39:10; <i>wisdom</i> 45:26; 47:14; 50:23; <i>congregation</i> 46:7,14</p>
	14	<p>Their bodies are laid away in peace, their name lives on, age to age;⁹</p>		<p>44:10-15 cf. 45:25-26; 50:22-24; <i>devoted men</i> → 44:1; <i>prospects cut off</i> Pr 23:18; Jr 29:11; Ez 37:11 (<i>cord/hope</i>); <i>cut off</i> 39:9; 41:11; <i>seed ... inheritance</i> 44:21; 46:19-10; <i>goodly estate</i> 31:11; Pr 13:21-22; Is 63:7; <i>lineage</i> 40:15 <i>covenant</i> 44:18, 20, 22; 45:5, 7, 24, 25; <i>because of them</i> 1 K 11:12,34; <i>memory blotted out</i> Ex 17:14; Dt 25:19; <i>memory</i> 45:1; 46:11; 49:1,13; Pr 10:7; <i>endure forever</i> 37:26; <i>beneficence</i> 40:17; Pr 21:21; Gn 15:6; Ps 106:31 <i>laid away in peace</i> 38:16; 2 K 22:20; Jr 8:2; 25:33; Ez 29:5; <i>name lives on age to age</i> 37:26; 39:9; <i>name</i> 41:11; 46:12; 47:16 G; 49:1 31:11; 39:10; <i>wisdom</i> 45:26; 47:14; 50:23; <i>congregation</i> 46:7,14</p>
	15	<p>the assembly recounts their wisdom, the congregation rehearses their praise.</p>		<p>44:10-15 cf. 45:25-26; 50:22-24; <i>devoted men</i> → 44:1; <i>prospects cut off</i> Pr 23:18; Jr 29:11; Ez 37:11 (<i>cord/hope</i>); <i>cut off</i> 39:9; 41:11; <i>seed ... inheritance</i> 44:21; 46:19-10; <i>goodly estate</i> 31:11; Pr 13:21-22; Is 63:7; <i>lineage</i> 40:15 <i>covenant</i> 44:18, 20, 22; 45:5, 7, 24, 25; <i>because of them</i> 1 K 11:12,34; <i>memory blotted out</i> Ex 17:14; Dt 25:19; <i>memory</i> 45:1; 46:11; 49:1,13; Pr 10:7; <i>endure forever</i> 37:26; <i>beneficence</i> 40:17; Pr 21:21; Gn 15:6; Ps 106:31 <i>laid away in peace</i> 38:16; 2 K 22:20; Jr 8:2; 25:33; Ez 29:5; <i>name lives on age to age</i> 37:26; 39:9; <i>name</i> 41:11; 46:12; 47:16 G; 49:1 31:11; 39:10; <i>wisdom</i> 45:26; 47:14; 50:23; <i>congregation</i> 46:7,14</p>

¹ Lit *in their generations*

² Or *(the) nation* M G

³ Or *for their legislation* M

⁴ Or *rulers, for their liturgical duties*

⁵ Or *their beneficence will not be forgotten* (M) (G)

⁶ Lit. *their covenant*

⁷ Or *their seed* M G

⁸ Or *their glory* M G

⁹ Lit. *generation to generation*

44:1-50:24 *Praise of the Fathers of Old* 1 Mc 2:51-60; Heb 11:4-38; **44:1**

devoted 1 Mc 2:57; *our fathers ... in every generation ... abundance of honor*

1 Mc 2:50-51

44:4 *commanders of nations* cf. 1 Mc 2:53; **44:5** *composition* 1QH 9:28-29;

44:6 *valiant men, powerful* cf. 1 Mc 2:66; Heb 11:34; **44: 8** *name* 1 Mc 2:51

44:12 *covenant* 1 Mc 2:50

44: 15 *wisdom* cf. 1 Mc 2:65; *congregation* 1 Mc 2:56