

The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah

Preparations for the Reign of Solomon

Lesson 6

1 Chronicles 23-29

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1 & 2 Chronicles

- ▶ David & Solomon (1 Chron. 10 to 2 Chron. 9)
- ▶ Genealogy (1 Chron. 1-9) – spans all of OT history
- ▶ Rehoboam to the decree of Cyrus (2 Chron. 10-36)

The life of David

- ▶ Inquiring of the LORD (10:14; 14:10, 14)
- ▶ A man of war (22:8; 28:3)
- ▶ The Davidic Promise – the Everlasting Covenant (17)
 - 1 Chronicles 17:9-14
 - An eternal kingdom of Israel (17:9, 12, 14)
 - Son of David, Son of God on the throne of David (17:10-13)
 - House for God built by one of the sons of David (17:12)
- ▶ Preparation for the Temple
 - Defeat enemies – establish the Kingdom
 - Location, materials, organization
 - Charge to the nation and Solomon
 - David's prayer

Preparations for the Reign of Solomon

- ▶ Organization (23-27)
- ▶ David addresses the leaders and Solomon (28:1-29:9)
- ▶ David prays and the people respond (29:10-25)
- ▶ David's death (29:26-30)

David prepares for the Temple (23-27)

- ▶ Solomon is made co-regent with David (see 1 Kings 1)
- ▶ David gathers the leaders of Israel, priests and Levites
- ▶ Categories of service (23:3-6)
 - Levites – 30 years and upward (Numbers 4:3)
 - 3 divisions by sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, Merari
 - 4 categories
 - Temple service (24,000)
 - Musicians (4,000)
 - Gatekeepers (4,000)
 - Officers and judges (6,000)

Temple Service (23:7-24:31)

- ▶ Priests: sons of Kohath, Amram and Aaron (23:12-13)
 - Set apart as most holy
 - Minister to the LORD and bless His Name forever
 - Sons of Aaron – 2 priestly families (24)
 - Zadok – descendant of Eleazar
 - Ahimelech – descendant of Ithamar, Eli and Abiathar
- ▶ Levites – assist Aaron and the priests (23:28)
- ▶ A time of peace, expected forever (23:25)
- ▶ 24 courses/tours of duty (24:10; Luke 1:5 - Zacharias)

Musicians (25)

- ▶ 3 families: Asaph (4), Heman (6), Jeduthun (14)
- ▶ Prophecy with music (25:1, 2, 3) - thanks and praise
- ▶ Under the direction of the king (25:2, 6)
- ▶ 24 courses

Gatekeepers (26:1-19)

- ▶ Obed-edom – Levite or Gittite? – blessed of God
- ▶ Zechariah (26:14) - a counselor with insight
- ▶ Valiant men
- ▶ 4 gates and a storehouse (6 east, 6 west; 4 north; 4 south; 4 store house)

Officers and Judges (26:20-32)

- ▶ Geographic duty (26:30-31)
- ▶ Affairs of God and the King (26:30, 32)

David's Administration (27)

- ▶ Military courses – 24,000 for each month
- ▶ Led by some of David's mighty men and one Levite
- ▶ Tribal leaders – omits Gad and Asher
- ▶ David's managers and counselors
 - Managers of agriculture; livestock
 - Counselors
 - Joab – Commander of the King's Army

David addresses the leaders (28:1-8)

- ▶ Secular leaders (princes, commanders, overseers, officials, mighty men and valiant men (army))
- ▶ A permanent place (28:2-4)
 - David, a man of war, not permitted to build the House
 - A home for the ark of the Covenant of the LORD
 - Footstool of God (Ps 132:7; Isa 66:1; 60:13)
- ▶ David anticipated an eternal Kingdom (28:4)
 - David expected that role to go to Solomon
 - It will be a Kingdom of Righteousness (28:7-8)
- ▶ Did David understand correctly?

David addresses Solomon (28:9-10)

- ▶ A whole heart
- ▶ A willing mind
- ▶ The LORD knows your heart (1 Sam 16:7)
- ▶ “If you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.”
- ▶ “Consider . . . be courageous and act”
- ▶ Requires a new birth!

The charge to build (28:11-21)

▶ The plan given (28:11-19)

- Plan given (11, 19; Exodus 25:9, 40; 26:30; Num 8:4; Acts 7:44)
- Hebrews 9:11, 24-25 – Christ appeared in the heavenly Tabernacle
- Revelation 11:19; 15:5-8 – the Temple and Ark in heaven

▶ Final admonition to Solomon (28:20-21)

- Be strong (28:7 [resolutely]; 10 [courageous]; 20 [strong]), courageous
- The LORD God will not fail you until all is done (Phil 1:6)

David addresses the assembly (29:1-9)

- ▶ The youth and inexperience of Solomon
- ▶ David's example – delight in the house of My God (29:3)
- ▶ The response of the people – great gifts – with a whole heart and with joy

David's Prayer (29:10-22)

- ▶ David blessed the LORD
 - Our Father forever and (to) forever
 - Greatness, power, glory, victory, majesty, sovereignty over creation, dominion; exalted as head above all.
 - Goodness of the LORD – “make great” (Genesis 12:2; Micah 5:4)
- ▶ David's humility (29:14-16)
- ▶ David's understanding of God's blessing (29:17-19)
 - David's acceptance
 - The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- ▶ David's request (29:18-19)
 - Direct the heart of the people to the LORD
 - Give Solomon a perfect heart
- ▶ David's appeal to the people: Bless the LORD your God

The People Bless the LORD (29:20-25)

- ▶ Give something beneficial or desirable
- ▶ Verbal
 - Praise (Psalm 34:1; Psalm 103) – verbal
 - An act of worship – adoration
 - Expressed in sacrifices and offerings with joy
- ▶ Action
 - Submission and obedience
 - A second coronation for Solomon
 - Exalted by the LORD – “bestowed on him royal majesty”

David's Epitaph (29:26-30)

- ▶ Reigned 40 years over all Israel – united the nation
- ▶ Died at ripe old age – “full of days, riches and honor”
- ▶ Hebrews 11:39 “And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised.”

Lessons from History

- ▶ Wilcock: "The great continuities"
 - A moment in history
 - The Promise of God and His Word
- ▶ Wilcock: "We live in a time in the church's history which tends to value Christian experience more than the cause of that experience."
 - David realized he was a sojourner
 - David's delight (29:3) - the greatness of the LORD and a future hope
 - We are to have our expectation on the LORD (the Cause), and live in faith that the Promise (experience) will come: Psalm 62:5; 2 Peter 3:9, 13