The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah

Preparations for the Reign of Solomon
Lesson 6
1 Chronicles 23-29

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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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)
- Prophesy 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