

1 Chronicles 17-29

Ch 17

Theme – David's desire to build a house for the Lord; Nathan encourages David to do as he is planning; word of the Lord came to Nathan; through Nathan, Lord explains to David that David will not build a house for the Lord, but a son of David will build a house for the Lord & the Lord will establish his throne forever; David's prayer of gratitude and thanksgiving

Ch 18

Theme – Military victories of David & Israeli army (over Philistines, Moab, Zobah, Aramean, Edom); Tou, king of Hamath, greets & blesses David; David is a just and righteous leader for ALL people; list of those who served in David's court

Ch 19

Theme – Background behind the war with Zobah: David attempts to show kindness to Hanun, king of Ammon, after his father passes; Hanun listens to wicked counselors and humiliates the envoys of David; Ammon hires Arameans to defend them; both Ammon and Arameans defeated; Arameans bring out a bigger army & are defeated by David

Ch 20

Theme – Capture of the Ammonite “royal city” of Rabbah; giants among the Philistines who were killed by David & his soldiers

Ch 21

Theme – David commands a military census to be taken (told that Satan was permitted to move David’s heart); God was displeased & David repents; God, through Gad the seer, gives David three choices; God tells Gad the seer to tell David to build an altar on the threshing floor or Ornan; Ornan offers the land for free, but David purchased the land for full price; David builds altar, Lord accepts the offering by sending fire from heaven; David stops going to the Tabernacle & begins to worship at the threshing floor which will become the site of the Temple

Ch 22

Theme – David declares that the threshing floor of Ornan will be the site for the Temple; David prepares materials for construction; David charges Solomon to build the Temple AND observe the Law of the Lord; David charges the leaders to help Solomon

Ch 23

Theme – David organizes the Levites by family (the 3 sons of Levi) & by general category of task; genealogy of the 3 sons of Levi; reminder that the lineage of Aaron was the High Priestly line; the age for Levites to serve is lowered to 20

Ch 24

Theme – David organizes the Aaronic priests into 24 “courses” & then distributes the Levites among the 24 courses (all done by lot)

Ch 25

Theme – David takes 288 skilled musicians (among the sons of Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun) and divides them among the 24 courses so that each service team has a worship team to accompany it

Ch 26

Theme – Gatekeepers for the Temple are assigned (this is done by compass direction rather than by course) ; David assigns some Levites to be in charge of the Temple treasury & others to provide external leadership (officers and regional judges) to the Israelites when they were away from the Temple (these were divided into two teams – one West of the Jordan & the other to the East)

Ch 27

Theme – David divides the army in 12 groups (one month active service at a time) ; leaders of the individual tribes; mention of the census & why its numbers were not included; officials over agriculture & livestock; counselors & those close to the king and the royal family

Ch 28

Theme – David assembles all the officials/ leaders of Israel at Jerusalem, explains to them the desire of his heart for the construction of the Temple, that the Lord would not permit it but would allow Solomon to build it; David charges Israel to be obedient to the commandments of God; David charges Solomon to serve the Lord with a whole heart; David gives the plans for the Temple to Solomon & explains that the Lord gave him the plan by inspiration

Ch 29

Theme – David announces to Israel that, with all of his ability, he helped to prepare the materials for the construction of the temple; David recounts what he personally offered from his own resources and other leaders offer willing for the service at the Temple as well; David prays to the Lord; the people worship the Lord; Solomon declared as the sole king; David passes away
