

Bible Study – Outline

I Chronicles

David and the Ark of God

Summary

Covers the same historical era as the books of Samuel and Kings but from a different perspective.

The book of I Chronicles centers on King David and the temple. The northern Kingdom of Israel is almost completely ignored because the Temple is located in Judah.

“There is no incident from the Old Testament that teaches more clearly the importance of a careful, precise obedience to what the word of God says. I think it also teaches us that God is able to take care of his own cause. There are many today who, like Uzzah, are trying to steady the ark of God. They think it is going to be defeated by some challenge that is issued against it, and they become self-appointed defenders of the faith, little realizing that God is quite able to defend his own cause.

But David learned his lesson. He returned to obedience and asked the Levites to bring up the ark according to the law; then the ark came into Jerusalem. Now here is a most remarkable and significant point: the tabernacle, which had been the home of the ark through all the journeyings in the wilderness, and the central place of worship for Israel during the time of the judges and the reign of Saul, was not located in Jerusalem. The tabernacle was located in the city of Gibeon. One would think that the ark should be returned to that tabernacle, since it had been taken from there. The ark belonged in the Holy of Holies in that tabernacle. But when David brings the ark back, he doesn't return it to the tabernacle. He brings it to the city of Jerusalem, the city of the king, and, by his own authority, he sets up a center of worship on the very site where later the temple was to be built. Thus he replaces the authority of the priests by the authority of the king.”

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Key People

The Genealogy from Adam to Solomon including the 12 Tribes of Israel

Jabez (means "Pain" in Hebrew)

David

Saul

Benaiah

Asaph

Solomon

Key Scriptures

I Ch. 4:9-10

Jabez' Prayer

I Ch. 10:13-14

Saul died because he was unfaithful to the Lord

I Ch. 11

The conquest of Zion, renamed the City of David, City becomes Jerusalem - "Abode of Peace"

I Ch. 11:22

Benaiah -slays lion in snow

I Ch. 13

The carrying of the Ark from Kiriath-Jearim to Jerusalem

I Ch.16:7

David delivers his psalm Ps.18 - II Sam. 22, also Ps. 24,27,104

I Ch.17:9

my people shall be moved no more

I Ch.17:10

God promises to subdue all of David's enemies

I Ch. 17:16-27

David's Prayer

I Ch. 21:1

Satan influences David to number Israel

I Ch. 22:6-19

Why Solomon was to build the temple and its preparation

I Ch. 22:13

Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid or discouraged

I Ch. 22:19 (KJV)

"Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God.."

I Ch.24

The divisions of the priesthood

I Ch. 28:3

The reason why David was not to build the temple.

I Ch. 28:7

Kingdom to be established forever IF commandments are kept.

I Ch. 28:9

Serve with a perfect heart and willing mind

I Ch. 28:9-10

Principles of Life

I Ch.29

Thanksgiving and Offerings (v.9-12)

I Ch. 29:25(KJV)

"The Lord magnified Solomon exceedingly..."

I Chron.16: 7-36

The four elements of true thanksgiving.

1. Remembering

2. Telling

3. Showing

4. Offering of self, time and resources

THE BOOK OF I Chronicles

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The golden age of Hebrew music . (From Smiths Bible Dictionary)

David seems to have gathered round him "singing men and singing women." (2 Samuel 19:35) Solomon did the same, (Ecclesiastes 2:8) adding to the luxury of his court by his patronage of art, and obtaining a reputation himself as no mean composer. (1 Kings 4:32) But the temple was the great school of music, and it was consecrated to its highest service in the worship of Jehovah. Before, however the elaborate arrangements had been made by David for the temple choir, there must have been a considerable body of musicians throughout the country. (2 Samuel 6:5) (David chose 4000 musicians from the 38,000 Levies in his reign, or one in ten of the whole tribe. Of these musicians 288 were specially trained and skillful. (1 Chronicles 26:6,7) The whole number was divided into 24 courses, each of which would thus consist of a full band of 154 musicians, presided over by a body of 12 specially-trained leaders, under one of the twenty-four sons of Asaph, Heman or Jeduthun as conductor. The leaders appear to have played on the cymbals, perhaps to make the time. (1 Chronicles 15:19; 16:5) All these joined in a special chant which David taught them, and which went by his name. (1 Chronicles 23:5) Women also took part in the temple choir. (1 Chronicles 13:8; 25:5,6) These great choirs answered one to another in responsive singing; thus the temple music must have been grand and inspiring beyond anything known before that time.

Discussion Questions

What is the meaning of Jabez' prayer? How can we apply it in our own lives?

Zion was a pagan stronghold – conquered by David and rebuilt as the City of Jerusalem. What was once a pagan city consecrated to idols and evil purposes, now has become the “Abode of Peace” to be used for Gods glory. What other examples of people or things that God has redeemed in this way in the Bible or in your own life?

Asaph (I Chron. 16) – what was he appointed to do?

What is the lesson to be learned from David's sin in Chapter 21?

What is the message being given by David in I Chron. 29:14-16 that applies to us in our lives today?

What are we to learn from the prayers that are in I Chronicles?

I Ch. 4:9-10	Jabez Prayer
I Ch. 17:16-27	David's Prayer
I Ch. 29:10-13	The Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

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