

Orwell Bible Church

Daily Devotional

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DISCIPLING ALL SO THAT ALL ARE DISCIPLING.

CHRIST IS COMING!

Memory Verse for the week

Persevere in persecution

2 Thessalonians 1:7

“God will give you
who are troubled rest
with us when the Lord Jesus
is revealed from heaven
with His mighty angels”
(note vv. 3-8)

Learning Christian Truth

30. What is regeneration?

God’s regeneration of sinners
 (“born again”)
 is His immediate, supernatural
 gift of spiritual life to the
 spiritually dead.

John 1:13; 3:3–8; Eph 2:4–5;
 Titus 3:3–5; 1 John 5:1

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities

- Young People’s Ministry Meetings, Aug 5
- Regular Sunday and Wednesday services
- Spread of the Word to English and Amish

Introduction to 1–2 Chronicles

Purpose and Theme

The purpose of 1–2 Chronicles is *to encourage the returning exiles to be faithful to God by remembering God's promises and provisions*. The returning exiles needed encouragement to be faithful to the Lord, particularly in regard to the temple and the Levites. They literally had to rebuild everything, faced great opposition, and struggled with faithfulness to God. God made promises to Abraham (1 Chron 16:16; 2 Chron 20:7; 30:6) and David and He will keep them (1 Chron 17). God will be faithful, and so the people must be. When they are faithful, God will bless them. Israel must worship the LORD at the right place and in the right way. God gave them the temple to worship in and the Levites to provide instruction and guidance.

The theme of 1–2 Chronicles is *faithfulness to a faithful God*

Key Passages: 2 Chronicles 7:14

Summary of 1–2 Chronicles

1 Chronicles compares with 1–2 Samuel, focusing on David. 2 Chronicles compares with 1–2 Kings, but 2 Chronicles only considers the kings of Judah. 1–2 Kings tells Israel, "Our unfaithfulness brought God's judgment," whereas 1–2 Chronicles tells Israel, "Our faithfulness will bring God's blessing."

Chronicles focuses on the kingdom of David, the temple, the heart, demonstrates God's blessing on obedience and punishment of sin, provides encouraging examples of prayer. The primary message of 1–2 Chronicles is that *God's people should be faithful to Him because He has been continually faithful to them*.

Outline of 1–2 Chronicles

1. Genealogies from Adam to David, 1 Chronicles 1–9
2. The Reign of David, 1 Chronicles 10–29
3. The Reign of Solomon, 2 Chronicles 1–9
4. The Kingdom of Judah, 2 Chronicles 10–36

Items for Prayer

- Brian, Erin, Isabel, Emmett, Arthur, and Owen Bollon- Taiwan—Pray for our children as they attend school. Pray for their protection.
- God would bless His Word, answer our prayers, and use our lives and public services for the salvation of souls and the increase and strengthening of His church
- OBC men and women would grow in grace, fulfill their roles and responsibilities in their homes, and minister to our church body by word and example
- We would earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints, Phil 1:27; 1 Tim 6:12; Jude 3

Sunday, July 30

Read—

2 Chronicles 18

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it "fit" in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What kind of priests and prophets did the Northern Kingdom have?
- ☞ Note Ahab's attitude and how it controlled his response (v. 7).
- ☞ What kind of attitude does verse 12 demonstrate? Is yours like it?

Items for Prayer

- Mike and Marie Brunk- South Africa—A church in our area is closing its doors because they cannot find a pastor. They're looking for God's leading as to where to attend. They visited us last week. Please pray for them to find a good church home.
- Sunday Services- Sinners will be convicted and trust Christ
- We would minister to one another for the unity, maturity, protection, and growth of our church (Eph 4:12-16)
- We would exalt the Lord Jesus Christ as we gather in public worship, Acts 2:42–47; 1 Cor 14:24–25; Col. 3:1

Friday, July 28

Read—

2 Chronicles 15

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ What strengthened and moved Asa to action? What lessons can you gain from this?

☞ Why was there no “freedom of religion” (v. 13)?

2 Chronicles 16

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ Note verse 9—this does show God’s omniscience (that He knows everything), but that isn’t the main point here. What is the main point?

☞ Note Asa’s response in verse 10 and contrast that with 14:11; 15:2.

☞ Compare and consider Asa’s life and end with 1 Corinthians 10:12.

Items for Prayer

- Tom, Stephanie, Daniela, Nino, Angelo, & Baby Girl Boehm- Italy—Pray for Stephanie and the baby during the pregnancy
- Believers will grow more like Christ and less like the world through the Spirit’s help and personal discipline
- Wisdom and provision for a permanent meeting house
- We would establish churches of like faith and practice at home and abroad, Matt 28:19–20; Acts 14:21–23

Saturday, July 29

Read—

2 Chronicles 17

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ What can you learn about Jehoshaphat from verses 3–6?

☞ What was the purpose of Jehoshaphat’s action in verses 7–9 and what happened as a result?

☞ Verses 10 and following is the outworking of the blessings of the Mosaic Law. How?

Monday, July 24

Read—

2 Chronicles 7

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ In verse 8, the geographic references refer to the most northern and southern parts of Israel.

☞ From verse 14, what does God require for His blessing? Works? Money? What?

☞ Think about God’s concluding word in verses 19–22. It’s not about the building, is it? What is it about? What application should be made?

2 Chronicles 8

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ Note the emphasis on Solomon’s dedication to the Mosaic Law in verses 12–13.

Items for Prayer

- Chris, Heidi, Rachel, Isaac, Susanna, Titus, and Seth Seawright- Thailand—Pray for strength, wisdom, and safety as we fly to Thailand Tuesday and Wednesday
- Persecuted Brothers and Sisters in Christ (Heb 13:3)
- God would provide the men we need for our spiritual growth
- We would glorify God as Christ’s church, Rom 16:27; Eph 3:21; Phil 4:20; 1 Tim 1:17; 2 Tim 4:18; Heb 13:21; 1 Pet 4:11; 5:11; 2 Pet 3:18; Jude 24–25; Rev 1:6

Tuesday, July 25

Read—

2 Chronicles 9

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ What does the Queen of Sheba say was the reason God made Solomon king?

☞ Where did Solomon get his wisdom (v. 23)? What effect should remembering that have on anyone?

☞ What is not included in the concluding summary of Solomon’s reign (2 Kings 11:1–13)?

2 Chronicles 10

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What lessons can you learn from verses 1–11 about leading and serving?
- ☞ Note and think upon the effects of Rehoboam’s pride upon the unity of the nation.

Items for Prayer

- Friends in C. A.—Pray that he will have a godly, above-reproach testimony and that he would do a good job teaching
- Peniel Bible Camp- Teen 2
- Those who have trusted Christ would be baptized and join the church
- We would evangelize the lost through personal witnessing and public preaching of the gospel, Acts 1:8; 1 Pet 3:15; Jude 22–23

Wednesday, July 26

Read—

2 Chronicles 11

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Judah was smaller than Israel, yet they sought the Lord and others joined them as a result (v. 13). What really matters, size or faithfulness to the Lord? What applications can you draw from this?
- ☞ Note verses 14 and 16. What did it “cost” for these Levites and faithful Israelites to do what they did? What could have happened to them and their families had they not done this? What lessons and encouragement can you gain from this?

2 Chronicles 12

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Why did Rehoboam forsake the Lord (vv. 1, 14)? What can you learn from this?
- ☞ What impact would verses 7 and 12 have had on the returned exiles to whom this book was written?

Items for Prayer

- Izaak, Kim, Ashlyn, Brenna, and Carson VanderSchel- Camp—Pray that God would be working in the hearts of the teens this week. Pray that they will open up to their counselors and pray for wisdom for the counselors.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
- Wisdom for church leadership
- We would edify believers through the systematic teaching of the Bible, public worship, ministry of believers, observance of the ordinances, and the administration of biblical discipline, Acts 2:42–47; 9:31; 1 Cor 14:26

Thursday, July 27

Read—

2 Chronicles 13

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ The expression “a covenant of salt” (v. 5) is based on the fact that salt was used to preserve food. Thus, “a covenant of salt” meant an enduring, continuing covenant (cf. Num 18:19).
- ☞ Note in verses 8–12 Abijah’s outlook and dependence.
- ☞ What was the reason why Judah conquered and subdued Israel?

2 Chronicles 14

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ How did Asa do “good and right in the sight of the Lord his God”?
- ☞ Note verse 11—why can the believer trust the Lord when faced with overwhelming problems?

Items for Prayer

- Dan, Amy, Joshua, Emma, and Genevieve Baker- Australia—Pray for wisdom in choosing which ministries to invest our time in
- Financial Stability
- Prayer and financial support of missionaries
- We would equip believers to do the work of the ministry for the maturity, protection, and growth of the body, Eph 4:11–16; Heb 5:12–14