

Orwell Bible Church

Daily Devotional

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DISCIPLING ALL SO THAT ALL ARE DISCIPLING.

CHRIST IS COMING!

Memory Verse for the week

Be alert and self-controlled

1 Thessalonians 5:2

“You yourselves know perfectly
that the day of the Lord
so comes as a thief in the night.”

(Note vv. 1-10)

Learning Christian Truth

28. What is election?

Before the foundation of the
world God chose to save some
sinners to salvation in Jesus
Christ.

Rom 8:28–30; Eph 1:3–14

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities

- Young People’s Ministry Meetings, July 15
- Junior Wk. 1 Camp, July 10-15
- Teen 1 Camp, July 17-22
- Regular Sunday and Wednesday services
- Spread of the Word to English and Amish

Purpose and Theme

The purpose of 1–2 Kings is to show how the kings “measured up” to the covenant. God held the kings (and the nation) responsible to love Him and be loyal to Him, as revealed especially in the Mosaic Law. 1–2 Kings helps us understand *why* the nation went into exile in Babylon—because they disobeyed the covenant.

The theme of 1–2 Kings is Israel’s kings in light of God’s covenant.

Key Passages: 1 Kings 9:4–5; 11:11; 2 Kings 7:7–23

Monday, July 10

Read— **2 Kings 23**

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Verse 3 gives a great pattern to follow. Will you do the same?
- ☞ From verses 5 and following, how wicked had God’s house become? How was it dealt with? What application can you make from this?
- ☞ What distinguished Josiah’s reign from all other kings (v. 25)? What does that tell you about what God thinks is worthy of record?

2 Kings 24

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Compare verse 3 with Deuteronomy 28:36–37, 49–50.
- ☞ Note how even while God’s prophets preached and His judgment fell that the kings did evil (vv. 9, 19).
- ☞ Whose land was Israel on? Read verse 20 in that light.

Items for Prayer

- Chris, Heidi, Rachel, Isaac, Susanna, Titus, and Seth Seawright- Thailand—Pray that the Lord will supply the remaining support we need before we fly out to Thailand in 2 weeks.
- 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

Items for Prayer

- Brian, Erin, Isabel, Emmett, Arthur, and Owen Bollon- Taiwan—Praise the Lord for our church’s desire to evangelize and pray for fruit
- 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 16

Read— **2 Kings 21**

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Note verse 9—to whom, where, and how should a leader lead God’s people?
- ☞ The point of the figure of speech in verse 13 is that God’s judgment will be precise and complete.

Items for Prayer

- Mike and Marie Brunk- South Africa—Pray for the ministry of Tim Potter as he comes to help with a discipleship seminar, a church-planting conference, and visits a church in Hazyview
- Sunday Services- Heartfelt worship
- We would minister to one another for the unity, maturity, protection, and growth of our church (Eph 4:12-16)
- 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 14

Read—

1 Chronicles 15

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Note verses 2 and 13. What lessons should the exiles have learned from this (those to whom Chronicles was written)?
- ☞ What lessons should you learn from David’s words?
- ☞ Note the orderliness of the praise given to the Lord in verses 16–28; it was not a disorderly, frenzied mob dancing away in the streets.

1 Chronicles 16

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What impact would David’s psalm have on the returned exiles?
- ☞ Note verse 29—what was an essential part of worship in that day and age?
- ☞ Verse 41 relates that Chronicles is not a secular history. What kind of history is it? In other words, from whose perspective is it written?

Items for Prayer

- Tom, Stephanie, Daniela, Nino, & Angelo Boehm- Italy—Pray that we will have continued opportunities to witness to those around us, and that we would have God’s wisdom
- 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 15

Read—

1 Chronicles 17

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What can you learn from verse 7 about the Lord’s glory through and gracious dealings with His people?
- ☞ What kind of *house* did God promise to build David in verse 25?

Tuesday, July 11

Read—

2 Kings 25

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Compare verse 3 with Deuteronomy 28:51–57.
- ☞ This is a sad, sobering chapter—what can you learn about the end of sin from this?

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

1 Chronicles 1–9—*Israel's genealogy, beginning with Adam, emphasizing David's line and the Levites.*

1 Chronicles 10

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What is the real reason Saul died (v. 13)? Was it because of a tactical error in war?
- ☞ What can you learn from this chapter about the effects of sin?

Items for Prayer

- Friends in C. A. –Pray for the spiritual health of believers whose families will not allow them to attend church
- Peniel Bible Camp- Junior 1
- 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 12

Read—

1 Chronicles 11

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Read verse 3 with Deuteronomy 17:14–20; what was the content of the covenant that was made?
- ☞ Why did David become “greater and greater”? Why was the Lord with him?

1 Chronicles 12

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Note verses 2, 8, 16, and 19—what is significant here?
- ☞ What do the last two expressions in verse 8 mean?
- ☞ What are the characteristics of God's hand and blessing in this chapter?

Items for Prayer

- Izaac, Kim, Ashlyn, Brenna, and Carson VanderSchel- Camp –Pray for strength and wisdom as we work with the youth campers and staff
- 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 13

Read—

1 Chronicles 13

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Why was the ark important for Israel's life and worship (v. 3)?
- ☞ What was the function and purpose of the ark (v. 6)?

1 Chronicles 14

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Remember the purpose of Chronicles—to encourage the returning exiles to be faithful to God because God has been faithful to them.
- ☞ How does the account of the Philistines' defeat (vv. 8ff) fit with the purpose of Chronicles?
- ☞ In verse 11, “Baal-perazim” means “the ones that break-through”

Items for Prayer

- Dan, Amy, Joshua, Emma, and Genevieve Baker- Australia—Pray that we would be able to learn 'Strine, the Australian dialect of the English language
- 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