

Orwell Bible Church

Daily Devotional

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DISCIPLING ALL SO THAT ALL ARE DISCIPLING.

CHRIST IS COMING!

Memory Verse for the week

Pray for one another

1 Thessalonians 5:23

“Now may the God of peace
Himself sanctify you completely;
and may your whole spirit, soul,
and body be preserved blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ.”

Learning Christian Truth

29. What is election based on? What is it not based on?

Election is based solely on God’s
grace, love, and according to His
perfect will and good pleasure.
Election is not based on faith, it
results in faith. Acts 13:48;
Eph 1:3–14; 2 Thess 2:13;
2 Tim 1:9; 1 Pet 1:2

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities

- Young People’s Ministry Meetings, Aug 5
- Teen 1 Camp, July 17-22
- 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

- 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 23

Read—

2 Chronicles 6

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it "fit" in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What did Israel, Judah, Jerusalem, and David do to deserve the Lord's choosing them (vv. 5-6)? What application can you make from this?
- ☞ Why are Solomon's statements in verse 18 true?
- ☞ As you read verses 22-39, note the connections between Solomon's prayer and the Mosaic Law. God's Word informed and directed Solomon's prayers.

Items for Prayer

- Andy, Sharon, Jeff, Katie, and Trent Rupert- Calvary Baptist of Willard—Pray for clarity and wisdom for Andy as he preaches the Word this morning
- Sunday Services- Believers will hear and act on God's Word
- 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

2 Chronicles 2

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

- ☞ What was the temple built for (v. 4)?
- ☞ The expression “burn incense” (v. 4) refers to prayer (compare Rev 5:8; 8:3, 4). The temple was to be a place of prayer (Isa 56:7; Matt 21:13)

2 Chronicles 3

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

- ☞ Where was the temple built? Do you remember what happened there?
- ☞ How big were some of the rooms and pieces of furniture in the temple? Imagine the magnificence of this, and yet the book of Hebrews describes it as a shadow, symbol, and copy of the heavenly temple! (8:5; 9:9; 10:1)

Items for Prayer

- Mark and Bekah Perry- Chile—Praise the Lord for his grace and care for us
- 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 22

Read—

2 Chronicles 4—*The furniture and utensils of the temple are made.*

2 Chronicles 5

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

- ☞ Note what characterized the worship of the Lord in verse 13—there was orderliness, unity, and a focus on who the Lord is and what He has done.
- ☞ Why did the Lord appear in a cloud? Think in terms of the 10 commandments and Israel’s history.

Items for Prayer

- Nathaniel, Katie, Emmaline, Gracyn, and Lauren Pringle- Cincinnati OH—Pray for our ministry at the county fair this coming week. We plan to distribute gospel literature and talk to people about the person of Christ

Monday, July 17

Read—

1 Chronicles 19

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

- ☞ Why would it would Hanun’s actions in verse 4 been insulting?
- ☞ How would reading this victory (v. 13) encourage the returned exiles?

1 Chronicles 20

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

- ☞ This chapter corresponds with 2 Samuel 11. All we read in 1 Chronicles is that David stayed at Jerusalem. What event does Chronicles *not* relate here?
- ☞ Why do you think that event wasn’t included?

Items for Prayer

- Jeremy, Caroline, Isobel, and William Dion- Papua New Guinea—Praise the Lord for protection while traveling and pray for continued safety
- 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 18

Read—

1 Chronicles 21

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

- ☞ Satan cannot control a believer because of the indwelling Holy Spirit (1 John 4:4). Explaining how Satan “stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel” could be done in many ways. For example, maybe Satan motivated a neighboring pagan country to threaten Israel and David didn’t respond in faith.
- ☞ Regardless of how Satan did this, how *should* David have responded? What lesson(s) can you learn from this?
- ☞ The “angel of the Lord” (vv. 15ff) was the pre-incarnate Christ. This gives quite a foretaste of His judgment of Israel and the world in the book of Revelation!

1 Chronicles 22

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

- ☞ Note in verse 11 what David emphasizes to Solomon concerning Solomon’s actions. God’s blessings should motivate our obedience.
- ☞ How would Solomon prosper (v. 13)? What application can you make from this?
- ☞ What should Solomon do (v. 19)? What does that mean?

Items for Prayer

- Charlie and Bo Frink- New Zealand—Pray for the special meetings we are having next week with the Making a Timothy Team (a college team)
- Peniel Bible Camp- Teen 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 19

Read—

1 Chronicles 23

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

- ☞ This account (through chapter 27) would have been important for the returning exiles so that they had biblical order in their worship and teaching.
- ☞ What were Aaron and his sons “set apart” to do (v. 13)?
- ☞ Note verse 28—not everyone could offer sacrifices as priests but each role was essential. Compare 1 Corinthians 12:14ff. What application is there for you here?

1 Chronicles 24—*The Levites are divided for service by lot.*

1 Chronicles 25—*David and the army commanders set Levites apart as musicians.*

1 Chronicles 26—*Levites in charge of the gate, treasures, and issues outside the temple throughout the kingdom as officers and judges.*

1 Chronicles 27—*Army commanders, tribal leaders, and different government overseers and counselors to the king are listed.*

Items for Prayer

- Tim, Cristina, Andres, Ruth, and Patricia Goossen- Argentina—Pray for travelling mercies and boldness to share the Gospel wherever we go.
- 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 20

Read—

1 Chronicles 28

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

- ☞ Was Solomon the oldest of David’s sons? What was the reason he became king?
- ☞ Who was the “architect” of the temple?

1 Chronicles 29

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

- ☞ Note verses 3 and 9, and compare with 2 Corinthians 9:7. What should characterize believers’ giving to the Lord?
- ☞ Meditate on verse 12. Write down some thoughts from the text, especially applications to your life.
- ☞ Think through the prayer in verses 18–19 and put it in your”

Items for Prayer

- Daniel, Rosamma, Dany, Merlin, and David Kumar- India—Pray for the monthly Pastors’ Fellowships we have in Tamil Nadu
- 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

Friday, July 21

Read—

2 Chronicles 1

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

- ☞ What does verse 3 emphasize to the returning exiles for whom Chronicles was written?
- ☞ Read verses 11–12 in light of the Mosaic Law, as well as Matthew 6:33 and Colossians 3:1–4.