

1 Chronicles 29

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29 Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God. (David is re-iterating publicly to the leaders of Israel that it was God who chose Solomon)

(Go against Solomon and you go against God. Solomon is approx 19 years old at this time. David suspects that there will be attempts on Solomon's reign)

² Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. (glistening stones - stones with pigments; these were crushed and used as pigmentation in women's makeup and as other decorative colors)

³ Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house. (David also gave generously of his own treasury to the temple)

⁴ Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal: (Gold of Ophir was the purest gold in those days)

⁵ The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD? (artificers = craftsmen)

⁶ Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, (They also made offerings to the temple)

(rulers of the king's work – these were the 12 stewards that managed David's property. They made a good living doing that, so they had money to offer)

⁷ And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

⁸ And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. (He was over the treasury of the temple)

⁹ Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. 2Corinthians-9:7

(Verses 10-19 are David's prayer of thanksgiving; and for God's blessings upon Israel)

¹⁰ Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

¹¹ Thine, O LORD is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. (The angels in heaven praise God with almost identical words) Revelation-5:11-13

¹² Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. (God created everything. HE owns everything)

¹³ Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. (God took a shepherd boy <David> and made him the greatest king of Israel; the most powerful nation at that time)

¹⁴ But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. (God gave them everything that they had, in the first place)

Ezekiel-44:26->on (The inheritance for the Elect will be God, Himself)

¹⁵ For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none

abiding. (Life on Earth is brief. We are only passing through this life)
James-4:14

¹⁶ O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own. (We can't give God anything that He didn't give us first. Our love is what God wants from us the most)

¹⁷ I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. (God receives joy from upright people. Our love for Him and obedience to His commandments are our offering to Him)

¹⁸ O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: (God re-named Jacob, Israel)

¹⁹ And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision. (perfect = whole, complete or mature) (heart = mind & spirit)

²⁰ And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king. (They worshipped God and paid homage to the king)

(Always remember to thank God for the blessings that He gives us)

²¹ And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel:

²² And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto the LORD to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest. (This feast was for all of Israel to have a sacrificial meal with God. It was also to celebrate the coronation of Solomon)

(Just before this time, Adaniah tried to take the throne. He was supported by Abiathar the priest, Joab and the rest of David's sons.

But God had chosen Solomon, so Solomon had the victory and became king)

²³ Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. (Solomon was the last king of a united Israel)

(His son Rehoboam lost 10 of the 12 tribes to Jeroboam because of his ego, his arrogance and his idol worship. Jesus, upon His return, will be the next king of all 12 tribes)

²⁴ And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves unto Solomon the king. (They pledged their loyalty to Solomon)

²⁵ And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel. (Solomon became the greatest king in wisdom, riches and power)

(Unfortunately, it all went to his head, and he fell to idol worship, and other perversions. God cut his reign short at 40 years of age because of this)

²⁶ Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

²⁷ And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

²⁸ And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead. (David stayed true to God and lived a long life. Solomon didn't and died young) Proverbs-9:11

²⁹ Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

³⁰ With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.