

## 1 Chronicles 28

King James Version (KJV)

(Solomon is one of David's youngest sons. The older ones will resent Solomon becoming king. There will be attempts on Solomon's kingship and on his life)

**28** And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem. (David issues his last instructions to Israel and to Solomon. He is making these instructions public. This is a good move on his part, in order to avoid a power struggle after he dies. He is old, and will die soon)

<sup>2</sup>Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building: (By now, David was probably weak and feeble)

<sup>3</sup>But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood. (God helped David fight those wars in order to defend Israel from invaders. But David's adultery with Uriah's wife; and later, the murder of Uriah by combat was a grave sin on David's soul)

(David repented for those sins and God forgave him. But still, God wanted a man who was innocent of shedding blood to build His house. Solomon will be that man)

<sup>4</sup>Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make me king over all Israel: (Unlike all other kings of Israel and Judah, David remained loyal to God during his whole life)

<sup>5</sup>And of all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. (The kingdom is of the Lord, not of David. David

always stayed true to God, unlike pretty much every other king of Israel. God chose David, and now, God was choosing Solomon)

<sup>6</sup> And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. (Solomon would spend the first 7 years of his reign building the temple of God)

NOTE: (Solomon was a good man when he was young. When he got older and richer, he fell to idol worship. He also had 600 wives and 300 concubines – many were heathen foreigners. They brought their false religions into Jerusalem. These false religions spread throughout all of Israel)

(Solomon's fall to idolatry, corruption and excess began the downward spiral of the country. As the leader goes, so goes the country)

<sup>7</sup> Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day. (IF -- Solomon fell way short of this condition. That's why Jesus would come through the house of Nathan, another of David's sons. Solomon's reign didn't last more than 40 years)

See Luke-3:31 (Jesus would later come through Nathan's seed line. HE established God's Kingdom forever)

<sup>8</sup> Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever. (Follow God's commandments and keep your country and your prosperity. This was good advice for them then; and it is good advice for us today)

(They won't obey. It only took one generation for all of Israel to fall to the idol worship of the heathen tribes around them)

<sup>9</sup> And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. (perfect heart- complete or mature heart) (Don't overlook the condition – IF) (Solomon failed miserably in his later years)

(We can seek God today, by studying His Word, and by living it. Make God's Word a part of your daily life and He will bless you for it)

NOTE: (In the original Hebrew manuscripts, the 11<sup>th</sup> setter of the original Chronicles begins here and ends in IIChronicles-2:2. The original manuscripts had no chapter and verse numbers. Chronicles was originally one Book. Translating from Hebrew into Greek took more room on a page, so divisions of book and chapter were made arbitrarily by the translators at that time)

<sup>10</sup> Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it. (At least Solomon did that right)

(Verses 11 – 19 David passes the plans of the temple onto Solomon)

<sup>11</sup> Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat, (The inner chamber; the Holy of Holies; where the Ark of the Covenant was kept)

<sup>12</sup> And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things:

<sup>13</sup> Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD. (The priests and Levites needed a place to stay while they were serving their course in the temple. Most of them were not from Jerusalem)

<sup>14</sup> He gave of gold by weight for things of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service; silver also for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service: (This defines the patterns, designs and weight of gold and silver to be used for all of the vessels that would be used to worship God. The gold and silver were already in the temple treasury. People had been contributing since the days of Moses)

<sup>15</sup> Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, both for the candlestick, and also for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick.

(Candlesticks <menorah> were vessels that burned a wick of flax in a bowl of olive oil. They were not made of wax like our candles today)

(The candlesticks of gold were for the inner rooms of the temple, where the holy things were. The candlesticks of silver were to light the outer chambers and the entrances)

<sup>16</sup> And by weight he gave gold for the tables of shewbread, for every table; and likewise silver for the tables of silver: (The patterns are the designs and weight for all of these items)

<sup>17</sup> Also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups: and for the golden basons he gave gold by weight for every bason; and likewise silver by weight for every bason of silver: (These items were used to prepare the animal sacrifices to God)

<sup>18</sup> And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

(This is probably where people got the idea that angels have wings. Cherubims were creatures that were charged with protecting God's mercy seat – like an honor guard. The cherubims' wings were symbolic for God protecting Israel from above. Angels don't have wings. They look like young men) see Luke-24:4

Ezekiel-28:1-19 (Satan was an archangel and a Cherubim, during the First Age, before he rebelled against God. God sentenced him to death for his treachery. It is believed that Michael may have been the second Cherubim. Michael remained loyal to God and is an archangel today. He is the champion of the people, today)

<sup>19</sup> All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern. (David was inspired by God for all the patterns of the temple and the instruments thereof)

<sup>20</sup> And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

Deuteronomy-31:7-8 (These are similar words that Moses spoke to Joshua when he was approaching his death)

(Work started the second year of Solomon's reign and it took approx. 7 1/2 years to complete)

<sup>21</sup> And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, even they shall be with thee for all the service of the house of God: and there shall be with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment. (Call on these people and you will have plenty of help)