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The studies are taken from the New Kings James Version. There are no right or wrong answers; just fill in the blanks from the Scripture used, write out an occasional verse and answer some very simple questions from the text.

- 1) 22:2 Write out this verse and memorize David's view of God:

- 2) 22:20 Why did God deliver David?
Why was this so – between David and God?
- 3) 22:28 What does God do for the humble? The haughty?
(Please seek the definition of these two words.)
- 4) 23:4 Take a moment to picture how one could be as explained in this verse.
Shall we be this way also?
- 5) 23:11-12 What did Shammah do when Israel fled from the Philistines?
(Wow! Standing as God had placed him, he found a great victory.)
(All David's mighty men stood God's ground.)
- 6) 24:1 How was David against Israel by numbering them?
("He moved David against them...")
- 7) 24:13-14 What did David decide when given his three choices?
- 8) 24:15 How many died in this plague?

Daily Thought

23:4 Question 4 "The men who rule over God's people shall be as the light of the morning (bright as the rising sun) like tender grass (sprouting in abundance), and clear shining as after the rain (pure and washed, glowing in His glory).

God selects His children and wants them to show their blessings. What better way to share the kingdom than showing all God has given us? And yes we too shall be this way. We are to be in the image of Christ (as He) (Genesis 1:26, Colossians 1:15, Romans 12:1-2). As we imitate Christ are we not imitating the ruler of all? So as the

rulers of God's men we are to shine in a way that brings notice from those around us.
Matthew 5:14-16, "Let your light shine."

- 1) 1:1-3 Why did they seek Abishay (a young woman) to lay with King David?
- 2) 1:10 Why didn't Adonijah invite Nathan, Benaiah, the mighty men of Solomon to his sacrifice?
- 3) 1:43 Did David keep his oath? Who became king?
- 4) 1:52-53 What did Solomon do to Adonijah?
- 5) 2:10 Where was David laid to rest?
- 6) 2:24-25 What became of Adonijah and his request to be given Abishag?
- 7) 3:5 When God told Solomon to "Ask. What shall I give you?"
What did Solomon request?
- 8) 3:12-13 What did God do for Solomon, and what was given him on account of his humble request?

Daily Thought

3:16-28 What crazy reasoning Solomon had! "She took my baby – no the baby is mine." Whose child was this? Solomon says, "Bring me a sword. We'll cut this little guy in two – that will solve this issue." Solomon never intended to do so, though the real mother wouldn't allow such a fate to her child. "Don't, let her have him! Don't hurt him, give him to her." Solomon knew the real mother would protect her child and this was the way to find that response. Wisdom can seem foreign to us at times. God's wisdom is beyond us.

Word of Growth

Yesterday we read of David's decision to number Israel. Why was this an act against Israel? Why was this a sin against God for David?

2 Samuel 24:1 Again the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, “Go, number Israel and Judah.”

This takes some thought to figure out. And being vague in description relies on personal opinion to some extent.

David was a man after God’s own heart. Israel then being God’s chosen people would be agreeable with David. David loved Israel. God moved David to number Israel. Why was this wrong? Perhaps knowing such great numbers would build David’s ego and pride. Israel numbered 800,000 and Judah 500,000 men who were fit for war. Over a million warriors. This could build a king’s pride. Either way David’s heart condemned him and he brought his sin before the Lord.

God then sent Gad to give David his options – you can go through seven years of famine in your land, you can flee from your enemies for three months, or three days of plague in your land.

Those are some big options. I think I would run from my enemies for three months. You can’t control a famine or a plague – though I can run pretty fast and I’m good at hiding. David says “Please let us fall into the hands of God. By no means, leave us in the hands of men.” David knew men are foolish even himself; he did not wish to make such a choice. David knew how to leave it to God. God is just and righteous. His will is beyond us. David trusted God and allowed fate to be with God. Remember God is just, sin must be paid for. 70,000 died in a plague for the sin of David’s.

I believe David so loved Israel that God moved against them knowing David cared for them so. As Jesus said which servant loved his master more – the one who was forgiven much or a little? How much repentance comes from a small loss? How about a great loss? Though all loss is regretful a great loss leaves memorable voids in a person. God moves in ways to impress knowledge upon his chosen they will never forget. God is preparing each for the temptation which awaits us. You better believe when we head for our home in the kingdom there will be much temptation awaiting us. God knows our needs and he wants us to know and remember Him at all cost. As David knew and did, we too should leave it with God. He’s done it for us not against us. He loves us and His word tells us so (John 3:16).

- 1) 4:1 Where was Solomon's kingdom?
- 2) 4:20 How numerous was Israel and Judah?
Did God keep His promise to Abraham from Gen. 13:16 & 15:5?
- 3) 4:30 What was the extent of Solomon's wisdom?
- 4) 5:1 What did Hiram, Tyre's king, send to Solomon?
- 5) 5:10-11 What was the agreement between Solomon and Hiram?
- 6) 5:13-18 What would you say about Solomon's business when reading about how he did this great work?
- 7) 6:1 When did Solomon begin to build God's temple?
- 8) 6:7 What was special about the building of the temple?
- 9) 6:22 Solomon spared no expense. What did he do to the whole temple?

Daily Thought

Solomon in his wisdom wrote or spoke 3,000 proverbs (wise sayings) and 1005 songs. He knew the importance of speaking wisdom. He authored the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. What good is wisdom if kept silent? Wisdom is for the elder to speak and for the youth to hear – however neither can be forced.

- 1) 7:1 How long did Solomon take to build his house?
- 2) 7:13-14 Who did Solomon bring to do all his bronze work?
And from where did he bring him?
- 3) 7:21 Name the pillar that Solomon placed on the right side of the temple. (This name means “He shall establish”.)
Name the pillar to the left. (This name means “in it is strength”.)
- 4) 8:3-4 Notice the care Solomon took in moving the ark and the holy furnishings of the temple. He called all the elders and the heads of the tribes of Israel. Who moved these things?
- 5) 8:11 What took place in the temple that the priest could not finish ministering?
- 6) 8:24 Notice as Solomon gives his speech, I sit on my father’s throne, I was to build the house of God my father desired to build, I have built God’s home to dwell among us His children. That’s a lot of “I”s. But in verse 24 to whom did Solomon give the glory?
- 7) 9:4-5 As long as Solomon does what will God establish His throne over Israel forever?
And if not, how noticeable will God’s wrath be and what will encourage everyone who passes Israel do?
- 8) 9:12 What did Hiram think of the cities Solomon gave him?
What did he call these cities? (This means “good for nothing”.)
- 9) 9:26-28 Even though Solomon didn’t please Hiram with his gift, did they continue being partners?

Daily Thought

Solomon, unlike David, knew the importance of doing God's work in the prescribed way. David moved God's ark in a way which may have seemed much easier (on a cart). This led to the death of Uzzah who caught hold of the ark before it fell to the ground (2 Samuel 6:6-7). Solomon in his wisdom called all the elders the heads of the twelve tribes and all Israel was present to move God's ark. And the priests carried the ark.

God has chosen to do things in a certain way for a reason, even if we can't see that reason it is still the way we are to do it. As a parent leads a child God guides us. Learn the way He wishes us to be even if the reason takes a while to come into understanding. God's way is best, always. Amen and Amen.

- 1) 10:1 Who came to see Solomon and why?
- 2) 10:3 How did Solomon handle Sheba's questions?
- 3) 10:6-7 What did the queen say of Solomon?
- 4) 11:1 What was Solomon's love?
What did God say concerning these things (Deuteronomy 7:3-4)?
- 5) 11:4-5 What came from Solomon's love?
- 6) 11:11-13 What did God decide to do to Solomon because of His sinful love?
- 7) 12:1 Who was made king after Solomon?
- 8) 12:4 What did the people want of this king?
- 9) 12:20 When Rehoboam rejected the wisdom of the elders for the words of the youth, what was the outcome?
Is this as God had just told Solomon (11:11-13)?

Daily Thought

What a turn – Solomon turning from God to other gods. Rehoboam listening to the foolish youth and losing the kingdom. God had told Solomon "Life changes fast". Know your needs and then keep the course. God has laid the guidance out plain for prosperity. Can you continue in Him? In His ways?

- 1) 14:1-4 What did Jeroboam have his wife do?
- 2) 14:5-6 How did this work for her?
Can you trick a man of God, a true prophet of God?
- 3) 14:12 What was to become of the child? Why (verse 8)?
- 4) 13:22-23 How did Judah provoke God's anger?
- 5) 15:18-19 Was this an act of faith (trust) – Asa's taking all the silver and gold from God's house to buy a treaty from Ben-Hadad?
- 6) 16:5 What is this book "are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel"?
Do we still have a copy of this book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
- 7) 16:34 Who rebuilt Jericho and at what cost (see Joshua 6:26)?

Daily Thought

To know a man is a true prophet of God one must only need to see their prophecies come true (Deuteronomy 18:22).

Jeroboam sent his wife in disguise to Ahijah to see what would become of his son. Well, a disguise won't work before God or His prophet. Ahijah not only being blind knew the disguised woman but he told her all she sought plus some. "Woman, wife of Jeroboam, why do you come in disguise?" God's prophet did this – how much more God knows us even when we don't want Him to be aware of our doings? Be aware!

Word of Growth

Solomon:

I love to read of Solomon, the world's wisest man. Solomon was so wise that he surpassed all the other kings in wisdom. People came from all parts of the earth to bring Solomon gifts and hear his wisdom (1Kings 10:23-25). Now that's big. When

people bring gifts just to hear you speak! Solomon knew something I don't: I've never received anything for speaking before. I've been paid to do many things; - talking is not on this list.

How did Solomon become so wise? Well, we read in Chapter 3 of 1 Kings, he asked God.

James 1:5 “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

Solomon first pleased God while giving a sacrifice. God then came to Solomon and said, “Ask. What shall I do for you?” Solomon being only around twenty years of age at the beginning of his reign asked God for wisdom. Solomon said, “I am but a child, please give me the wisdom to rule your people.” His request was so pleasing to God that He gave Solomon wisdom beyond all men along with riches above all others.

Ok, Solomon, wisest man ever. Wisest. Falls in love with pagan women. God had commanded against this very thing. Solomon loved the women of these other nations to the point of putting them before God. Solomon built alters, idol images, and all these false gods to worship with his wives.

Solomon even worshipped Molech, the fire god, which children were burned for sacrifice. Solomon not only worshipped these, but he built these places of worship (1 Kings 11:7).

How could the wisest man ever make such choices? He even put these temporary pleasures before God. I hate to admit it, but I can relate to this. How often have I allowed sinful pleasure to climb between me and God? Solomon's actions are a perfect example of what Paul wrote in Romans 3:23, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Now if we look to Solomon's future in the book of Ecclesiastes, we find Solomon had learned a very important truth. In Chapter 1 Solomon states, “All things are vanity (worthless). I was the king, I've had it all. Who had more than a king? It's worthless!” Solomon still was seeking something which his heart has yearned for. Ecclesiastes was written after Solomon's pagan life. He found nothing in that life.

Now we go to the end of his book Chapter 12:13 “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all.” Now that's wisdom. Our whole duty is to serve God. Nothing on earth can fill the place made for Him in our hearts. Nothing can fill that void but our Father, no matter if we had everything this world has to offer. Our hearts will still seek God, even though we may be unaware of it we will not find peace or true happiness without Him in our

lives. Solomon left this piece of information for you! And the other truth he left “no one is perfect!” Leave that with God. He already knew that. All He wishes is for us to keep honest and loyal to Him. He never thought us perfect. However He is merciful and compassionate to all who seek him. “Come to Him as you are.” He is our all, our completion. Amen.

- 1) 17:2-4 Where was Elijah told to go? How was he to eat and drink?
- 2) 17:9 Now that the brook dried up (verse 7) where was Elijah told to go?
And who would provide for him there?
- 3) 17:12 What was the condition of this widow?
Yet did her supplies run out?
- 4) 18:1 How long was there no rain?
- 5) 18:7; 12:14 What did Obadiah fear would happen if he told Ahab of Elijah and
then could not produce him to Ahab?
- 6) 18:20-24 What did Elijah propose to decide the true God?
- 7) 18:38 Did God answer their doubts?
- 8) 19:19-21 Who became Elijah's servant?

Daily Thought

1 Kings 19:14

How often it seems we are the only ones seeking God's will. Elijah said, "Lord, I've been very zealous in you. These people have wholly been against your every will. And yet along I am left . . . They seek to kill me!"

God said "Do this, this, and this. I've kept 7,000 who honor me in Israel. We are not alone, though it seems so at times. We are sent to teach of God to those who don't know God."

Well, it seems we are alone in this task. Many others are working the same cause. God gives us to those who need us – not to those already aware of their need for Him. Though the world may not like what you're saying, know for sure others are saying God's truth elsewhere. We're here! Bring as many as you can with you. All God's saints are awaiting you.

- 1) 20:1-6 What did Ben-Hadad want of Israel?
- 2) 20:21 What happened to the Syrians in the first battle?
- 3) 20:23-25 What was the new plan? Did it work?
- 4) 20:35-43 What was the penalty of Ahab choosing to let Ben-Hadad go?
- 5) 21:1-10 What happened to Naboth because of his vineyard?
Why couldn't he sell it?
- 6) 21:19, 23 What was to happen to Ahab and Jezebel because of their
murderous act? Did this happen?
(Ahab - 1 Kings 22:38; Jezebel – 2 Kings 9:30-37)
- 7) 22:8 Why did Ahab hate Micaiah?
Do you know anyone who dislikes God's word (the Bible) because
it seems to be against them?
- 8) 22:36-38 Did Micaiah's word come to pass?

Daily Thought

1 Kings 20:23 – 25

“God of the mountains and the valleys.” Ben-Hadad's servants told him Israel's God is the God of the hills. If we get Israel into the plains we will defeat them.

People tend to think on this level today as well. I've got news for these people. God is God of all. He will be God over you as well as me and everyone else regardless of our wishes.

Psalms 139:7-8

“Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there;
If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*.”

God is and will always be your God rather eternal blessings or punishment is in the future. God will be in charge of this justice.

“Two kinds of people in this world, those who say to God, ‘Lord, Your will be done’ and those to whom God says ‘My will be done.’” – C.S. Lewis

“Valley or hilltop”

- 1) 1:1-4 Now Ahaziah had taken a bad fall and was concerned of losing his life. To whom did he send to inquire of his future?
- 2) 1:8-12 Now when Ahaziah knew Elijah had sent this message he sent for him. Would Elijah go?
What became of Ahaziah's men?
- 3) 1:17 Did Elijah's word come to pass?
- 4) 2:1; 11 How did God choose to take Elijah to His kingdom?
- 5) 2:9 Did Elisha receive his request?
- 6) 3:19 Not only would God give Moab over what was commanded Israel concerning their land?

Daily Thought

Boy, Moab was cursed of God. 2 Kings 3:19 Israel was to destroy all their good trees, rain the land with stones, and stop all the springs in the land from giving water.

Let's look back to the Law (the first five books of our Bible).

Deuteronomy 20:19 "When you besiege a city for a long time, while making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them; if you can eat of them, do not cut them down to use in the siege, for the tree of the field is man's food."

Word of Growth

Faith of Elijah:

1 Kings 17 Elijah was commanded to go to the brook of Cherith during a three-year drought. He followed God's word. Go to this brook and drink therefrom and I will have the ravens feed you. Bird, birds will feed me? Elijah listened to God and was sustained by the brook and the ravens. When the brook dried up God said, Go to Zarephath to a widow who I've commanded to provide for you. A widow, this has to be a joke. Elijah went. This widow was preparing to make her last meal and then

die with her son. Elijah followed God's word and God provided for both the widow and Elijah. Elijah even revived the son of this widow from death in his faith.

Elijah challenged four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal in his faith in God. Elijah says, let's go to Mt. Carmel, prepare a sacrifice to your god and I to God and then wait for our sacrifices to be accepted. Elijah proved God to be the only God. Baal would not answer his prophets. God sent out fire from heaven to consume Elijah's sacrifice. Again Elijah listened and followed God.

Elijah proclaims the end of this three-year drought. He sends Ahab to feast for the rain is coming. Then goes to Mt. Carmel to watch and pray. Seven times he prayed for rain and sent his servant to see if a rain storm was coming. The seventh time a small cloud had formed over the sea. Seven times he asked in prayer, seven. We are to be persistent in our prayers but seven times. I may start to think perhaps this is not God's will right now. Elijah's faith kept him awaiting God's promise. In 2 Kings we find Elijah persistent in his faith until our Lord took him to heaven by a whirlwind. God said go to Bethel; he went. God said go to Jericho; he went. God said go to the Jordan. Elijah did and he was received into heaven by the whirlwind.

Elijah – the perfect example of faith. If God says it, no matter how strange it may seem, faith in him is doing it. Many blessings will not be received because of weak faith. God gives us many opportunities, though we don't often pursue them or receive the blessings He wishes to give each of us. Elijah was blessed by never seeing death. God took him to heaven in a flaming chariot inside a whirlwind. Believing is doing and one must "Believe to receive."

God blesses obedience. God bless you.

(For more on faith read Hebrews 11)

- 1) 4:2 How much oil did this poor woman have?
- 2) 4:7 This woman was told to gather many vessels, not just a few.
How many vessels did she fill from one jar?
- 3) 4:8-37 A Shunammite's kindness in making a place for Elisha to stay was rewarded how?
What other great thing did Elisha do for this woman?
- 4) 5:1 Who was Naaman?
Why was he so honorable before his master?
- 5) 5:3-4 Why did Naaman go to Israel?
- 6) 5:10 What was Naaman told to do to be healed?
Did this work to heal him?
- 7) 6:17 Upon Elisha's request what did his servant see?
- 8) 6:18-23 What did Elisha do to this army of men?

Daily Thought

An oil supply from one jar turned into enough to take care of all a widow's debts with enough left over to live on. A leper healed by bathing. An elderly woman receiving a child and again from death. And an army of blind men fed by their enemies. What's not possible with God?

- 1) 7:1-2 As Elisha said, what would take place in the city that next day?
What about the man who had doubted him?
- 2) 7:6 Why had the Syrians fled the camp?
- 3) 7:16-20 Did Elisha's prophecy come to pass?
- 4) 8:1 Elisha warns the Shunammite woman of the coming famine.
Did she listen? Was her obedience rewarded?
- 5) 8:19 Though Jehoram had done much evil before God why did God not
destroy Judah?
- 6) 9:26 Why did Jehu have Joram thrown in Naboth's field?
- 7) 9:30-37 What became of Jezebel?
Who had prophesied this?

Daily Thought

God. Our beloved Lord. He fights for us even when we are unaware of it. the Syrians gather against God's children – bad idea (6:24). Four lepers go to their camp to find it empty (7:3-4). These four men intended to surrender themselves to the Syrians (7:3). But instead they find God had already delivered His children from these Syrians (7:6). Israel never went to battle! God sent a noise which so scared the Syrians that they left all their belongings (7:7). In verse 15 we read when the king sent men to check this out, they found the Syrians' clothes on the road. God ran them right out of their clothing in fear. Our God is a powerful and mighty God. With a noise alone He defies armies.

- 1) 10:4-5 Jehu first wrote Samaria to tell them what?
How did they respond?
- 2) 10:6 What did Jehu ask for in his second letter?
Did he receive this?
- 3) 10:18-31 What a sacrifice! Though Jehu did as God wished to Ahab's family
and destroyed Baal's temple and followers.
What did he fail to do?
- 4) 11:12 What was given to the king?
- 5) 11:16 What happened to Athaliah, Ahaziah's mother?
- 6) 12:1 How did Jeshash live before God?
- 7) 12:15 How did they account for the Lord's money?
Why were they able to do so?

Daily Thought

Question #4 – What was given Joash?

11:12 “And he brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, and *gave him* the Testimony; they made him king and anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said, “Long live the king!”

The Testimony is the Law (the first five books of the Bible). Each king was to read and make their own copy of God's law to live by (Deuteronomy 17:18). God's word brings prosperous living to all who read it.

- 1) 13:2 How did Jehoahaz live before God?
- 2) 13:3 How did living in such a way work out for Jehoahaz?
- 3) 13:21 When the men spotted the raiders in excitement they did what?
Causing what to happen?
- 4) 14:3 How did Amaziah live before God?
What was lacking (verse 4)?
- 5) 14:25 Jeroboam restored the territory of Israel according to what?
And who spoke these words?
- 6) 15:16 Was Elisha's weeping in 2 Kings 8:12 in vain?
- 7) 15 In Chapter 13 notice the kings who did right before God. Both their mothers and their fathers are named (honoring them both) and their reign exceeds those who did evil before God. Seven kings are listed in Chapter 15. Mark those who did good before God:

15:1 Azariah (Judah 42 years)

15:8 Zechariah (Israel 6 months)

15:13 Shallum (Israel 1 month)

15:17 Menahem (Israel 10 years)

15:23 Pekahiah (Israel 2 years)

15:27 Pekah (Israel 20 years)

15:32 Jotham (Judah 16 years)

Good is not always rewarded on earth (Psalm 73) though God for sure rewards righteousness (Hebrews 11:6).

Daily Thought

Question #5 Jeroboam restored this territory according to the words of God through His prophet Jonah. This same Jonah who was swallowed by the great fish. Some doubt Jonah and think of this book as folklore. This was a prophecy of Jonah fulfilled. Also Jesus Himself speaks of Jonah (Matthew 12:39). Just because a thing seems unbelievable this doesn't make it untrue. God does many great things in ways which seem foreign to us.

Word of Growth

Stubborn:

1 Kings 5 Naaman, a leper, had a young slave girl from Israel direct him to healing. This girl spoke of the prophet of God who was in Samaria (Elisha). She said Elisha could heal him. Naaman went to his king and requested to go to Samaria to be healed. The king wrote a letter for him and sent him to the king in Samaria who could not help him. Elisha, hearing of the king's distress, sent to have Naaman sent to himself. This was to show Naaman that there was a prophet (a man of God) in Israel. Naaman arrives before Elisha who sent word saying "Go wash yourself seven times in the Jordan and you will be healed." Naaman was angry, furious at this response. Wash in the Jordan? That's it? Naaman wanted instant healing. I want it now. Wave your hand over me, call on God and just heal me. Why should I go to the Jordan? Let me be washed here. What's the difference? Often in our stubbornness we hold up the process intended for us.

This washing would have been simple, maybe inconvenient, but easy. Well Naaman decides to obey this prophet's word to find a great healing. Naaman wanted to see a great work. He wished to see a miracle of great extravagance. Washing in a river – anyone could do that. God does things His way. We could not follow Him but what would have become of Naaman if he had refused to wash in the Jordan?

We too could continue on in all our ailments. That's our choice, each individually. Or we could seek God's prescribed way in His word. Rather a thing seems great or not doesn't seem to matter if it is the right way. Right can be hard but we know it leads to one thing. Blessing!

God bless you.

- 1) 16:10 What did Ahaz see in Damascus that caught him so that he sent its pattern to Urijah, the priest?
- 2) 16:14-15 What was done with the bronze altar which was before God's temple?
And what was Urijah now commanded?
- 3) 16:1-20 Ahaz went to Damascus and saw a pagan altar. He had a replica of this altar made and replaced God's chosen altar with it to suit his own taste. Is this the prescribed way?
Was Ahaz pleasing in God's sight?
- 4) 17:6 Compare this to Deuteronomy 38:36. All God's word (His Bible) will come to pass. Let us heed His word.
- 5) 17:40-41 Because Israel did not obey God what followed?
- 6) 18:2 Name Hezekiah's parents. How was his walk before God (verse 3)?
- 7) 18:4-5 What did Hezekiah do different than the other kings?
- 8) 18:36 What did the people say in response to the Rabshakeh and his speech? Why?

Daily Thought

In Chapter 16 we read of Ahaz doing what was pleasing to himself. He sacrificed his son to Molech the fire god. He made his own altar for God's temple. He was not pleasing in his walk before God. In Chapter 17 we read the penalty – Israel carried away captive. Torn from all they knew. The life of disobedience is very unpleasant.

17:41 “So these nations feared the LORD, yet served their carved images; also their children and their children's children have continued doing as their fathers did, even to this day.”

Set the example. You. You're being followed; bless those who are after you. One can only follow what is known.

- 1) 19:7 What were God's words through His prophet concerning the Rabshakeh's words – what would befall him?
- 2) 19:14 To whom did Hezekiah take the letter of the Assyrians?
- 3) 19:35 What a word from Isaiah – God has assured His children!
What took place in the Assyrian camp?
How about their king?
- 4) 2:1-11 Hezekiah's prayer was answered before Isaiah had made it across the courtyard.
What sign was given to Hezekiah as confirmation of Isaiah's word?
- 5) 20:12-19 Why do you think these things came to be?
Was it wrong for Hezekiah to show all his belongings to the Babylonians?
Why was Hezekiah's reaction to receiving word from Isaiah that all his possessions were being taken to Babylon?
- 6) 21:3-7 What evil did Manasseh do before God?
- 7) 21:16 How much innocent blood did Manasseh shed?

Daily Thought

As the Rabshakeh spoke of the gods which did not defend all those nations they had overcome he didn't realize one thing. Those gods were not "God". As Hezekiah pointed out in his prayer (19:15-19) they were gods of wood and stone. Not our God.

- 1) 22:8 What was found by Hilkiah in the temple?
- 2) 22:11 What did the king (Josiah) do when the book of the law was read to him?
- 3) 22:19-20 What did God do for Josiah on account of his reaction to the book of the law?
- 4) 23:3 After Josiah read the law before the people what great thing did he do? And the people?
- 5) 23:10 What place did Josiah defile?
See Matthew 5:22. This place Jesus changes its name with hell. Topheth, valley of the son of Hinnom or the valley of Hinnom and Gehenna are all one. Gehenna was translated as hell fire.
- 6) 24:3 Why did these terrible things happen to Judah?
- 7) 24:13-16 Who else was taken by the king of Babylon?

Daily Thought

Josiah did what was right before God, though when the law was revealed to him he was overcome with distress. He knew the sin that was done since his father's time. Josiah was unaware of God's law. His forefathers did not pass this book down to him. He had no way to know the sin that was done until the law was found. Thankfully God will not hold one responsible for what they do not know. Let's show more concern for those after us. What if Josiah had never found God's law? Would he have lived in peace?

Word of Growth

Manasseh:

2 Kings 21:1-18 Manasseh, twelve years old when he became king. When we read in 2 Kings of Manasseh we read of all his evil doings before the Lord. He did

all the abominations of the other nations who God cast out from His chosen people. He rebuilt all of that which Hezekiah destroyed. He worshipped all the other pagan gods. Manasseh shed so much blood – innocent blood – that Jerusalem was covered from end to end.

A terrible, sinful man. Then in verse 17 we again read “Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh – all that he did, and the sin that he committed – are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?”

Well, let’s look to 2 Chronicles 33. Verses 1-9 are like 2 Kings but notice verses 10-17. Manasseh was so evil God gave him and the people over to Assyria, who took Manasseh with hooks bound in bronze fetters to Babylon. Verse 12, once in his affliction, he called to God in humbleness and God heard his prayer. Manasseh as so many needed to hit bottom before he would look up. Looking upward to God, Manasseh found forgiveness in his repentance.

We don’t read the word “repentance” though Manasseh shows it in his actions. Even a man as Manasseh can be awakened, changed, and used by God. Read 2 Chronicles 33:14-17. Manasseh took back all he could of what was done by his sinful, previous life. He not only spoke of his change but he showed it. Then he commanded Judah to follow God. To lead others to God. This is service. But to show is more than speaking.

Matthew 7:17-20 “Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”

James 2:26 “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

Manasseh can be a good example of repentance. His change was true. It showed through his fruits (works). He left the old life, it was dead to him. He destroyed all that he once made and believed in. And behold all his doings, his life, were made new. From idol worship to praise God and follow Him only. Praise God who gives us such examples of His mercy. He forgave Manasseh. Who will God not forgive? God will forgive all repentant (changed) sinners. Bring God an open heart – one willing to receive Him, to follow Him, and find eternal salvation and blessing from our glorious King.

- 1) 25:12 Who was not taken to Babylon? Why?
- 2) 25:27-30 What did Evil-merodach do with Jehoiachin, the king of Judah?
- 3) 2:3 What happened to Er and why?
- 4) 2:7 Achar, the troubler of Israel, is also known as Achan and is the very same person we read of in Joshua 7:10-26.

What was his sin?

Daily Thought

As we end of the books of the Kings we can see God giving His people a new hope. Evil-merodach releases Judah's King Jehoiachin from his imprisonment. Evil-merodach also gave Jehoiachin certain freedoms and allowances. Light dawns on darkness. No matter how bad things seem God leaves us a door.

Revelation 3:7b-8a "These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it..."

God has that ability – no matter how life seems we can bring it before Him. He can open for us things we've never imagined. He holds for us possibilities we could never fully comprehend.

- 1) 3:1 Sons of who?
- 2) 3:10 Name Solomon's son.
- 3) 3:17-18 How many sons did Jeconiah have?
- 4) 4:10 What did Jabez ask God for?

(Take a moment to think on that prayer.)
- 5) 5:25 What did the fathers of Manasseh do that was unfaithful before God?

Daily Thought

Question #4 – Jabez prayer:

1 Chronicles 4:10 “And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep *me* from evil, that I may not cause pain!” So God granted him what he requested.”

We know for sure this is a righteous prayer – we read just after this prayer that God granted this request. We are to look for our blessings. The squeaky wheel gets the oil. So, yes, Lord bless us indeed! Enlarge my territory! Hmmm . . . With territory comes responsibility. Lord, allow me an enlarged territory so that I may reach many others. And of course, let Your hand rest upon us, strengthen us in all our ways. And even as our Lord's prayer “keep us from evil” – we don't wish to cause any pain. In our evil deeds come much pain to self and others. I'm not sure of Jabez's exact thoughts in his prayer though we all know God only works in righteousness. So we can be sure Jabez's heart and mind were on God. Great prayer.

- 1) 6:31 Who were the men David appointed for what and where?
- 2) 6:54 Why did the sons of Aaron need dwelling places selected by lot from among the brethren? (See Numbers 18:20)

Daily Thought

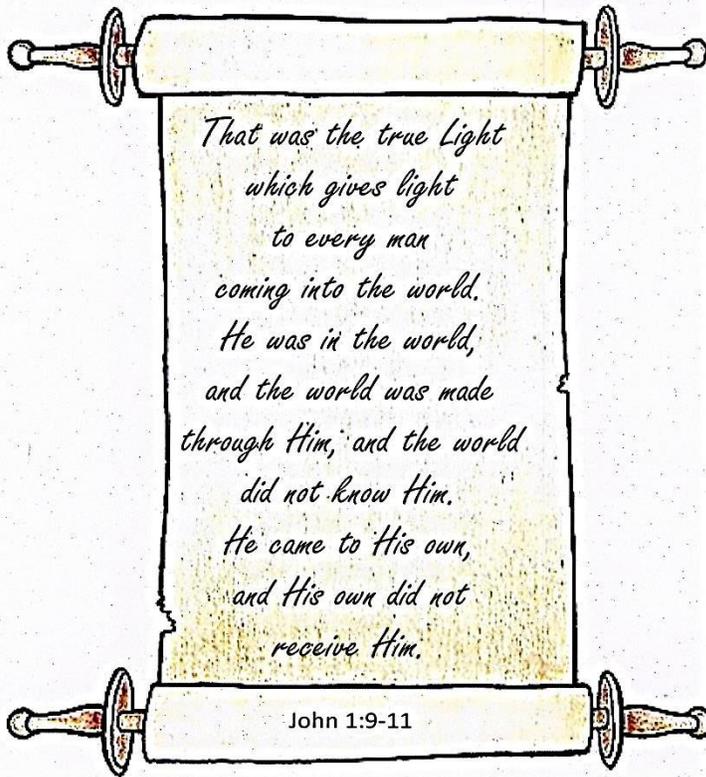
So far in 1 Chronicles we've covered the genealogy of Israel. I know – hard reading – just read through. If you continue reading or if you are well acquainted with your Bible, you will start to recognize these names. Many will grab your attention from all the Biblical stories (accounts) in our Bible.

I've chosen to share with you a genealogy I put together from our Old and New Testaments. These lives were recorded for good reason. How else would we know the lineage of our Lord and Savior? This line confirms multiple prophecies from our Old Testament. The Son of Abraham, the Son of Isaac, the Son of Jacob, from the family of David. Our King.

Our Father has blessed us with His mighty Son.

Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Genesis	1 Chronicles	Ruth	Matthew	Luke
5:1-32	1:1-4			3:38 - 23
Adam Seth Enosh Canaan Mahalalel Jared Enosh Methuselah Lamech Noah Shem-Ham-Japeth	Adam Seth Enosh Canaan Mahalelel Jared Enoch Methuselah Lamech Noah Shem-ham-Japeth			God Adam Seth Enosh Canaan Mahalalel Jared Enoch Methuselah Lamech Noah Shem
11:10-26	1:24-27; 34	The Old & New Testaments Differ on Canaan		
Arphaxad***see note→	Arphaxad***see note→	Hebrew Septuagint "When Arphaxad had lived 35 years, he became the father of Canaan. After he became the father of Canaan, Arphaxad lived 430 years and had other sons and daughters, and then he died. When Canaan lived 130 years he became the father of Shelah. Genesis 11:12-13		Arphaxad Canaan***
Salah (Shelah) Eber Peleg Reu Serug Nahor Terah Abraham-Nahor-Haram	Salah (Shelah) Eber Peleg Reu Serug Nahor Terah Abraham		1:1-16	Salah (Shelah) Eber Peleg Reu Serug Nahor Terah Abraham
↑ Match at Abraham →	Isaac-Ishmael Esau-Israel (Jacob)	4:18-22	Abraham	Abraham
		Perez Hezron Ram Amminadab Nashon Salmon Boaz Obed Jesse David	Isaac Jacob Judah Perez Hezron Ram Amminadab Nahshon Salmon Boaz Obed Jesse David	Isaac Jacob Judah Perez Hezron Ram Amminadab Nahshon Salmon Boaz Obed Jesse David
		↑ Match at David →		
			Solomon Rehoboam Abijam Asa Jehoshaphat Joram Uzziah Jotham Ahaz Hezekiah Manasseh Amon Josiah Jecooniah Shealtiel Zerubbabel Abiud Eliakim Azor Zadok Achim Eliud Eleasar Matthan Jacob Joseph Jesus Christ	Nathan Mattathia Menna Meleah Eliakim Jonam Joseph Judah Simeon Levi Matthat Jorim Eliezer Joshua Er Elmadam Cosam Addi Melchi Neri Shealtiel Zerubbabel Rhesa Joanan Joda Josech Semein Mattathias Mahatha Naggai Hesli Nahum Amos Matathias Joseph Janna Melchi Levi Matthat Heli Joseph-Mary Jesus Christ



The lineage differs between Matthew's and Luke's accounts – from David to Jesus. Matthew's account is from Joseph's line and Luke's account is from Mary's line. Notice the difference in Joseph's father's name in each account. A husband's name was used to head the household during these times.

- 1) 9:1 Israel was what, how and where was this kept?
- 2) 9:13 How many men were able to do service in the house of God in Jerusalem?
- 3) 9:17-34 List some of the responsibilities of the Levites.
(See verses 18, 19, 26, 28-34)
- 4) 10:1-14 See again 1 Samuel 31 – almost word for word account.
In Chronicles we find why these things befell Saul.
Why was this Saul's fate?
- 5) 11:47 David's kingship again can be found also in 2 Samuel 5 and his mighty men in Chapter 23.
In verse 3 why was David kinged?

Daily Thought

We find our Old Testament confirmed or repeated in words in many places. Kings and Chronicles. Chronicles repeats and adds to the events of Kings. Psalms and Proverbs repeat words differently of the many wise saying. Why do you think this is? Memory? Our Old Testament is a very important piece of our Bible. It foretells and predicts the New Testament. With these great truths being spoken, shown, prophesied we now know their fulfillment. How else would we know Jesus without all the facts laid out so plainly for us? The Old Testament then builds our faith (trust) in the New Testament.

Word of Growth

The Bible

Some doubt our Bible. They believe it has been corrupted by man throughout its years. Or maybe they believe it was made up by men.

In the beginning our Bible was not a book but word of mouth. Though we know how corrupt a thing our mouth can be, this was not such an issue back then. Though the mouth has always been full of folly, the Bible, God's Word, was not taken lightly. If

you altered God's Word, His wrath was more or less instant. We know this from all the deaths from sin in our Old Testament. When the Bible was written it was put on scrolls, many scrolls. Not many had these. These scrolls were shared at festivals in the synagogues. Thus the beginning of God's Word – our Bible.

Our Bible was written by forty separate people who lived on three separate continents in over a fifteen-hundred year period. These forty people were not able to sit down and compare thoughts. They were miles apart. There was no email, phones, texting or even a real mail system to communicate. Those who wrote God's Word did not even live at the same time. The only common thing they all had was the presence of the Holy Spirit.

God inspired these men in His Spirit to write exactly what was written. These words were all placed on separate scrolls and many copies were hand-written over these times. Though still not all had copies. Without going into much detail these scrolls were scattered and destroyed because Christians were being persecuted for following Christ. Many years later our Bible was gathered and placed together. Sixty-six separate books collected over the years all placed together and translated for convenience. Many scrolls were destroyed but we still do have more than enough to read God's Word. One of the big perks of our Bible being made this way.

So many copies, so many years, so many people, one would have their work cut out to corrupt all of it. we still have plenty of traces in history to know God's exact word. Thank God for this warranty on our salvation guide book (Bible).

Okay, once again – 40 authors, 3 continents, 1500+ years, 66 books. All of which fit together without contradiction! Only by the Spirit could such a thing be!

We read through the thoroughness in Kings and Chronicles and we see reason for such record. Though we cannot add to it we should thoroughly seek to understand all it offers. God had His word written for YOU. He loved you enough to write an instruction book to guide you in life. Take time to know Him who cared so for you.

God loves you and He will bless you so.

Books of the Old Testament

Book	Author	Dates Written
Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy	Moses	1406-1445 B.C.
Joshua	Joshua	1375 B.C.
Judges	Samuel	1000-1040 B.C.
Ruth	Samuel	930-1050 B.C.
1 & 2 Samuel	Samuel *	930 B.C.
1 & 2 Kings	Jeremiah	538-562 B.C.
1 & 2 Chronicles	Ezra	5 th Century B.C.
Ezra	Ezra	440 B.C.
Nehemiah	Ezra	430 B.C.
Esther	Anonymous	460 B.C.
Job	Anonymous	536-970 B.C.
Psalms	**	340-1450 B.C.
Proverbs	*** ****	686-715 B.C.
Ecclesiastes & Song of Solomon	Solomon	900-1000 B.C.
Isaiah	Isaiah	681-701 B.C.
Jeremiah & Lamentation	Jeremiah	586-626 B.C.
Ezekiel	Ezekiel	500-590 B.C.
Daniel	Daniel	530 B.C.
Hosea	Hosea	Mid-8 th Century
Joel	Joel	Between 5 th & 9 th Century
Amos	Amos	750-760 B.C.
Obadiah	Obadiah	841-853 B.C.
Jonah	Jonah	721-722 B.C.
Micah	Micah	686-750 B.C.
Nahum	Nahum	612-663 B.C.
Habakkuk	Habakkuk	605 B.C.
Zephaniah	Zephaniah	627-640 B.C.
Haggai	Haggai	520 B.C.
Zechariah	Zechariah	480-520 B.C.
Malachi	Malachi	400-433 B.C.

* Samuel by tradition: probably Zabud, Solomon's advisor finished the writing after Samuel's death

** During the latter half of the 5th Century

*** Solomon, Agur, son of Jakeh, and King Lemuel

**** Around 1000 B.C. but compiled and edited between 686-715 B.C.

- 1) 12:1 What was David to Saul?
- 2) 12:18 What did Amazai, chief of David's captains, think of David?
- 3) 12:40 What kind of provisions were being brought to David and his men?
- 4) 13:2-3 Why was David seeking everyone left of Israel as well as the priest and the Levites?
- 5) 14:2 How did David know his kingdom had been established (verse 1)?
- 6) 14:10, 14 On both occasions before David went after the Philistines, what did he first do?
- 7) 14:17 How did God make David before the other nations?

Daily Thought

Question #5: David knew his kingdom had been established when the king of Tyre sent him messengers and cedar trees with masons and carpenters to build him a house.

David knew when he received such blessings he was in right standing with God. He knew he had made the right decisions and he knew his kingdom had now been established.

We, too, may know our current standing with God by our blessings. We may not find all good times – we may not receive great wealth. His light will shine on us and how through us in all our circumstances.

Praise god for all things and all times.

Job 1:21

And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb,
And naked shall I return there.
The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away;
Blessed be the name of the LORD."

- 1) 15:2 Notice who was to move the ark and why. After Uzza died for the first attempt to move the ark, did David learn to stay with God's prescribed way?
- 2) 15:13 Why did God's wrath overcome Israel in the first attempt to move the ark?
- 3) 16:2-3 What did David do when the ark was in its place?
Name the three things.
- 4) 16:7 David delivered what to Asaph?
(Psalm 105:1-5 would be the exact Psalm.)
- 5) 17:11-12 Who would build God's house and when? (1 Kings 6)
- 6) 17:27 How long does God's blessing remain?

Daily Thought

17:16 "Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: "Who *am* I, O LORD God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?"

What a mind and heart David had. This is the humble heart we should have before God. "Father, who am I and why do You do so for me?" why does God care so, to reach each of us in such a way? He is so far beyond us and yet desires us to know Him. The one thing I do know, I will no longer hold up His presence and greatness from accompanying me. His blessing me I don't fully understand but my need for Him? I get that! Amen.

- 1) 18:11 What did David do with all the spoils he took in battle as well as the gifts received from Hadoram?
- 2) 18:14 As David reigned as king over Israel what other responsibility did he carry out?
- 3) 19:2 Why was David kind to Hanun?
- 4) 19:4 How did Hanun repay David's kindness?
- 5) 19:19 What did Hadadezer's servants do when they saw defeat?
- 6) 20:1 What did David do when it was time for battle?
(This matches an earlier account – David stayed from battle and became caught up with Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11.)
- 7) 20:8 Who were these men David and his servants defied?

Daily Thought

1 Chronicles 18:12-13 Joab in the midst of battle; Syrians on one side, Ammonites to the other. Remember God. Surrounded he said "Be of good courage, let us be strong for our people. The Lord will handle this as is pleasing to Him." Even though we are not standing as Joab in battle (physically) we are in spiritual warfare. We too need to be strong and courageous for our brethren and our Lord. Do you live pleasing to God, have you received His Son? Then be confident – God has this! Trust God, speak His word, live in it, and show all He is to you in confidence. He will handle the rest.

Word of Growth

Spiritual Warfare:

Let's hear it from Paul:

2 Corinthians 10:1-6

“Now I, Paul, myself *am* pleading with *you* by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—who in presence *am* lowly among you, but being absent *am* bold toward you. ² But I beg you that when I *am* present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, ⁶ and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”

Ephesians 6:10-20

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,¹³ against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I *am* an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Romans 8:37-39

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I *am* persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Physical war is a small thing next to the spiritual. If we die on this earth we may inherit the kingdom. If we die in our spiritual battle, what then?

2 Kings 5:16b; 17b

“As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing.” “Then, if not, please let your servant be given two mule-loads of earth; for your servant will no longer offer either burnt offering or sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD.”

God won't allow His saints to fail; rather we battle here or beyond ours will end in victory. Stand firm beside your King.

- 1) 21:1 Who stood against Israel and what did he have David do?
(Also 2 Samuel 24)
- 2) 21:17 What did David ask God?
- 3) 21:26-27 What did David do before God ceased from His wrath?
- 4) 22:5 Who prepared God's house and why?
- 5) 22:8-9 Why could David not build God's house?
But who would?
- 6) 23:4-5 What was the duties of the Levites?
What were their divisions (verse 6)?
- 7) 23:25-26 Why did the Levites no longer need to carry God's tabernacle or
any of its articles?

Daily Thought

Though David was to allow his son, Solomon, to build God's house, he knew the ways of the youth. As good parents do, David made certain preparations for his son. Though God took this responsibility from David, David still loved God so that he wanted His house to be grand. God's house was to be exceedingly magnificent. Notice in 1 Kings 6:38 Solomon took seven years in building the temple and in 1 Kings 7:1 thirteen years to build his own house. David knew the importance and need of God's temple.

- 1) 24:1 What is this list of?
How many sons did Aaron have (verse 2)?
- 2) 24:6 Who wrote these names and divisions?
- 3) 24:19 What was this list used for?
- 4) 25:1 What did David and the captains of this army separate for?
- 5) 25:8 How did they decide the duties of each person?
- 6) 26:1 Chapter 26 is a list of what?
- 7) 26:20 Who was in charge or overseer of the treasuries and dedicated things in the house of God?
- 8) 27:1 What are we looking at in verse 27?
How many in each division?
- 9) 27:16 Verses 16-24 list what?

Daily Thought

Verses 25 – 34 of Chapter 27 list the other officials and their responsibilities. Once again an accurate account of God’s workers, historical documentation preserved forever in our hands always. Often I’d choose to skip such sections of the Bible in my human instincts. Though I know God has placed this in our hands with a purpose. To know His word we shall know it wholly.

God bless you today.

- 1) 27:1 The military divisions of Israel came and went out month by month – each division containing 24,000 men.

Name the captains as we read this chapter:

Verse 2 _____

Verse 4 _____

Verse 5 _____

Verse 7 _____

Verse 8 _____

Verse 9 _____

Verse 10 _____

Verse 11 _____

Verse 12 _____

Verse 13 _____

Verse 14 _____

Verse 15 _____

- 2) 28:6 What did God chose Solomon to be and what was He to Solomon?
- 3) 28:12 Where did David get all these plans which he shared with Solomon?
- 4) 29:1 Why was the work so great?
- 5) 29:28 How did David die? (May we be so blessed.)

Daily Thought

We, too, can be blessed as David our father, God has also chosen us to be His servants and allows us to reach this level of righteousness through His Son, Jesus

Christ. As David told Solomon in 28:10: “Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.”

God has chosen us. In His love He chose you and though we are not building His sanctuary – a temple as Solomon – we are to build a spiritual sanctuary, an assembly of the brethren. Christians! Be strong and do it.

- 1) 1:4-5 Where did Solomon go to offer his sacrifice before God?
- 2) 1:10 What did Solomon request of God after God had told him to “Ask what shall I give you” in verse 7?
- 3) 1:12 Because of Solomon’s great request, will there ever be a man as wise or rich as he was in all the earth?
- 4) 2:2 How many men did Solomon select to do the work of the temple?
- 5) 3:1 Where did Solomon choose to build the temple?
- 6) 3:7 What was the temple overlaid with?
How much of it (verse 8)?
That’s approximately 23 tons of gold.
- 7) 3:17 Name the two pillars in front of the temple.

Daily Thought

Solomon built God’s temple in the land which God sent Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. The land of Moriah. The land of “God will provide”. What do you think of that?

Word of Growth

Praising our Father:

1 Chronicles 29:10-15

Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said:

“Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.
¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness,
The power and the glory,
The victory and the majesty;
For all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is Yours*;
Yours *is* the kingdom, O LORD,
And You are exalted as head over all.

¹² Both riches and honor *come* from You,
And You reign over all.
In Your hand *is* power and might;
In Your hand *it is* to make great
And to give strength to all.

¹⁴ But who *am* I, and who *are* my people,
That we should be able to offer so willingly as this?
For all things *come* from You,
And of Your own we have given You.

¹⁵ For we *are* aliens and pilgrims before You,
As *were* all our fathers;
Our days on earth *are* as a shadow,
And without hope.

David praised God before everyone – the whole assembly. Praise God in the open – doesn't He bless you so (verse 10)?

David knew God's greatness (verse 11). David knew all things were of God (verse 12) and David knew we give to God out of His own blessing to us (verse 14). David also pointed out none of us are any more than aliens and pilgrims – foreigners before our Lord (verse 15). In case you've noticed, I skipped verse 13. I've saved it for last:

“Now therefore, our God,
We thank You
And praise Your glorious name.”

In all we do in this life let our thankfulness be known and shown in our lives. And tell Him so with meaning! Father, You are a blessing to me – I know this. Bless You, Father, and Your glorious Name! Can't speak for all, but I would be lost without You.

- 1) 4:5 How much water did the sea which set upon the oxen hold?
(That's about 27,000 gallons.)
- 2) 4:18 How much bronze was used by Solomon?
- 3) 5:2 Who did Solomon call before or in preparation of moving
God's ark?
- 4) 5:6 How many sacrifices were made before God's ark?
- 5) 5:13-14 What happened while the congregation praised God with such a
great praise?
- 6) 6:13 In what position was Solomon while he prayed to God before the
assembly?
- 7) 6:36 Solomon asked God to hear him when he called upon Him in his
sins. In verse 36 Solomon said "...when they sin against You."
What were his next words (see Romans 3:23)?

Daily Thought

When Solomon had all the bronze cast for God's temple we read in verse 4:17: "In the plain of Jordan the king had them cast in clay molds, between Succoth and Zeredah."

Thus in the Jordan valley and yes! Archaeologists have uncovered evidence of this great work. How much knowing our Bible can lead to facts building faith. If one is truly reading truth, evidence could only be expected. This truth can be proven.

- 1) 7:1 When did fire come down from heaven to consume Solomon's offerings?
What else happened in the temple?
- 2) 7:10 How did the people go back to their tents?
- 3) 7:15 How would God be with the prayer from His temple?
- 4) 8:11 Who did Solomon bring forth from the city of David and why did he build her a house of her own?
- 5) 9:1 What brought the queen Sheba to Jerusalem?
- 6) 9:5 What did the queen say of all she had heard of Solomon?
- 7) 9:12 Sheba gave Solomon great gifts in amount and value of no other.
What did Solomon do for Sheba?

Daily Thought

7:15 "Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer *made* in this place."

Our temple is now within us.

1 Corinthians 3:16 "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

If this is so, then God is also attentive to our prayers – right?

Matthew 6:7-8 "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. ^s "Therefore

do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.”

Not only is God attentive to our requests, He knows them before we ask. I'd say He is just as attentive to our prayers.

- 1) 10:7 What did the elders advise Rehoboam to do?
- 2) 10:8-10 Rehoboam rejected the advice of the elders and sought the thoughts of the youthful men who grew up around him.
What were their thoughts (also see verse 11)?
- 3) 10:18 Rehoboam's choice caused a rebellion in Israel.
After Israel stoned Hadoram to death what became of Rehoboam?
- 4) 11:1 What was Rehoboam's plan once in Jerusalem?
- 5) 11:2 What stopped this attempt?
- 6) 11:15 After rejecting the Levites for priests, who did Rehoboam select as priests for himself?
- 7) 12:5 What became of Rehoboam's rejection of God?
- 8) 12:12 What did our Lord do when Rehoboam humbled himself?

Daily Thought

12:12 When Rehoboam humbled himself the Lord's wrath relented. Solomon's request, "Oh Lord, when they sin and Your wrath is upon them and they return to You, receive them again." (Own words). We can always come before God especially in need! When you've become aware of your poor decisions, place them before God. That's why He is there. As our Father He will know what to do. Give it to Him.

Word of Growth

And when they sin:

2 Chronicles 6:36 "When they sin against You (for *there is* no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to a land far or near..."

We all do sin (Romans 3:23) – we were born in sin. The sin of Adam our old father. Once again, I'm big on following what we know. Adam sinned. He ate of the forbidden

Isaiah 44:22

I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions,
And like a cloud, your sins.
Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.”

Isaiah 38:17b

But You have lovingly *delivered* my soul from the pit of corruption,
For You have cast all my sins behind Your back.

God takes your sins, blots them out of your life, the remembrance He has of your sins He casts behind His back. They are gone! Well, man or the evil one or even self at times brings back past sins. God never will. He has given us all we need to move on. “When they sin.” Don’t dwell on it. He knew and delivered you.

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

Hallelujah! (Praise God!) Follow your new Father.

- 1) 13:5 What type of covenant (promise) did God make to David?
- 2) 13:8 Abijah questions Jeroboam's thought with his idol worshipping rogues that he could stand up to what?
- 3) 13:10 What point does Abijah make in this verse?
- 4) 13:16 What did God do when Israel (Jeroboam) ambushed Judah (Abijah)?
- 5) 14:7 Why did Asa and Judah build and prosper in these days?
- 6) 14:12 Did the Lord answer when Asa called upon Him?
- 7) 15:4 What happened when Israel turned back to God?

Daily Thought

The word of God's Spirit through Azariah –

15:2b "The LORD *is* with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you."

As it will always be with God.

Amen.