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1 Chronicles: A Study Outline

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Overview of 1 Chronicles

First and Second Chronicles were one book in the Hebrew Bible, and their Hebrew title means "events of the days." MacDonald explains that Chronicles is not a needless repetition of Samuel and Kings: those books emphasize the history, while Chronicles gives its spiritual meaning, centering on David's line and on the temple and its worship, and passing over much of the failure in David's house. First Chronicles opens with nine chapters of genealogies from Adam to the returned exiles, records Saul's death, and then gives David's reign: his mighty men, the ark brought to Jerusalem, God's covenant with him, his victories, and his great preparations for the temple his son would build.

Key themes

- The kingly and priestly lines re-established after the captivity
- Worship in God's appointed way
- God's covenant with David, fulfilled in Christ
- Loyal, devoted service to the king: David's mighty men
- Seeking the Lord afresh before every battle
- Sacrifice that costs something (1 Chronicles 21:24)
- Building for God: first a matter of the heart, then of the hands (1 Chronicles 22:19)

Christ in 1 Chronicles. MacDonald notes that the genealogy of chapter 1 begins the messianic line traced in Luke 3:34–38, and that God's grace placed two sons of Bathsheba, Nathan and Solomon, in the genealogies of our Lord (Luke 3:31; Matthew 1:6). The Davidic covenant finds its complete fulfillment in the Lord Jesus, to whom the throne and kingdom belong forever. The temple, built exactly to the pattern God gave, is a type of Christ, and Solomon's glorious kingdom pictures the splendor of Christ's millennial reign. Mount Moriah, where Isaac was offered and the plague was stopped, is the ridge on which he believes the Lord Jesus died for the sins of mankind.

Read 1 Chronicles in the NET Bible: 1 Chronicles 1 · MacDonald's full commentary: 1 Chronicles in the Digest

MacDonald's Outline of 1 Chronicles

I. The Genealogies (1 Chronicles 1–9)
- A. Adam-Abraham (1 Chronicles 1:1–27)
- B. Abraham-Israel (1 Chronicles 1:28–54)
- C. Descendants of Israel (1 Chronicles 2–8)
  1. Judah (1 Chronicles 2:1–4:23)
  2. Simeon (1 Chronicles 4:24–43)
  3. Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh (east of the Jordan) (1 Chronicles 5)
  4. Levi (1 Chronicles 6)
  5. Issachar (1 Chronicles 7:1–5)
  6. Benjamin (1 Chronicles 7:6–12)
  7. Naphtali (1 Chronicles 7:13)
  8. Half-tribe of Manasseh (west of the Jordan) (1 Chronicles 7:14–19)
  9. Ephraim (1 Chronicles 7:20–29)
  10. Asher (1 Chronicles 7:30–40)
  11. Benjamin (1 Chronicles 8)
- D. Those who returned from captivity (1 Chronicles 9:1–34)
- E. Genealogy of Saul (1 Chronicles 9:35–44)

II. Death of Saul (1 Chronicles 10)

III. Reign of David (1 Chronicles 11–29)
- A. David's army (1 Chronicles 11–12)
- B. Ark brought to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 13–16)
- C. Desire to build the temple and God's response (1 Chronicles 17)
- D. David's victories (1 Chronicles 18–20)
- E. Census and the plague (1 Chronicles 21)
- F. Preparations for the temple (1 Chronicles 22–26)
- G. Military and governmental leaders (1 Chronicles 27)
- H. David's last days (1 Chronicles 28–29)

1 · From Adam to Israel

1 Chronicles 1

MacDonald shows the chronicler narrowing the focus from Adam to Jacob, the father of the twelve tribes, drawing on the genealogies of Genesis.

I. Why genealogies mattered after the captivity
- A. To keep tribal distinctions and restore the kingly and priestly lines

II. Differences in names explained — 1 Chronicles 1:1–54
- A. Two names for one man, or copyists' errors that touch no doctrine

III. Adam to Noah (Genesis 5) — 1 Chronicles 1:1–4

IV. The sons of Noah (Genesis 10) — 1 Chronicles 1:5–23

V. Shem to Abraham (Genesis 11) — 1 Chronicles 1:24–27

VI. Abraham's sons, and Esau's line (Genesis 25; Genesis 36) — 1 Chronicles 1:28–54

VII. The beginning of the messianic line (Luke 3:34–38)

CROSS REFERENCES

Genesis 5 Genesis 10 Genesis 11 Genesis 25 Genesis 36 Luke 3:34–38

LESSONS

- God quickly clears the stage of all but the chosen nation through whom Christ would come.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Papers on the Pentateuch* (William Kelly)
- *Confirming Accuracy* (Jean Gibson)
- *Notes on Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther* (H. A. Ironside)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 1 →

2:1–4:23 · Judah's Line

1 Chronicles 2:1–4:23

MacDonald explains why Judah's genealogy comes first and longest, and points out the warnings and the example sprinkled through it.

I. Judah first, the foremost in blessing and promise

II. Two lines traced more fully

  A. Caleb (1 Chronicles 2:18–20; 1 Chronicles 2:42–55), not the Caleb of Numbers 13

  B. David (1 Chronicles 3:1–24)

III. Er, evil in the Lord's sight (1 Chronicles 2:3)

  A. Lost his birthright, his place in the messianic line and his life

IV. Achar the troubler of Israel (1 Chronicles 2:7; Joshua 7)

V. Jabez, more honorable than his brethren (1 Chronicles 4:9–10)

  A. A large idea of God; he sought blessing and was rewarded (Hebrews 11:6)

VI. Bithia, Pharaoh's daughter, "daughter of Jehovah" (1 Chronicles 4:17)

VII. David the seventh son, not the eighth (1 Chronicles 2:15; 1 Samuel 16:10–11)

CROSS REFERENCES

Genesis 38 Psalm 37:9 Joshua 7:21 Hebrews 11:6 1 Samuel 16:10–11 1 Samuel 17:12

LESSONS

- Men would do well to ponder the consequences of evil before it is too late.
- Jabez sought God and was rewarded; may God strengthen us to follow his example.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)
- *Dr. Ironside's Bible* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Jeremiah and Lamentations* (H. A. Ironside)

Read MacDonald on Chapters 2:1–4:23 →

4:24–5:26 · Simeon and the Tribes beyond Jordan

1 Chronicles 4:24–5:26

MacDonald covers Simeon within Judah, and Reuben, Gad and half-Manasseh, who trusted God in battle

but later went after idols into captivity.

I. Simeon, closely tied to Judah (1 Chronicles 4:24–43)
  A. Their inheritance within Judah (Joshua 19:9)

II. Why the birthright left Reuben (1 Chronicles 5:1–2)
  A. The double portion of land to Joseph; leadership to Judah

III. Reuben, Gad and half-Manasseh (1 Chronicles 5:3–24)

IV. Victory over the Hagarites because they trusted God (1 Chronicles 5:18–22)

V. Idolatry and the Assyrian captivity (1 Chronicles 5:25–26)

CROSS REFERENCES

Joshua 19:9 Genesis 49 Genesis 35:22

LESSONS

- They forsook the God in whose strength they had conquered for gods that could not save their own people.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Proverbs* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Dr. Ironside's Bible* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Papers on the Pentateuch* (William Kelly)

Read MacDonald on Chapters 4:24–5:26 →

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6 · The Line of Levi

1 Chronicles 6

MacDonald explains the priestly line of Aaron, the three sons of Levi, David's chief musicians, and the Levitical cities.

I. The high priests from Aaron to the captivity — 1 Chronicles 6:1–15

II. The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, Merari — 1 Chronicles 6:16–30
  A. Samuel, son of Elkanah — 1 Chronicles 6:27–28

III. The singers David appointed — 1 Chronicles 6:31–48
  A. Heman, Asaph and Ethan, writers of psalms (Psalm 88; Psalm 89)

IV. Aaron's line again — 1 Chronicles 6:49–53

V. The Levitical cities — 1 Chronicles 6:54–81
  A. As commanded through Moses (Numbers 35:1–8; Joshua 21)

CROSS REFERENCES

Numbers 35:1–8 Joshua 21 Psalm 50 Psalm 73 Psalm 88 Psalm 89

LESSONS

- An accurate priestly genealogy mattered because the high priesthood was given to Aaron's sons.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)
- *Everyone Has a Psalm* (R. Edward Harlow)
- *The Messianic Psalms* (T. Ernest Wilson)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 6 →

7 · Six More Tribes

1 Chronicles 7

MacDonald notes the shorter genealogies of six tribes and the special interest in Ephraim because of Joshua.

I. Issachar — 1 Chronicles 7:1–5

II. Benjamin, recovered after being reduced to 600 — 1 Chronicles 7:6–12

III. Naphtali — 1 Chronicles 7:13

IV. Half-Manasseh west of the Jordan — 1 Chronicles 7:14–19

V. Ephraim, traced to Joshua — 1 Chronicles 7:20–29

VI. Asher — 1 Chronicles 7:30–40

CROSS REFERENCES

Judges 20

LESSONS

- Men who do exploits for God are a glory to their families and are held up as examples to later generations.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)
- *The Acts of the Apostles* (William Kelly)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 7 →

8 · Benjamin and Saul's Family

1 Chronicles 8

MacDonald explains the fuller list of Benjamin and the principles that resolve apparent discrepancies between genealogies.

I. Benjamin, part of the southern kingdom that returned

II. Why lists differ (Genesis 46:21; Numbers 26:38–41)

A. More than one name; changed spellings; early deaths; "son" for descendant; the writer's purpose

III. Saul's line through Jonathan — 1 Chronicles 8:29–40

A. Merib-baal is Mephibosheth

IV. Dan and Zebulun not given (Revelation 7)

CROSS REFERENCES

Genesis 46:21 Numbers 26:38–41 Revelation 7

LESSONS

- The genealogies were written with a purpose, not as complete lists.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *The Acts of the Apostles* (William Kelly)
- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 23 (Doctrinal 7)* (John Nelson Darby)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 8 →

9 · The Returned Exiles

1 Chronicles 9

MacDonald lists the families, priests and Levites who returned to Jerusalem, and Saul's line again to set the

stage for the history.

I. Those of Judah and Benjamin who returned — 1 Chronicles 9:1–9

II. The priests — 1 Chronicles 9:10–13

III. The Levites and their duties — 1 Chronicles 9:14–34

IV. Saul's genealogy repeated — 1 Chronicles 9:35–44

CROSS REFERENCES

Nehemiah 11

LESSONS

- The return of priests and Levites restored the service of God's house.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Notes on 1 Chronicles* (William Kelly)
- *The Continual Burnt Offering* (H. A. Ironside)
- *The Seven Churches of Asia Minor (Revelation 1–3)* (Gordon Franz)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 9 →

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10 · The Death of Saul

1 Chronicles 10

MacDonald gives the chronicler's account of Saul's death and the two reasons he died.

I. Saul and his sons slain on Gilboa — 1 Chronicles 10:1–7

A. The armor-bearer faithful unto death

II. The Philistines' triumph — 1 Chronicles 10:8–10

III. The men of Jabesh-gilead remember his kindness — 1 Chronicles 10:11–12

IV. Why Saul died — 1 Chronicles 10:13–14

A. He did not keep the word of the Lord

B. He sought counsel of a medium

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Samuel 31:1–13 1 Samuel 13 1 Samuel 15 1 Samuel 28 1 Samuel 11

LESSONS

- Shall a servant live and die for Saul, and we betray our royal Master, Jesus the Lord?

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *The Book of Daniel* (Dan Snaddon)
- *From the Editor's Notebook: Editorials* (W. Ross Rainey)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 10 →

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11 · David's Mighty Men

1 Chronicles 11

MacDonald describes David's coronation and capture of Jerusalem and draws lessons from the exploits of his mighty men.

I. David crowned at Hebron — 1 Chronicles 11:1–3

II. Jerusalem taken; Joab made chief — 1 Chronicles 11:4–9

III. Jashobeam's victory over 300 — 1 Chronicles 11:11

IV. Eleazar in the barley field — 1 Chronicles 11:12–14

A. Principle, not property: give Satan no foothold

V. Water from the well of Bethlehem — 1 Chronicles 11:15–19

A. Who will risk all to refresh Christ's heart from some needy field?

VI. Abishai and Benaiah — 1 Chronicles 11:20–25

A. Benaiah's victories: the world, the flesh and the devil overcome

VII. The roll of the thirty — 1 Chronicles 11:26–47

A. Zelek the Ammonite, Ithmah the Moabite: born enemies, now in the king's army

B. Uriah the Hittite

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Samuel 5:6–10 2 Samuel 23 Deuteronomy 7:1–2 2 Samuel 11

LESSONS

- By grace we who were born enemies of God can find a place in the King's army.
- Selfless bravery joined to devoted faithfulness makes a valued servant of the King of kings.

RELATED READING

- *Articles by C. H. Mackintosh* (C. H. Mackintosh) — Mackintosh, "David's Companions and Paul's Friends"

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Proverbs* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Confirming Accuracy* (Jean Gibson)
- *Jerusalem* (Gordon Franz)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 11 →

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12 · The Tribes Come to David

1 Chronicles 12

MacDonald lists those who joined David at Ziklag and Hebron and the qualities that God's kingdom still needs.

I. Those who came to Ziklag — 1 Chronicles 12:1–22

A. Benjamites and Gadites

II. David's question to Benjamin and Judah — 1 Chronicles 12:16–18

A. "Thine are we, David"

III. Those who came to Hebron to make him king — 1 Chronicles 12:23–40

A. Men of understanding, of one heart

IV. Joy in Israel — 1 Chronicles 12:38–40

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Samuel 22:1–2 1 Samuel 23 1 Samuel 29 1 Samuel 30

LESSONS

- God's kingdom needs men equipped by Him, trained, strong in faith, full of the Spirit, and with an undivided heart.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Facts and Theories as to a Future State* (F. W. Grant)
- *The Bible* (James Gunn)
- *Articles by J. G. Bellett* (J. G. Bellett)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 12 →

13 · The Ark on a New Cart

1 Chronicles 13

MacDonald records David's first attempt to bring the ark to Jerusalem and the death of Uzza.

I. The ark neglected under Saul — 1 Chronicles 13:1–4

II. The new cart from Kirjath-jearim — 1 Chronicles 13:5–8

III. Uzza struck down — 1 Chronicles 13:9–11

  A. No one was to touch the ark (Numbers 4:15)

IV. The ark at Obed-edom's house — 1 Chronicles 13:12–14

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Samuel 4–7 · Numbers 4:15 · 2 Samuel 6

LESSONS

- Zeal for God must follow His Word, not our own methods.

RELATED READING

- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 30 (Expository 2)* (John Nelson Darby) — Darby, "Notes on 1 Chronicles 13–17"

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Articles by Edwin Fesche* (Edwin Fesche)
- *Lectures on the Tabernacle* (William J. McClure)
- *Notes on 1 Chronicles* (William Kelly)

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14 · David's House and Victories

1 Chronicles 14

MacDonald notes Hiram's help, David's many wives, and two victories won by inquiring of the Lord each time.

I. Hiram builds David a house — 1 Chronicles 14:1–2

II. More wives and children — 1 Chronicles 14:3–7

  A. Against Deuteronomy 17:17, yet grace put Nathan and Solomon in Christ's line

III. Victory at Baal-perazim — 1 Chronicles 14:8–12

IV. A different plan for the second battle — 1 Chronicles 14:13–16

V. David's fame spreads — 1 Chronicles 14:17

CROSS REFERENCES

Deuteronomy 17:17 · Luke 3:31 · Matthew 1:6 · 2 Samuel 5:21

LESSONS

- David did not assume God's guidance would be the same; fame followed obedience.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)
- *Notes on 1 Chronicles* (William Kelly)

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15 · The Ark Brought Up Rightly

1 Chronicles 15

MacDonald shows David searching the law and bringing the ark up on the shoulders of the Levites with music and joy.

I. A tent prepared — 1 Chronicles 15:1

II. Only the Levites to carry the ark — 1 Chronicles 15:2–15

A. "As Moses commanded according to the word of the Lord" — 1 Chronicles 15:15

III. Singers and musicians appointed — 1 Chronicles 15:16–24

IV. The ark brought up with rejoicing — 1 Chronicles 15:25–28

V. Michal despises David — 1 Chronicles 15:29

CROSS REFERENCES

Exodus 26 1 Kings 4:4 2 Samuel 6:16

LESSONS

- Success came when the right men carried the ark in the right way.

RELATED READING

- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 30 (Expository 2)* (John Nelson Darby) — Darby, "Notes on 1 Chronicles 13–17"

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Everyone Has a Psalm* (R. Edward Harlow)
- *Proverbs* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Messianic Passages* (Gordon Franz)

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16 · David's Psalm of Thanksgiving

1 Chronicles 16

MacDonald explains the offerings made when the ark was set in its tent, the daily ministry of praise, and David's psalm.

I. Burnt offerings and peace offerings — 1 Chronicles 16:1–3

A. The burnt offering for God alone; the peace offering shared in communion

II. Levites appointed to praise daily — 1 Chronicles 16:4–7

III. The psalm to Israel — 1 Chronicles 16:8–22

A. Sing His greatness, remember His deeds and His covenant

IV. The psalm to all the earth — 1 Chronicles 16:23–34

A. Fear, glory and joy are His due

V. Closing prayer and blessing — 1 Chronicles 16:35–36

VI. Daily ministry at the ark and at Gibeon — 1 Chronicles 16:37–43

CROSS REFERENCES

Leviticus 1 Leviticus 3

LESSONS

- Thanksgiving should be daily, not reserved for special occasions.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Synopsis of the Books of the Bible, Volume 1: Genesis to 2 Chronicles* (John Nelson Darby)
- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *Advanced Christian Training* (Jean Gibson)

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17 · God's Covenant with David

1 Chronicles 17

MacDonald explains God's refusal to let David build Him a house and the unconditional covenant to build David a house forever.

I. David's desire to build — 1 Chronicles 17:1–2

II. God's answer through Nathan — 1 Chronicles 17:3–6

  A. David disqualified as a man of war (1 Chronicles 22:7–8)

III. The Davidic covenant — 1 Chronicles 17:7–14

  A. A son to succeed him and build the temple

  B. His throne established forever, fulfilled in Christ

IV. David's prayer of wonder — 1 Chronicles 17:16–27

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Samuel 7:12–16 Psalm 89 Isaiah 9 Jeremiah 23 Jeremiah 33 Ezekiel 37 Zechariah 14

LESSONS

- God's unconditional covenants will be fulfilled to the letter in the Lord Jesus.

RELATED READING

- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 30 (Expository 2)* (John Nelson Darby) — Darby, "Notes on 1 Chronicles 13–17"

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Our Lord Jesus Christ, "A Plant of Renown"* (Leonard Sheldrake)
- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 5 (Prophetic 2)* (John Nelson Darby)
- *Synopsis of the Books of the Bible, Volume 1: Genesis to 2 Chronicles* (John Nelson Darby)

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18 · David's Conquests

1 Chronicles 18

MacDonald summarizes David's victories over the surrounding nations and the treasure dedicated to the Lord.

I. These victories came before the ark was brought up

II. Philistines, Moab, Zobah and Syria subdued — 1 Chronicles 18:1–6

  A. "The Lord preserved David whithersoever he went"

III. Treasure dedicated for the temple — 1 Chronicles 18:7–11

IV. Edom subdued — 1 Chronicles 18:12–13

V. Justice and his officers — 1 Chronicles 18:14–17

VI. Horses multiplied (Deuteronomy 17:15–17) — 1 Chronicles 18:4

CROSS REFERENCES

Deuteronomy 17:15–17 2 Samuel 8

LESSONS

- David was not only a good general but an efficient and just administrator.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)
- *An Exposition of the Gospel of Mark* (William Kelly)

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19 · War with Ammon

1 Chronicles 19

MacDonald describes Hanun's insult to David's messengers and the defeat of the Ammonites and Syrians.

I. Kindness to Hanun repaid with insult — 1 Chronicles 19:1–5

II. Ammon hires Syrian chariots — 1 Chronicles 19:6–7

III. Joab and Abishai on two fronts — 1 Chronicles 19:8–15

A. "Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly" — 1 Chronicles 19:13

IV. The Syrians defeated and made servants — 1 Chronicles 19:16–19

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Samuel 11 2 Samuel 10

LESSONS

- Joab's word showed the right perspective: do your best and leave the outcome with the Lord.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Papers on the Pentateuch* (William Kelly)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 19 →

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20 · Rabbah and the Giants

1 Chronicles 20

MacDonald notes the capture of Rabbah, omitting David's sin, and the giants slain by ordinary men with God on their side.

I. Rabbah taken; the crown placed on David — 1 Chronicles 20:1–3

A. Chronicles passes over the sin with Bathsheba

II. Three Philistine giants slain — 1 Chronicles 20:4–8

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Samuel 11 2 Samuel 12 2 Samuel 21

LESSONS

- We need not fear great men against us while we have the great God for us.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Read the Bible Through in One Year (Chronological Plan)* (American Tract Society)
- *Notes on 1 Chronicles* (William Kelly)

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21 · David's Census

1 Chronicles 21

MacDonald explains Satan's part in David's census, the plague, and the altar on Ornan's threshing floor,

with the differences from 2 Samuel 24.

I. Satan provokes David to number Israel — 1 Chronicles 21:1
  A. God permitted it; compare — 2 Samuel 24:1

II. Joab's objection and partial count — 1 Chronicles 21:2–6

III. God's displeasure; David confesses — 1 Chronicles 21:7–8

IV. Three choices; into the hand of the Lord — 1 Chronicles 21:9–13

V. The plague and the angel at Ornan's floor — 1 Chronicles 21:14–17

VI. The altar and the purchase — 1 Chronicles 21:18–30
  A. "I will not ... offer burnt offerings without cost" — 1 Chronicles 21:24
  B. The future site of the temple (2 Chronicles 3:1)

VII. The figures compared with 2 Samuel 24

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Samuel 24 Exodus 30:12 2 Chronicles 3:1 Genesis 22 2 Samuel 21:1

LESSONS

- Effective sacrifice is always costly.
- David sinned, but he was quick to confess and humble himself.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *Intermediate Christian Training* (Jean Gibson)
- *Articles by Jean Gibson* (Jean Gibson)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 21 →

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22 · David Prepares for the Temple

1 Chronicles 22

MacDonald describes David gathering materials for the temple and charging Solomon and the leaders to build.

I. The site chosen; materials gathered — 1 Chronicles 22:1–5

II. David's charge to Solomon — 1 Chronicles 22:6–16
  A. Disqualified as a man of war; Solomon a man of rest
  B. "Be strong, and of good courage"

III. The leaders urged to help — 1 Chronicles 22:17–19
  A. "Set your heart ... arise therefore, and build"

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 9:20–21

LESSONS

- Building for God is first a matter of the heart, then of the hands.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Intermediate Christian Training* (Jean Gibson)
- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *Dr. Ironside's Bible* (H. A. Ironside)

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23 · The Levites Organized

1 Chronicles 23

MacDonald explains David's numbering and division of the Levites and their new duties in a settled house.

I. Solomon made king; the Levites counted — 1 Chronicles 23:1–5
  A. Overseers, officers and judges, gatekeepers and musicians

II. The three Levitical families — 1 Chronicles 23:6–23

III. Duties reserved for the priests — 1 Chronicles 23:13

IV. The Levites' service changed for a permanent temple — 1 Chronicles 23:24–32
  A. The age lowered to twenty

CROSS REFERENCES

Numbers 6:23–27 2 Chronicles 29:25

LESSONS

- God gives each servant his place and duty in His house.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Revelation: A Complete Commentary* (William R. Newell)
- *Articles by Robert J. Little* (Robert J. Little)
- *Notes on 1 Chronicles* (William Kelly)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 23 →

24 · The Divisions of the Priests

1 Chronicles 24

MacDonald describes the twenty-four courses of priests and of Levites assigned by lot.

I. Twenty-four priestly divisions — 1 Chronicles 24:1–19
  A. Sixteen from Eleazar, eight from Ithamar
  B. The course of Abijah (Luke 1:5) — 1 Chronicles 24:10

II. The rest of the Levites by lot — 1 Chronicles 24:20–31

CROSS REFERENCES

Luke 1:5

LESSONS

- The lot gave every family its turn to serve.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Confirming Accuracy* (Jean Gibson)
- *Jeremiah and Lamentations* (H. A. Ironside)
- *I Will Build My Church* (James Gunn)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 24 →

25 · The Singers and Musicians

1 Chronicles 25

MacDonald lists the 288 trained singers of Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman, set in twenty-four courses.

I. Set apart to prophesy with harps and cymbals — 1 Chronicles 25:1–7

II. Twenty-four courses by lot, small and great alike — 1 Chronicles 25:8–31

LESSONS

- Music in God's house was a sacred service, carefully ordered.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Revelation: A Complete Commentary* (William R. Newell)
- *The Life and Times of Samuel the Prophet* (Christopher Knapp)
- *Selections of Ministry* (Franklin Ferguson)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 25 →

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26 · Gatekeepers, Treasurers and Officers

1 Chronicles 26

MacDonald notes the gatekeepers, including Korah's sons and Obed-edom, and the Levites over the treasures and outside work.

I. The gatekeepers — 1 Chronicles 26:1–19
  A. Korah's sons now guard against the presumption of their father (Numbers 16)
  B. Obed-edom, whose kindness to the ark God had not forgotten

II. Keepers of the treasures — 1 Chronicles 26:20–28

III. Officers and judges — 1 Chronicles 26:29–32

CROSS REFERENCES

Numbers 16 1 Chronicles 13:14

LESSONS

- Such are the ways of God: grace turns the sons of a rebel into guardians of His house.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Everyone Has a Psalm* (R. Edward Harlow)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 26 →

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27 · Army and Officials

1 Chronicles 27

MacDonald describes the monthly army divisions, the tribal leaders, and David's officials and counselors.

I. Twelve divisions of 24,000 — 1 Chronicles 27:1–15

II. Leaders of the tribes — 1 Chronicles 27:16–22

III. The census never finished — 1 Chronicles 27:23–24

IV. Stewards of the king's property — 1 Chronicles 27:25–31

V. Counselors: Ahithophel and Hushai — 1 Chronicles 27:32–34
  A. The opportunist and the self-effacing servant

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Samuel 15–17 2 Samuel 23

LESSONS

- The opportunist works for his own glory, the true servant for his master's.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Revelation: A Complete Commentary* (William R. Newell)
- *The Acts of the Apostles* (William Kelly)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 27 →

28 · David's Charge and the Temple Plans

1 Chronicles 28

MacDonald covers David's address to the leaders, his charge to Solomon, and the God-given pattern for the temple.

I. David's address to the assembly — 1 Chronicles 28:1–8

II. Charge to Solomon — 1 Chronicles 28:9–10

  A. A command, a promise and a warning — 1 Chronicles 28:9

III. The pattern given by the Spirit — 1 Chronicles 28:11–19

  A. No room for human invention; the temple a type of Christ

IV. "Be strong and of good courage, and do it" — 1 Chronicles 28:20–21

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Chronicles 2–4

LESSONS

- Those who seek God will find Him; those who forsake Him will be cast off.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 4 (Ecclesiastical 2)* (John Nelson Darby)
- *A Puritan Catechism* (C. H. Spurgeon)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 28 →

29 · Offerings for the Temple and David's Death

1 Chronicles 29

MacDonald describes the willing gifts for the temple, David's great prayer of praise, Solomon's crowning, and David's death.

I. David's gift and the people's willing offering — 1 Chronicles 29:1–9

II. David's prayer — 1 Chronicles 29:10–19

  A. "All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee" — 1 Chronicles 29:14

III. Worship and sacrifice — 1 Chronicles 29:20–22

IV. Solomon crowned a second time — 1 Chronicles 29:22–25

  A. His kingdom pictures Christ's millennial reign

V. David's death, full of days, riches and honor — 1 Chronicles 29:26–30

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Chronicles 23:1

LESSONS

- Whatever we give to God came from Him in the first place.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Articles by Steve Hulshizer* (Steve Hulshizer)
- *Worship and Remembrance, Volume 2* (Daniel Smith)
- *Articles by Leslie S. Rainey* (Leslie S. Rainey)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 29 →

Further reading on 1 Chronicles

In the Faithful Men Library

- *Notes on 1 Chronicles* (William Kelly)
- *Synopsis of the Books of the Bible, Volume 1: Genesis to 2 Chronicles* (John Nelson Darby)
- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 30 (Expository 2)* (John Nelson Darby)
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- *Articles by Leslie S. Rainey* (Leslie S. Rainey)
- *Articles by W. Ross Rainey* (W. Ross Rainey)

On plymouthbrethren.org

- "1 Chronicles" (William Kelly, plymouthbrethren.org)
- "1 Chronicles" (John Nelson Darby, plymouthbrethren.org)
- "Brief Thoughts On 1 Chronicles" (John Nelson Darby, plymouthbrethren.org)
- "Notes On 1 Chronicles 13-17" (John Nelson Darby, plymouthbrethren.org)
- "David's Companions and Paul's Friends" (C. H. Mackintosh, plymouthbrethren.org)

Every library book that cites 1 Chronicles: Scripture index — 1 Chronicles

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