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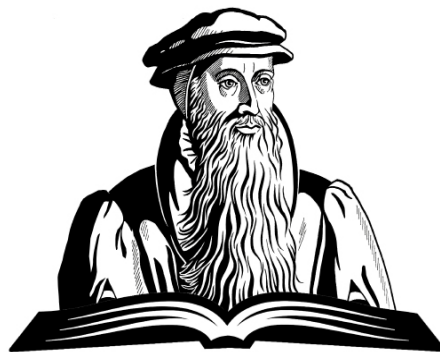
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### Old Testament

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*77 Lessons presented by Mr. Daniel Van Brugge*

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## Lesson 66

# David Prepares for the Temple

The First Book of the Chronicles, chapters 20 to 24

### Memory Verse

*“And David said unto God,...even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done?”*

1 Chronicles 21:17a

### Historical Summary

There was another war with the Philistines, who were known to be very strong and vicious enemies. Some of their people were giants who were at least 9 or 10 feet tall, and they were excellent warriors. They were constant enemies of Israel, and often defied the God of heaven. But with God’s help even these enemies were defeated during David’s reign.



In lesson 62, we told you a little bit about the time when David numbered the people and 70,000 people died. Here in I Chronicles 21, we have more details about what happened. Satan had stirred up pride in David’s heart, and he wanted to know just how large his kingdom was, so he told Joab to number Israel. This was wrong, because it was God who gave the increase, and that should have humbled David. God was displeased with David’s actions, and he came to punish him. He offered David three choices—famine, war, or pestilence.

David chose pestilence, and the Lord sent an angel who killed 70,000 people. David cried out to God for mercy, and God sent the prophet Gad who told David to set up an altar to the Lord in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. Ornan would have given it to him for nothing, but David purchased the place for a price. He built an altar there, and offered sacrifice to God. In response, the Lord sent fire from heaven upon the altar, and commanded the angel of destruction to stop.

Because God’s mercy was displayed there on this threshing floor, David continued to use that place for offering sacrifices to the Lord. At that time, the tabernacle and the altar of burnt offering were still at Gibeon, and David was afraid to go there because of the angel of the Lord. So David decided this would be a good place to build the house of God. He began to gather together work-

ers, and to collect materials in abundance from near and from far for the project. But God had said that Solomon his son would be the one to build the house. So before he died, David stirred up the heart of his son Solomon to be in earnest about constructing the house of God. David gave Solomon a personal charge to be diligent and faithful, and to obey the commandments of God. Finally, he also called on the leaders in the land to assist Solomon faithfully in this important work.

Back in the days when the Israelites travelled in the wilderness from Egypt to Canaan, the Levites had been appointed by God to do all the work in the tabernacle. They had the jobs of taking down all the parts of the tabernacle, and carrying it to the next place they stopped. Then they had the job of putting the tabernacle together again. Now that the kingdom was established, and the temple would be in one place, they would no longer need perform those duties. So David appointed the Levites serve in the house of the Lord. There were a total of 38,000 men assigned to the work, and there were four different groups—workers in the temple, officers and judges, porters, and players on instruments. They were numbered from twenty years old and above, but the work was assigned officially to men who were thirty years and older

David also organized the duties and schedules of the priesthood according to the law of God. He placed the priests, the descendents of Aaron, in a rotation of twenty-four groups, each to do their work by turns. They were appointed to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, in the holy place, and service of the house of the Lord. The schedule was arranged by lot after solemnly calling upon the Lord for direction.

So before he died, David reinstated the offices of the sons of Aaron as priests, and the offices of the Levites for the service and maintenance of the house of God. This massive group of workers for the service in the temple was all organized by David. He did this to assure that the house of God and the worship of God would continue and would not be neglected in future generations.

### **The Gospel in the Old Testament**

The entire life of David is a gospel message meant for David and for us. As a king, David was used by God to drive away Israel's enemies and to build up God's kingdom. David's greater son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the one by whom God's kingdom is being built even today. David was a faithful king who loved his people and cared for them, and is the King of kings who also loves his people, the church in the same ways. The house of God was a symbol to the people of Israel that God dwelled among them. In that temple they could see how a high and holy God could dwell with sinful people—through the way of sacrifice. The need for redemption and the coming of the Messiah was the constant theme for the children of Israel. The Lord Jesus Christ dwells among his people by his Holy Spirit, so this has the same message for us today.

### Questions

1. What happened to the three Philistine giants who were enemies of the Israelites and of their God?
  - a. They fled away when they saw Joab and his army.
  - b. They set an ambush and killed three thousand Israelites.
  - c. They were killed by David's men.
  - d. They were made servants to cut wood and draw water.
2. David was punished for numbering the people. He had to choose one of three punishments: famine, war, or pestilence. What did they all have in common?
  - a. They all involved being destroyed by a foreign army.
  - b. They all would reduce the number of people that David was proud of.
  - c. They all involved a fire coming to destroy the people.
  - d. They all involved the destruction only of David's family.
3. Why did David choose the location of the threshing floor of Ornan to be the spot upon which the temple was to be built?
  - a. Because it was located in Jerusalem.
  - b. Because it was an inexpensive piece of property.
  - c. Because it was a location to which building materials could easily be transported.
  - d. Because it was here that he had experienced God's mercy and forgiveness.
4. David appointed 38,000 Levites to maintain the house of God and the worship. Name the four groups of workers David assigned to the Levites.  

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5. Whose sons were the leaders of the 24 groups of priests that David appointed to do the service in the house of God?
  - a. Eleazer and Ithamar
  - b. Nadab and Abihu
  - c. Jehoiarib and Jedaiah
  - d. David and Jonathan

### Essay Questions

1. The Philistines were enemies who defied God and constantly afflicted Israel. But they were finally defeated by David and his men. What spiritual lesson can be learned from this history?
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2. How did we see sin, confession, and forgiveness when David numbered the people?

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3. List some of the preparations and arrangements that David made for the building of the temple before he died. Why is it appropriate that so much money and work was spent in the building of the house of the Lord?

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4. David did not neglect anything when he prepared for the building and the operation of the house of God. All was accounted for and carefully arranged. What is the spiritual picture portrayed in this work?

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