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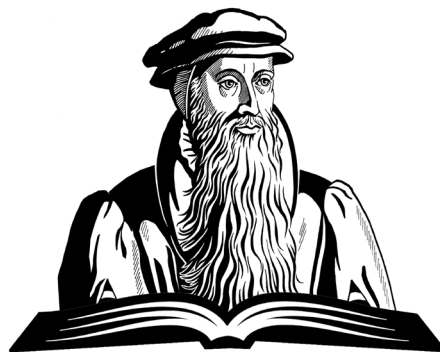
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The First Book of the Chronicles, chapters 15 to 19

Memory Verse

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come before Him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

1 Chronicles 16:29

Historical Summary

When David became king, he built himself houses in Jerusalem suitable for a king to dwell in, and he lived comfortably. But David desired that God would be there with him, and that God's presence and favor would be experienced. He longed for the ark of the covenant to be brought to



Jerusalem. Before bringing it from the house of Obed-Edom, he prepared a tent in Jerusalem for it to be kept. When this was done, he called a large assembly together to transfer the ark with great solemnity and worship. In obedience to God, the ark was carried by its poles on the shoulders of Levites. Singers were appointed to sing, there were players on instruments, and all Israel observed a time of great gladness. David himself was so happy that he danced

before the ark. But his wife, Michal, thought he was foolish and she despised him for his behavior.

When the ark returned to Jerusalem, it was placed in the tent which David had prepared for it. All Israel was called to rejoice at this special occasion. The priests, porters and singers all took part, and David also delivered a Psalm of praise for the people to glory in the Lord for His wondrous deeds. David's heart was full of thanksgiving and praise, and he exalted God's name before the people. He also encouraged the people to seek the Lord and to walk in his ways. David also gave to every man and woman a loaf of bread, a good piece of meat, and a flagon of wine. Their hearts were glad. Then each one returned to his own home.

There was still something unsettled in David's heart and mind. When David compared his own house with the tabernacle he pitched for the ark, he was disturbed. How could he dwell in a large and beautiful house, and the ark of God dwell in a tent? Upon this reflection, a desire arose in

David to build a house for God, and he told Nathan the prophet about this desire. But God told Nathan to tell David that he was not allowed to build a house for God. This was not because God did not love David, but that his son would build it. God reminded David how He had been with him all of his days, and had raised him up from being a shepherd to a king. He also promised David that he would be with him in the future and would make of him a great nation. This humbled David, and he said, “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?”

Although David was not allowed to build God’s house, the Lord used him to build the kingdom of Israel. David’s army marched forth to defeat the Philistines, who were perpetual enemies. The Moabites were defeated also and brought gifts to David. The armies of Zobah were crippled, and the Syrians also were subdued. Others nations, when they recognized the success of David’s armies, also surrendered and brought gifts. It was through these means that David gathered much riches, much of which David stored up to be used in the building of God’s house. In all ways, David’s kingdom prospered, and it became very powerful under his hand.

Although David was strong, he also had a soft heart. When King Nahash of Ammon died, David sent men to comfort his son Hanun. But Hanun thought David was sending spies into their country, so the Ammonites humiliated David’s men by cutting off their garments at the buttocks, and they shaved off their beards, and sent them away. When David saw what had been done, he organized an army to punish the Ammonites. And though the Ammonites hired the help of the Syrians to defend themselves, David defeated both nations at once, and the Syrians even became David’s servants.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

There was no kingdom like the nation of Israel in all the earth. It was God’s covenant nation. And although the people and their leaders sinned grievously, and were punished for their sin, God dwelled among them, and had mercy upon them. God gave kings to lead Israel, he sent them his prophets to teach them about himself, and he provided priests to perform sacrifices for sin. All these offices were pointing to the work of the coming Messiah. In God’s mercy, he would be a King to his people. He would reveal the Word of God to them. And he would be the final sacrifice for sin. Israel’s history makes it clear that salvation does not come by our works or by our merit, but by the works and merit of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Questions

1. Who was the main singer who led the congregation in song during the retrieval of the ark?
 - a. Asaph
 - b. David
 - c. Michal
 - d. Nathan

2. Where was the ark placed in Jerusalem when it finally was retrieved from Obed-Edom?
 - a. In a tent.
 - b. In David's home.
 - c. In the temple.
 - d. In the home of Asaph, the chief singer.
3. Which of the following in the best qualification for a man to be a king.
 - a. A humble dependence on God.
 - b. The ability to lead a strong army.
 - c. Knowing how to organize large building projects.
 - d. An earnest desire to punish wicked nations.
4. What did David do to prevent conquered nations from rebelling at a later time?
 - a. He killed each of their kings and their generals.
 - b. He burned their cities with fire.
 - c. He controlled their food supply so they were always dependent on him.
 - d. He put garrisons in their cities to prevent an uprising.
5. What did the Ammonites do when they realized that David was sending an army to revenge them for their mockery?
 - a. They confessed to David their wrongdoing and asked for forgiveness.
 - b. They ambushed David's army and drove it away from their land.
 - c. They fled to the land of Syria and stayed there for three years.
 - d. They asked the Syrians for help but were still defeated.

Essay Questions

1. What was the proper way to transport the ark?

2. Why do you think Michal despised David for dancing before the Lord?

3. What was the central theme of the song of thanks offered by David and the people? What does this have to teach us?

4. When David expressed his desire to build a house for God, God said He would build a house for David instead. What kind of house would God build for David?

5. What was the result of David going out to battle with the nations surrounding Israel?

6. What was particularly shameful about the way the Ammonites treated David's servants?

7. In what ways are the kingdom of David and the kingdom of Christ the same? In what ways are they different?
