

# 1 CHRONICLES 17-22

## WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

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We get a rundown of the triumphs of David in this section, starting with an important promise he is given. God made a special covenant with David called the **Davidic Covenant**. A covenant is a really strong promise that should not be broken. God told David, "When your days are over and you go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for Me, and I will establish his throne forever." This meant that David's family line would last forever and that one of his descendants would rule forever (a promise fulfilled in Jesus!). This is a promise to David that is **unconditional**, meaning that no matter what happens it will not be broken. Jesus would be the ultimate King that would come from the line of David.

David then has a series of military victories including war with the Ammonites and defeating the Philistines. God is continuing to act on behalf of Israel, led by David, and brings them to victory. However, David makes a mistake and acts in disobedience to God. In an act of pride and self-reliance, David decides to conduct a **census**. A census is a counting of people. He wanted to measure his military strength instead of trusting in God's strength, who was ultimately the one fighting for them. We too are often prone to rely on our own strength instead of trusting in God's strength and power in our lives. 2 Corinthians 5:9 tells us that God's grace is sufficient for us and that His power is made perfect in our weakness. There were still consequences for David's sin. God sends the prophet Gad to give him three options: three years of famine, three months of enemy attacks, or three days of plague from the Lord. David chose the third option, and there was a plague that swept through Israel.

God's justice is always met with mercy. God instructs David through the prophet Gad to build an altar to Him. A man named Ornan offers to give him the threshing floor and the oxen for free, but David insists on paying full price knowing that his sin cost him something. God sends fire from heaven showing that the sacrifice was acceptable to Him. This same place is where Solomon, David's son, would eventually build His temple to the Lord (2 Chronicles 3:1). We see from these passages that God is a just God that can not let sin go unpunished. This is why He would send a son through the line of David to pay the price for sin, and bring ultimate redemption.

## FAMILY GUIDE

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| <b>BIG IDEA:</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● God's justice is always met with mercy</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>KEY STORIES:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● God's covenant with David</li> <li>● David's victories</li> <li>● David's census</li> <li>● David prepares for the Temple</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>KEY VERSES:</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>1 Chronicles 17:11-12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ "When your days are over and you go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for Me, and I will establish his throne forever."</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>1 Chronicles 17:16</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ "Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said: 'Who am I, Lord God, and what is my family, that You have brought me this far?'"</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>1 Chronicles 19:13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ "Be strong, and let us fight bravely for our people and the cities of our God. The Lord will do what is good in His sight."</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>WORDS TO KNOW:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Davidic Covenant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A promise from God to David of a <b>House</b> (Dynasty of David), <b>Kingdom</b> (Political Reign), and <b>Throne</b> (Kingdom Forever)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Unconditional</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No matter what happens it will not be broken</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Census</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A counting of a people</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Reflection Questions

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| <b>1.</b> | What are the three things that God promised David?                         |
| <b>2.</b> | Who is the important person who would one day come from the line of David? |
| <b>3.</b> | What big mistake did David make in this section?                           |
| <b>4.</b> | Who would be the one to build the Temple to the Lord?                      |