

FINAL STUDY NOTES – 1 Chronicles Chapters 10-14 6/8-9/2026

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OPENING PRAYER

THIS WEEK: *1 Chronicles Chapter 10* - Tragic End of Saul and his sons – (vs. 1-14). *Chapter 11* – David Made King over All Israel – (vs. 1-3); The City of David – (vs. 4-9); The Mighty Men of David - (vs. 10-47). *Chapter 12* - The Growth of David's Army - (vs. 1-22); David's Army at Hebron – (vs. 23-40). *Chapter 13* The Ark Brought from Kirjath Jearim – (1-14). *Chapter 14* – David Established at Jerusalem – (vs. 1-7); The Philistines Defeated – (vs. 8-17).

CHAPTER 10 - The Death of Saul and His Sons - (1Ch 10:1-12) are nearly identical to (1Sa 31:1-13)

1Ch 10:1-12 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa. [2] Then the Philistines followed hard after Saul and his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons. [3] The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was wounded by the archers. [4] Then Saul said to his armorbearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and abuse me." But his armorbearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword and fell on it. [5] And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died. [6] So Saul and his three sons died, and all his house died together. [7] And when all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities and fled; then the Philistines came and dwelt in them. [8] So it happened the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. [9] And they stripped him and took his head and his armor, and sent word throughout the land of the Philistines to proclaim the news in the temple of their idols and among the people. [10] Then they put his armor in the temple of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon. [11] And when all Jabesh Gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, [12] all the valiant men arose and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons; and they brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

1Ch 10:13-14 So Saul died for his unfaithfulness (tragic waste) which he had committed against the LORD, because he did not keep the word of the LORD, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance. [14] But he did not inquire of the LORD; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.

- This summary is unique to 1 Chronicles and provides the proper transition from Saul's kingship to David's reign.
- He did not keep the word of the LORD. He consulted a medium for guidance. He did not inquire of the LORD: Saul did not have a genuine connection with God and did not seek God for the difficulties of his life. He consulted a medium for guidance, but not the LORD God.

- **Who am I, who are you listening to, today? Do you hear God's voice? Or are you listening to man's voice, even to Satan's voice? This is the sin that causes God to move into the affairs of men. How faithful, how obedient am I to Him?**

CHAPTER 11 - David Anointed King

1Ch 11:1 Then all Israel came together to David at Hebron, saying, "Indeed we are your bone and your flesh.

- A picture of David like the kinsman redeemer. We are one, David!
- David began to reign in Hebron and reigned there for seven years, during which time Abner, the general, went with Mephibosheth, the son of Saul. But then he also came and delivered the northern kingdom unto David, and David came to Jerusalem to rule.

1Ch 11:2-3 Also, in time past, even when Saul was king, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD your God said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over My people Israel.' [3] Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel.

- Notice how this prophecy, which had been made about twenty years earlier when Samuel had anointed David that he would reign over Israel, has now come to pass!

David Takes Jerusalem

1Ch 11:4-5 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus, where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. [5] But the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not come in here!" Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David).

- How wonderful! In one verse it says, "Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion, the City of David!" They have been trying to do this since Genesis. Now for the first time there was the right king, in the right place; being vertically right with God; right things happen. When things are right vertically with God, then things on the horizontal fall into place. The whole nation is now united! For the first time, you have Jerusalem and the entire land united under one king.
- With His help and guidance, you can defeat any enemy, who says "You shall not come in here!" That is the first time since God made the promise to Abraham in Genesis chapter 12. There is a remarkable picture. This is the first David in the Bible.
- The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not come in here." They are mocking, "we could leave the crippled and the blind here to guard against you, but you are not getting in here." But the City of David, (*Psa 48:1-2*) *Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, In His holy mountain. [2] Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the great King.* "Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David)!"
- **How is my vertical relationship with my Lord? Do I see and experience that blessed corresponding horizontal connection with others, which allows victory over any and all enemies? Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Jebus (Jerusalem)!**

1Ch 11:6 Now David said, "Whoever attacks the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain." And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and became chief.

- Joab surprised the Jebusites by climbing up a seventy-foot water shaft. He must have had his sword and his armor on, because when he got inside the city, he had to fight, and he had to open the gates for the rest of the guys. He must have been a tough man!" He was the first one into the city. Thus, he earned the right to be the chief and the general over David's army.

1Ch 11:7-9 Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the City of David. [8] And he built the city around it, from the Millo to the surrounding area. Joab repaired the rest of the city. [9] So David went on and became great, and the LORD of hosts was with him.

- David went on and became great! Why? Because the LORD of hosts was with him! That is the secret of a man's greatness, God was with him!

David's Mighty Men

1Ch 11:10-14 Now these were the heads of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom (as we do with Jesus in His presence, through His Spirit), with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel. [11] And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam the son of a Hachmonite, chief of the captains; he had lifted up his spear against three hundred, killed by him at one time. [12] After him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighty

men. [13] He was with David at Pasdammim. Now there the Philistines were gathered for battle, and there was a piece of ground full of barley. So the people fled from the Philistines. [14] But they stationed themselves in the middle of that field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So the LORD brought about a great victory.

- David and Eleazar stood their ground. They did not give up an inch of it. They killed the Philistines, bringing about a great victory for Israel. Their brave stand in willingly laying down their lives down to defend even a barley field, represents the principle that God had given them this land and promises related to it. It also produced a great sense of loyalty among David's men.
- **How willing am I to stand against the enemies of God? Am I willing to stand on that principal, even if it involves only a lowly barley field of God?**

1Ch 11:15-17 Now three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the army of the Philistines encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. [16] David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. [17] And David said with longing, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

- David had a longing in his heart! He said, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

1Ch 11:18-19 So the three broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless David would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD. [19] And he said, "Far be it from me, O my God, that I should do this! Shall I drink the blood of these men who have put their lives in jeopardy? For at the risk of their lives they brought it." Therefore he would not drink it. These things were done by the three mighty men.

- Now, this tells us just how much his men loved him! These three were close enough to the king to hear him.
- Poured it out to the LORD! What love for his LORD! Here indeed is a man after God's own heart!
- **Are we close enough to hear the King's still small voice? He speaks! May we listen. I love the sense of His presence. I love the fact that He tells me things.**

1Ch 11:20-26 Abishai the brother of Joab was chief of another three. He had lifted up his spear against three hundred men, killed them, and won a name among these three. [21] Of the three he was more honored than the other two men. Therefore he became their captain. However he did not attain to the first three. [22] Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had done many deeds. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day. [23] And he killed an Egyptian, a man of great height, five cubits tall. In the Egyptian's hand there was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear. [24] These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three mighty men. [25] Indeed he was more honored than the thirty, but he did not attain to the first three. And David appointed him (personal bodyguard) over his guard. [26] Also the mighty warriors were Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

Other Valiant Men of David's Army (given also in 2Sa chapter 23):

1Ch 11:27-41 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite, [28] Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite, [29] Sibbechai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, [30] Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, [31] Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, of the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, [32] Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite, [33] Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, [34] the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shageh the Hararite, [35] Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Ur, [36] Hopher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, [37] Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai, [38] Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri, [39] Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite (the armorbearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah), [40] Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, [41] Uriah the Hittite,

The Mighty Men Shown Here, were not shown in 2 Samuel 23:

1Ch 11:41-47 Zabad the son of Ahlai, [42] Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite (a chief of the Reubenites) and thirty with him, [43] Hanan the son of Maachah, Joshaphat the Mithnite, [44] Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite, [45] Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, [46] Eliel the Mahavite, Jeribai and Joshaviah the sons of Elnaam, Ithmah the Moabite, [47] Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

- **David and his leadership abilities are not only attracting the very best among God's people** among the Jews, but also men of virtue, men of nobility, even in the surrounding nations who are recognizing this is an extraordinary leader. God is in his life! God is going to do something great through him! These men want to be a part of helping that happen and be a part of that with our own lives!

CHAPTER 12 - The Mighty Men Join David. Those men gathered to David in four different areas, or at four separate times. Here at Ziklag, men of Benjamin are gathered, who were skillful archers, as well as men who were capable in using the sling. It seems that many of the men of Benjamin were left-handed.

1Ch 12:1-7 At Ziklag: Now these were the men who came to David at Ziklag while he was still a fugitive from Saul the son of Kish; and they were among the mighty men, helpers in the war, [2] armed with bows, using (skillful with) both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows with the bow. They were of Benjamin, Saul's brethren. [3] The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; Jeziel and Pelet the sons of Azmaveth; Berachah, and Jehu the Anathothite; [4] Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite; [5] Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite; [6] Elkanah, Jisshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites; [7] and Joelah and Zebadiah the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

1Ch 12:8-18 At the stronghold: Some Gadites joined David at the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for battle, who could handle shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as gazelles on the mountains: [9] Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, [10] Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, [11] Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, [12] Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, [13] Jeremiah the tenth, and Machbanai the eleventh. [14] These were from the sons of Gad (ninth son of Jacob), captains of the army; the least was over a hundred, and the greatest was over a thousand. [15] These are the ones who crossed the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all those in the valleys, to the east and to the west. [16] Then some of the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to David at the stronghold. (Probably Adullam) [17] And David went out to meet them, and answered and said to them, "If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart will be united with you; but if to betray me to my enemies, since there is no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look and bring judgment." [18] Then the Spirit came upon Amasai (a Kohathite), chief of the captains, and he said: "We are yours, O David; We are on your side, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, And peace to your helpers! For your God helps you." So David received them, and made them captains of the troop.

- **"But if to betray me.... may the God of our fathers look and bring judgment"** This is such an important point! Notice David does not say, if you betray me, I will bring revenge on you. He turns it all over to God, saying "may the God of our fathers look and bring judgment."
- **May I notice if I am wrongfully accused, or someone comes against me wrongfully, because of my commitment to the LORD, He will take care of me! The LORD will be my defense. Also, I know that if I seek to defend myself, He'll let me. In other words, if I trust in Him, He'll take care of the situation. But, if I trust in myself, then He'll let me flounder on my own.**

1Ch 12:19-21 And some from Manasseh defected to David when he was going with the Philistines to battle against Saul; but they did not help them, for the lords of the Philistines sent him away by agreement, saying, "He may defect to his master Saul and endanger our heads." [20] When he went to Ziklag, those of Manasseh who defected to him were Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of the thousands who were from Manasseh. [21] And they helped David against the bands of raiders, for they were all mighty men of valor, and they were captains in the army.

- **At that time, some of the men from Manasseh had come to help David.** They returned with David to Ziklag. When they got back to Ziklag they discovered that people from the south, the Bedouin tribes, had come and had kidnapped their wives and children. They had sacked the city and had taken off! David's men were so upset. They wept until they had no more strength, and then they said, "Let's kill David!" But David said, "Come on let's go after them!" David and his men pursued, found the men, and recovered all the people and the spoil!

1Ch 12:22 For at that time they came to David day by day to help him, until it was a great army, like the army of God.

- **These various groups gathered with David to help him.** It began with a band of men who were in debt, in trouble and escaping from the law. But God made of them a mighty army that subdued the kingdoms around them. What growth of the six hundred men!

1Ch 12:23 Now these were the numbers of the divisions that were equipped for war, and came to David at Hebron to turn over the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD:

- This is the next group. After Saul was killed in this battle with the Philistines, David went from Ziklag to Hebron, where the tribe of Judah made David king over Judah. David reigned over Judah for seven years, in Hebron. Before the death of Ishbosheth, the son of Saul, at which time, they decided to make David king over all of Israel.
- These are the men that came down to Hebron, to join with David, to make him king over all of Israel. It gives the numbers of those men that came to David to turn over the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD. This was prophesied by Samuel, as he anointed David, and said that God had anointed him to be king over Israel.

1Ch 12:24-32 of the sons of Judah bearing shield and spear, six thousand eight hundred armed for war; [25] of the sons of Simeon, mighty men of valor fit for war, seven thousand one hundred; [26] of the sons of Levi four thousand six hundred; [27] Jehoiada, the leader of the Aaronites, and with him three thousand seven hundred; [28] Zadok, a young man, a valiant warrior, and from his father's house twenty-two captains; [29] of the sons of Benjamin, relatives of Saul, three thousand (until then the greatest part of them had remained loyal to the house of Saul); [30] of the sons of Ephraim twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous men throughout their father's house; [31] of the half-tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were designated by name to come and make David king; [32] of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;

- How important to have those men from Issachar who had understanding of the times and who know what they ought to do in the middle of that. That is very important. (Eph 5:15-17) See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, [16] redeeming the time, because the days are evil. [17] Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
- **My Lord! How well do I understand the times, to know what I ought to do; and to do it?**

1Ch 12:33 of Zebulun there were fifty thousand who went out to battle, expert in war with all weapons of war, stouthearted men who could keep ranks;

- They were stouthearted men (not double-hearted or of a divided heart)! They had a singleness of heart, and purpose! One of the problems today with many Christians, is that of a double heart. A heart towards the things of God, and a heart towards the things of the world. When a person has a double heart, it is always a sign of weakness. It has been said, "If you don't stand for anything, you'll fall for everything!" You have to know what you stand for, and where you stand. **Do I have even a hint of being double-hearted or of a divided heart?**
- **Could keep ranks!** Whenever you were engaged in battle, there was always that endeavor to break through the ranks, causing the enemy to break ranks and flee. These men from Zebulun were tough! They would not break ranks!

1Ch 12:34-37 of Naphtali one thousand captains, and with them thirty-seven thousand with shield and spear; [35] of the Danites who could keep battle formation, twenty-eight thousand six hundred; [36] of Asher, those who could go out to war, able to keep battle formation, forty thousand; [37] of the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, from the other side of the Jordan, one hundred and twenty thousand armed for battle with every kind of weapon of war.

- As you go down the entire twelve tribes, the number of trained and gifted military men totaled three hundred and thirty-nine thousand, six hundred men who had joined themselves with David at this point, plus a thousand, two hundred and twenty-one captains. That is a formidable force! Starting out with about six hundred men, now the ranks had swollen until it was a great army, like the army of God!

1Ch 12:38 All these men of war, who could keep ranks, came to Hebron with a loyal heart, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest of Israel were of one mind to make David king.

- A loyal heart! That is why the kingdom of David brought Israel into the apex of its glory, and power. The people were excited, having a loyal heart in this issue. **Can I say that my heart is loyal?**

1Ch 12:39-40 And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking, for their brethren had prepared for them. [40] Moreover those who were near to them, from as far away as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing food on donkeys and camels, on mules and oxen—provisions of flour and cakes of figs and cakes of raisins, wine and oil and oxen and sheep abundantly, for there was joy in Israel.

- Oh, happy days! "David is going to be king!" They were bringing food on donkeys and camels, on mules and oxen, all the supplies for this big celebration.

CHAPTER 13 - The Ark Brought from Kirjath Jearim

1Ch 13:1-3 Then David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. [2] And David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is of the LORD our God, (do I often say this

but not follow through with Him?) *let us send out to our brethren everywhere who are left in all the land of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites who are in their cities and their common-lands, that they may gather together to us; [3] and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul."*

- It is great for David, the first thing that he wants to do in the establishing of the kingdom, is to establish this spiritual foundation, this spiritual base. "Let us return to basics. Let us put God first in the activities of our kingdom." The problem though, is that David inquired about all the captains and the leaders. He should have inquired of the LORD and of the priests. For though David's desire was a good desire, what he wanted to do was the right thing to do, yet he was going about it the wrong way. He did the right thing, but he did it the wrong way!
- He was copying the methods of the Philistines (the worldly way) rather than seeking the Lord. When the Philistines sent the ark of the covenant back, they sent it on a cart, with a couple of cows drawing it. So, David in his endeavor to bring the ark of the covenant back, had a new cart built. They took a couple of cows to pull the cart, with the ark of the covenant on it. They copied the method of the Philistines.
- God had given instructions how the ark of the covenant was to be transported. It was to be carried by the priests, by these staves that were put through the rings, in the side of the ark. No one was to touch the ark. They were to lift up these staves, and carry it, sliding the staves through these golden rings, and they were to carry it between themselves. That was God's instructions in the transporting of the ark of the covenant.
- **How prone am I to follow worldly methods? In doing anything the way everyone else is doing something, when in His word He specifies His way it to be done? Am I faithful in my obedience to Him and to His word?**

1Ch 13:4 Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

Uzzah and the Ark:

1Ch 13:5-8 So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor in Egypt to as far as the entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath Jearim. [6] And David and all Israel went up to Baalah, to Kirjath Jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God the LORD, who dwells between the cherubim, where His name is proclaimed. [7] So they carried the ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. [8] Then David and all Israel played music before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets.

- It was a spectacular parade! They had gathered all these men of Israel. Big, tough mighty men. Now they are dancing, and their singing, and their rejoicing. What a spectacle this must have been! This is one of the times I would have liked to have been there! It must have been a time of, of great excitement, as we are acknowledging the place of God in our national life. There is an exciting spiritual movement!

1Ch 13:9-10 And when they came to Chidon's threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled. [10] Then the anger of the LORD was aroused (God's anger kindled in His nostrils) against Uzza, and He struck him because he put his hand to the ark; and he died there before God.

- Suddenly the oxen stumbles! The cart shakes! Uzza reaches out and touches the ark to steady it, which he is not allowed to do! God strikes him dead! In a moment, this whole crowd is hushed! Great fear comes upon them all!

1Ch 13:11-12 And David became angry because of the LORD's outbreak against Uzza; therefore that place is called Perez Uzza to this day. [12] David was afraid of God that day, saying, "How can I bring the ark of God to me?"

- David had a real fear now of the ark of God. A real respect and reverence, realizing what it means to have the presence of God, a means of purifying, and walking in purity. He called the name of the place Perez Uzza, which means "breaking forth" for God broken forth on Uzza.

1Ch 13:13-14 So David would not move the ark with him into the City of David, but took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. [14] The ark of God remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that he had.

- Next week in chapter 15, David will seek the LORD and bring the ark to Jerusalem, inquiring of the LORD and finding out how He wants to do it! Now, that always is the way that will bring glory to God! When we do things with man's methods, it may be that we get the job done, but man gets the glory.
- What it takes is singleness of heart. The commitment of myself totally, and completely unto God. Putting God first and then allowing God to work through me. Not trying to develop some kind of program, not following the methods of the world, but seeking the plan and the will of God. We will find that next week, as we study David bringing the ark back to Jerusalem, in the right way.

CHAPTER 14 – DAVID Established at Jerusalem; David's Wives and Children

1Ch 14:1 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, with masons and carpenters, to build him a house.

- Now as king, recognized by all of Israel, Hiram felt it was important that David have a beautiful palace there in Jerusalem.

1Ch 14:2 So David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, for his kingdom was highly exalted for the sake of His people Israel.

- **God loved His people! God blessed His people!** David saw how God was blessing, and he came to the realization, “Wow, God has chosen me to be king!” That is such a glorious thing! That realization that as God works, and as God is doing His glorious works, He has chosen you to have a part in that work. You perceive, “Wow!,” and you cannot really believe it all. Did you say, “Who am I?” Do You know, me? A shepherd from Bethlehem? Do you know king over these people? Over this powerful kingdom?” even knowing that David is far from perfect.

1Ch 14:3-7 Then David took more wives in Jerusalem, and David begot more sons and daughters. [4] And these are the names of his children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, [5] Ibhaz, Elishua, Elpelet, [6] Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, [7] Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

- There were thirteen sons, and a couple of daughters that are listed here that were born in Jerusalem from David, who had increased his harem, which is against the law of God. In *(Deu 17:17) Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.* David was guilty of doing so. Now the Philistines when they saw the success of David.

Philistines Defeated

1Ch 14:8-11 Now when the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David (to destroy him). And David heard of it and went out against them. [9] Then the Philistines went and made a raid on the Valley of Rephaim. [10] And David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?" The LORD said to him, "Go up, for I will deliver them into your hand." [11] So they went up to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there. Then David said, "God has broken through my enemies by my hand like a breakthrough of water." Therefore they called the name of that place Baal Perazim.

- Which is the breach against Baal. Here God destroyed the Philistines. In the battle, the Philistines had brought their little gods, Baal, their lords. The word, “Baal,” in the Philistine is “Lord.”

1Ch 14:12 And when they left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

- Burned with fire. David not only refused to take their false gods, but he also completely destroyed them by burning them with fire.
- **Burned with fire! This is a great lesson for me, for us. Any and every idol that leads us to sin should not only be set aside, but they should also be completely destroyed! Burned with fire. Do I ever just set it aside and then later take it up again?**

1Ch 14:13-15 Then the Philistines once again made a raid on the valley. [14] Therefore David inquired again of God, and God said to him, "You shall not go up after them; circle around them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees." [15] And it shall be, when you hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall go out to battle, for God has gone out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."

- David inquired again of God! This is a key point! David was wise enough, though facing the same enemy, in the similar circumstances, having just defeated them decisively. They regrouped, they gathered again, and David prayed again! Rather than just saying, “Come on men, let’s go!” He again prays and seeks counsel from the Lord! “The LORD said, No; circle around them, and come in from the other side of the valley, but take your men, when you hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall go out to battle, for God has gone out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines,
- **We are prone to make a mistake when we think that we have God’s methods, and so we do not bother to pray the next time. Now I know the plan of God, so I can do it the next time, not even needing to pray about it!**
- **But God is not confined to a single method** of accomplishing His purposes. We should never just follow patterns that have been successful in the past because they were successful in the past. We need to continually be seeking the wisdom and the guidance of God for every new situation.
- **Let us keep open to God. Let us keep seeking the Spirit, that He will direct us in God’s ways, how God wants to destroy the enemy, and let us be open to the ways of God always, realizing that God may be leading in a new way.**

- **Let us keep sensitive to the way God is wanting to work**, and if we do, we will see the continued blessing, and work of God, as He brings victories over the enemy! There is much to learn here from David! God help us to learn it, that we might remain in tune and in harmony, with what God wants to do, and how He wants to do it.

1Ch 14:16-17 So David did as God commanded him, and they drove back the army of the Philistines from Gibeon as far as Gezer. [17] Then the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

SUMMARY:

- **1Ch 10:14 Who am I, who are you listening to, today? Do you hear God's voice?** Or are you listening to man's voice, even to Satan's voice? This is the sin that causes God to move into the affairs of men. How faithful, how obedient am I to Him?
- **1Ch 11:5 How is my vertical relationship with my Lord?** Do I see and experience that blessed corresponding horizontal connection with others, which allows victory over any and all enemies? Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Jebus (Jerusalem)!
- **1Ch 11:14 How willing am I to stand against the enemies of God?** Am I willing to stand on that principal, even if it involves only a lowly barley field of God?
- **1Ch 12:18 May I notice if I am wrongfully accused**, or someone comes against me wrongfully, because of my commitment to the LORD, He will take care of me! The LORD will be my defense. Also, I know that if I seek to defend myself, He'll let me. In other words, if I trust in Him, He'll take care of the situation. But, if I trust in myself, then He'll let me flounder on my own.
- **1Ch 12:32 My Lord! How well do I understand the times**, to know what I ought to do; and to do it?
- **1Ch 13:3 How prone am I to follow worldly methods?** In doing anything the way everyone else is doing something, when in His word He specifies His way it to be done? Am I faithful in my obedience to Him and to His word?
- **1Ch 14:12 Burned with fire! This is a great lesson for me, for us.** Any and every idol that leads us to sin should not only be set aside, but they should also be destroyed! Burned with fire. Do I ever just set it aside and then later take it up again?
- **1Ch 14:15 We are prone to make a mistake when we think that we have God's methods**, and so we do not bother to pray the next time. Now I know the plan of God, so I can do it the next time, not even needing to pray about it!

ISPEAK JESUS *Here be Lions, Darlene Zschech (3:35/3:38)*

I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind 'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence I speak Jesus I just want to speak the name of Jesus Till every dark addiction starts to break Declaring there is hope and there is freedom I speak Jesus 'Cause Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like a fire I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over fear and all anxiety To every soul held captive by depression I speak Jesus Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like the fire Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets Jesus in the darkness over every enemy Jesus for my family I speak the holy name Jesus Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like a fire I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind 'Cause I know there is peace within His presence I speak Jesus

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study 1 Chronicles, Chapters 15-16