

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.*

### **Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – 1 Chronicles 26:1-19**

We continue this week with the study of how the Temple will be set up. Again, we are reminded that this was written as the Babylonian exiles are returning to Jerusalem 70+ years after captivity and are beginning to rebuild the Temple. These things appear unimportant to us, but in fact are the foundation of much of how we worship today. We start off with our favorite thing in the world – a list of names. These were the “gatekeepers” of the Temple. Do you remember what we learned yesterday regarding the gatekeepers’ role? Why would these names and divisions be important to the remnant of Israel that has returned? It is important because it tells us who will serve where in the rebuilt Temple and during the rebuilding. It is your family line that determines where you serve. In verse 13, how does this support the work of those who returned to Jerusalem? Age and training are not factors, are they? How many gates were there (vss. 14-18)? Also notice how the groups were assigned (vs. 13). If sacred lots are used, it was understood to be “the will of God.” What does this reveal to you about God? About ourselves? How does this point to Jesus (John 10:1-7)?

### **Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – 1 Chronicles 26:20-32**

Today we will look at the treasurers and officials of the Temple. What were their duties (vs. 20-22)? Read verses 23-24. What was Shebuel’s and his relatives’ responsibility? Then this is Shelomoth and his relatives. What are they responsible for (vss. 26-28)? That takes care of those responsible for the money. Who then will be the officials and what is their responsibility (vss. 29-32)? How are we structured much like they were? We have priests, musicians, Levites, a treasurer team, gatekeepers (our Welcome Teams) and we have a leadership team, which serve as the “officials.” Since this structure is considered God-inspired, what does it reveal to you about God? What does it reveal about humanity and its role in worship? How does this point to Jesus?

### **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – 1 Chronicles 27:1-15**

We move away from Temple assignments to military assignments today. Let’s begin by reading the entire text. Note that these divisions are not by tribes, but by officers and the elites serving David. How long did each division serve (vs. 1)? What is unique about verse 5? What do you know about sons of priests? Do they not serve as priests as prescribed in Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers? Yet, the number of priests has grown so that some priests now serve in the military. Why do you think this information would be beneficial for post-exiled Israelites rebuilding the Temple? What does this reveal about David’s organizational skills? Why do you think the military only serves for one month? The military for most of these men was not a career choice, but an obligation to serve the king. The other 11 months, they would be farmers, ranchers, or whatever trade they had adopted and so that they could take care of their families. There was some compensation from the king, but not enough to serve. So, unless there was a war there would be no need for a full military of 288,000+ men. But when war broke out, in the spring of most years, then all would go to war and the families would take care of the crops and animals and keep things going. What does this reveal about God? Consider the provision and wisdom that put this order together. What does this reveal about humanity? How does this point to Jesus today? Consider that it was the Roman soldiers as well as the Temple Guard that arrested Jesus in the Garden.

### **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – 2 Samuel 27:16-34**

We will finish the last of the lists for this book. We start with the current leaders of the tribes under David’s rule. Read the list in verses 16-22. Why do we not know more about the tribes at this time (vss. 23-24)? In addition to not finishing the census, remember they counted those who were not Israelites. We close out this section with a “who’s who” of David’s officials. What is the first role that we learn about (vs. 25)? Notice that the responsibility for the finances are divided amongst several people and by category. Why do you think that is? Now read verses 26-31. How much property do you think David owned that it took this many people to “oversee” and manage all of this? The king has been given much by God – an over-abundance to meet the needs. We finish off with the Royal Court officials. Read verses 32-34. Do you remember why Ahithophel was succeeded by Jehoiada? (2 Samuel 17:23) Notice who the wise counselor to the king was. It was his uncle. Why is he described as wise? All leaders should surround themselves with wise counselors. What does this text reveal to you about God? What about humanity? How does this point to Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

### **Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – 1 Chronicles 28**

With the preparations and organization completed, David will give his final instructions regarding the building of the Temple. It is sort of his farewell speech. Read verses 1-8. Why has God forbidden David from building the Temple (vs. 3)? Who will build it and who chose this person (vss. 4-6)? This is the indication of who will be King of Israel after David. Who are verses 2-8 addressed to (vs. 1)? As we move to verse 9, who is being addressed? What is the first set of directions David gives Solomon? Notice it is not about building the Temple. These should precede and be primary in Solomon’s life. What will happen if they are not (vs. 9c)? Then starting in verse 11, David gives the plan for the Temple to Solomon. Read 11-18. What details do you find yourself amazed by? Where did David get all this information (vs. 19)? What are David’s words of encouragement to his son Solomon (vss. 20-21)? How might these apply to Saint James as we move forward? Consider all of this was given to David by God. What does this reveal about God? What does it reveal about humanity and what we are capable of accomplishing through God? How does this point to Jesus and him being the cornerstone to the living temple today? Spend some time considering the joy of this day that David shared the plans and the work that had been accomplished. Give God praise and thanksgiving.

### **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – Prepare for tomorrow by reading 2 Samuel 23:1-7.**