

The Last Days of David

23 JAN –29 JAN 2018

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Week 17 - 33 Weeks to Go

Israel prepares for and is organized to build the temple, which will be built by David's successor, Solomon. The conquest of the land begun in Joshua's time and completed under David was a divine, not a human matter. The land was God's and His people were His tenants. Only when God Himself brought the land into subjection would He authorize construction of a temple. The temple symbolizes God's presence among His people and reminds them of their high calling. David's prayer, as his life ends, reminds us that life is transitory, and we must remember the care and blessing of a sovereign God in our lives to find meaning.

Weekly Reading Plan

Day 1: PS 37; 1 CH 22:1-19; PS 30
Day 2: 1 CH 23:1 – 26:19
Day 3: PS 15, 24, 42-46
Day 4: PS 47-49, 84-85, 87
Day 5: 1 CH 26:20-29:30
Day 6: PS 2, 20, 21, 72, 93
Day 7: PS 94, 95, 97-99, 101, 110, 144

Outline

Preparation for the temple [Day 1]
Divisions of Temple Personnel [Day 2]
Psalms of The Sons of Korah [Day 3-4]
David's Counsel to Solomon [Day 5]
Royal and Enthronement Psalms [Day 7]

Key Characters

David
Solomon
The Levites

Key Locations

Jerusalem

Key Terms

Temple
Sovereignty
Covenant

Key Verses

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. [PS37:5-6]

Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God [1 CH 22:19]

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? [PS 42:2]

God is our refuge and strength, an ever presnt help in trouble. [PS 46:1]

The ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough [PS 49:8]

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. [1 CH 29:11]

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. [1 CH 29:13]

O Lord, what is man that you care for him, the son of man that you think of him? [PS 144:3]

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Chapter Summaries (from @biblesummary)

Ps37: Do not be envious of evildoers, for they will fade like the grass. The righteous will inherit the earth. The LORD is their stronghold.

1Ch22: David told Solomon: "The LORD has said that you will build his temple. I have provided materials." He ordered the leaders to help.

Ps30: I will exalt you, O LORD, for you spared me from going down to the pit. I cried to you for mercy. You turned my mourning into dancing.

1Ch23: David made Solomon king over Israel. He organised the Levites into the sons of Gershon, Kohath and Merari to serve in the temple.

1Ch24: The sons of Aaron were priests. David organised the sons of Eleazar and Ithamar by lot. The rest of the Levites also cast lots.

1Ch25: The sons of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun prophesied with music. 288 were trained in singing to the LORD. They cast lots for duties.

1Ch26: The sons of Obed-edom, Meshelemiah and Hosah were gatekeepers. Ahijah, Zetham, Joel, Shubael and Shelomith oversaw the treasuries.

Ps15: LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? He whose walk is blameless, who does not slander, who keeps his oath even when it hurts.

Ps24: The earth is the LORD's! He who has a pure heart will receive blessing. Lift up your heads, O gates! The King of glory shall come in.

Ps42: As the deer pants for water, so my soul longs for you, O God. Your waves break over me. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Hope in God..

Ps43: Vindicate me, O God. Why have you rejected me? Send forth your light and your truth. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Hope in God.

Ps44: O God, our fathers have told us how you drove out the nations. But now you have sold your people. Awake, O Lord! Rise up and help us.

Ps45: My heart overflows with verses for the king. Your God has anointed you with gladness. All glorious is the princess in her chamber.

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Ps46: God is our refuge. We will not fear, though the earth give way. The nations rage, kingdoms fall. "Be still and know that I am God."

Ps47: Clap your hands, you nations. How awesome is the LORD Most High! Sing praises to our God, sing praises. He is king of all the earth.

Ps48: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised! The joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion. O God, we ponder your love in your temple.

Ps49: Hear this, all peoples! Man in his pomp will not endure. He is like the beasts that perish. But God will ransom my soul from Sheol.

Ps84: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. For the LORD is a sun and shield.!

Ps85: O LORD, you forgave the iniquity of your people. Restore us again! Surely his salvation is at hand. Love and faithfulness will meet.

Ps87: Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. The LORD will write in the register of the peoples: "This one was born in Zion."

1Ch26: The sons of Obed-edom, Meshelemiah and Hosah were gatekeepers. Ahijah, Zetham, Joel, Shubael and Shelomith oversaw the treasuries.

1Ch27: Divisions of 24,000 men were on duty month by month. There was a chief officer over each tribe. Joab was the commander of the army.

1Ch28: David assembled the leaders and said, "The LORD has chosen Solomon to build his house." He gave Solomon the plans for the temple.

1Ch29: The leaders gave offerings. David prayed, "Yours is the kingdom, O LORD. Of your own have we given you." David died at an old age.

Ps2: Why do the rulers plot against the LORD and his anointed? The LORD laughs! He said to me, "You are my son." O kings, fear the LORD!

Ps20: May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May he remember your offerings. The LORD saves his anointed. We rise up and stand firm!

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Ps21: O LORD, the king rejoices in your strength! You set a crown upon his head. You will destroy your enemies. We will praise your power!

Ps72: Give the king your justice, O God. May he defend the cause of the poor. May all kings fall down before him. Blessed be the LORD!**Ps70:** Make haste to help me, O God! May those who seek my life be put to shame. May all who seek you rejoice. O LORD, do not delay.

Ps93: The LORD reigns! Your throne is established from of old. The LORD is mightier than the sea. Holiness adorns your house forever

Ps94: O LORD, God of vengeance, shine forth! How long will the wicked exult? The LORD will not reject his people. He will repay the corrupt.

Ps95: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! He is the King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down! Do not harden your hearts.

Ps97: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice! Fire goes before him. The heavens declare his righteousness. Give thanks to his holy name!

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Ps101: I will sing of justice, O LORD. I will walk with integrity. My eyes will be on the faithful of the land. I will destroy the wicked.

Ps110: The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand. You are a priest in the order of Melchizedek." The Lord will judge the nations.

Ps144: Praise the LORD, O my soul! Do not trust in mortal men. The LORD executes justice for the oppressed. He watches over the fatherless.

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Notes for Discussion

What did I learn about God?

What did I learn about human nature?

How does what I read apply to my life and my relationship with God?

Insights about the time and/or customs?

Other thoughts

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What did I learn about God?

- PS 30:9 suggests that God has given man has one primary task on earth. What is it? How do we fulfill it?
- PS 15 describes who can approach the Lord in the temple and live on God's holy hill. What are the positive and negative characteristics of a faithful follower? Why isn't God's dwelling available to everyone on an equal basis? How are PS 15 and PS 24 related?
- God is "King over all the earth" (PS 47). Is this true when so many ignore and disobey Him?
- PS 94 deals with evil and injustice. Why doesn't God just end injustice? Is it our job to deal with injustice or should we wait for God to intervene and "set the record straight"? What happens to us when we are amid adversity and evil – do we turn toward or away from God?

What did I learn about human nature?

- Psalm 37 tells us to wait patiently for the Lord in dealing with evil. What do people really want to see happen to those who do evil and enjoy momentary success? How does their success and our reaction to it relate to how we feel about God?
- In 1 CH 23, how hard is it for David to turn over power? How does this related to when you have observed transitions of power in your own life? David delegated extensively at this stage of his career. What are the modern day equivalents for the offices appointed? Could your town use four times as many pastors as police?
- In 1 CH 29, in David's prayer, what is David's view of how a nation prospers? Of who leads a nation? What seems to be his formula for successful leadership of the nation? How do the people of Israel respond? What aspects of the prayer are useful to Christians today? Why?
- Is the message in PS 49 for the rich alone? In what things do the people in PS 49 trust (v 6, 11)? What reality do they not see? How is this world view expressed today? What reasons does the psalmist give for not fearing in the days of adversity?

What did I learn about my life/relationship with God?

- Throughout the Psalms, David praises God in a way that reflects his own personal experience with God. What "praises" do you regularly sing about God that fit your own personal experience? When do you typically sing the praises of the Lord?
- How can PS 46:2-3 and 5-6 apply to a crisis in your own life? How do you respond to life's crises? What difference does it make to you to know God is Lord over all the chaotic events of your life? How is He a fortress to you in times of trouble?
- PS 48:13 expresses the importance of relating the glory of God to the next generation. Who was significant in passing God's love on to you? How can you pass God's love on? What role might "ramparts and citadels" help in passing on the message?
- PS 85 talks about "God's glory dwelling in our land". What does it mean to have God's glory dwell in your land (or life)? What is meant by "good" in PS 85:12?

Insights about the time and/or customs?

- In PS 87, the psalmist lists several nations (Rahab (Egypt), Babylon, Philistia, Tyre (Phoenicia), and Ethiopia (Cush). All the nations come from God's sovereignty, but Israel was His special people. How inclusive or exclusive do you think God's kingdom is? Will anyone be left out? What did the Hebrews think?