

## A Throne Is Established by Righteousness

First Chronicles 14–15

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### **Persuasion:**

#### **I. First Chronicles 14.1–2 • The Lord Established David as King**

**14.1 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, with masons and carpenters, to build him a house. 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.**

A. We often see Israel but

1. forget that they had neighbors
2. who knew all that was going on in Israel.

B. In this case, it was a good thing.

1. King Hiram wanted to have part in the good things going on in Israel.
2. Therefore, he wanted to build a house for David.
  - a) Their cedars were world renown,
  - b) even the ancient Egyptians used cedars from that area.
    - (1) Therefore, over the centuries the people of Tyre
    - (2) had learned how to work with cedar and
      - (a) could build great things with it.
      - (b) Their cedars would be used in Solomon's temple later.

C. The sentence of verse 2 has been constructed carefully.

1. David had confidence in the Lord
2. that he had made him king over Israel.
  - a) What led to that conclusion was
  - b) the exaltation of his kingdom for the sake of God's people Israel.

- (1) Not for David's sake.
- (2) David was not about David.
  - (a) He was about the Lord.
  - (b) He was about Israel.
    - i) Ezra understood it in the same way.
    - ii) All the great things that happened with David,
      - (1) was all for the sake of his people Israel.
      - (2) Should that not also be true of us and the church?

**33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."**

**– Matthew 6.33**

D. Whatever God has made you,

1. whatever God has prospered you,
2. he has done it for the benefit of his people, the church, and
  - a) for the salvation of the lost.
  - b) Look at yourself and what you are in the world in those ways.

## **II. First Chronicles 14.3–7 • David's Family Grew**

**3 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 Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet, 6 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, 7 Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.**

A. David's family grew with additional wives and additional children.

B. Why did David seek additional wives?

## **III. First Chronicles 14.8–12 • David Defeated the Philistines**

**8 Now when the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. 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. 12 And when they left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.**

- A. When the king of Tyre heard that David was king over all Israel,
1. he wanted part of it and
  2. made a contribution.
- B. When the Philistines heard of it,
1. they wanted to fight David and Israel.
  2. They knew the kind of man and warrior
    - a) that he was, and
    - b) they could not let him get set up in his kingdom.
- C. They also remembered
1. that he had been among them,
  2. giving him knowledge of their cities and
    - a) how they did things,
    - b) where they stationed troops, et al.
- D. The Philistines brought along their gods,
1. hoping that their gods would give them victory over David and his God.
  2. Did they forget
    - a) that their champion, Goliath, used his gods to curse David, but
    - b) that David trusted in the name of Jehovah God, and
    - c) that David won the battle that day?

#### IV. First Chronicles 14.13–16 • The Sound of Marching

**13 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.” 16 So David did as God commanded him, and they drove back the army of the Philistines from Gibeon as far as Gezer.**

A. This is one of my favorite little stories in the Bible,

1. although I am more familiar with the account in Second Samuel.
2. It reminds me to Elisha and his servant surrounded by the Syrians.

a) Second Kings 6.16

**16 So he answered, “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”**

b) Second Chronicles 32.7–8

**7 “Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him; for there are more with us than with him. 8 With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.**

c) First John 4.4

**4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**

B. Although David was highly skilled at war,

1. he still sought the counsel of the Lord.
2. His son later wrote:

**Proverbs 16.1**

**The preparations of the heart belong to man,  
But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.**

**Proverbs 16.3**

**Commit your works to the LORD,  
And your thoughts will be established.**

**Proverbs 16.9**

**A man's heart plans his way,  
But the LORD directs his steps.**

C. What was that like to hear the sound of marching above the trees?

1. What did it mean?
2. It meant that David and Israel did not fight that battle alone.
  - a) The hosts of God went before David to insure victory.
  - b) Victory was assured before the battle even began.

D. What happened when David did as commanded?

1. He had success.
2. He drove the enemy from Gibeon to Gezer,
  - a) from an area just north of Jerusalem
  - b) to the land of Philistines or close to it on the coast.

**V. First Chronicles 14.17 • David's Fame and Fear**

**17 Then the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.**

A. Israel suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of the Philistines, but

1. when Israel got a new king,
2. one who consulted the Lord God of Israel,
  - a) it was a great nation once again.
  - b) Therefore, people in the Middle East and perhaps beyond,

(1) heard of David and his exploits.

B. The Lord saw to it

1. that everyone feared David,
2. lest they suffer the same consequences as the Philistines.

## **VI. First Chronicles 15.1 • Habitations for David and for the Ark**

**15.1 David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.**

A. How many houses did David build for himself?

1. He was obviously a wealthy man.
2. He was wealthy because God blessed him.

B. What was most important to David was a place for the ark of God.

1. He pitched a tent for it because
2. the temple did not come until Solomon built one forty or so years later.

## **VII. First Chronicles 15.2 • The Levites Should Carry the Ark**

**2 Then David said, “No one may carry the ark of God but the Levites, for the LORD has chosen them to carry the ark of God and to minister before Him forever.”**

A. Somehow David found out how the ark should have been moved.

B. Did he read it himself?

C. Did a priest tell him?

## **VIII. First Chronicles 15.3 • The Place for the Ark**

**3 And David gathered all Israel together at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD to its place, which he had prepared for it.**

A. This was a true national interest.

B. Wherever the ark was,

1. that was the single most important part in Israel.
2. Therefore, since they were moving it,
  - a) all of the nation
  - b) needed to be involved.

#### **IX. First Chronicles 15.4–10 • Children of Aaron and the Levites**

**4 Then David assembled the children of Aaron and the Levites: 5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and one hundred and twenty of his brethren; 6 of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and two hundred and twenty of his brethren; 7 of the sons of Gershon, Joel the chief, and one hundred and thirty of his brethren; 8 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and two hundred of his brethren; 9 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and eighty of his brethren; 10 of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and one hundred and twelve of his brethren.**

- A. Therefore, David set out to do what was right.
- B. He gathered the sons of Aaron and of the Levites.
- C. This was their domain.
  1. He had not used them before and that was disastrous.
  2. King Uzziah went into the temple later and God cursed him with leprosy.

#### **X. First Chronicles 15.11–15 • The Priests Sanctified**

**11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites: for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab. 12 He said to them, “You are the heads of the fathers’ houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel to the place I have prepared for it. 13 For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order.” 14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. 15 And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders, by its poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.**

- A. David confessed their wrong.
- B. What David said in verse 13 is very telling.

1. He confessed that they did not consult the Lord God
  2. about the proper order of moving the ark of the Lord.
- C. Failing to consult the Lord our God causes major problems.

1. Joshua 9.14

**14 Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the LORD.**

**– Joshua 9.14**

2. First Chronicles 10.13–14

**13 So Saul died for his unfaithfulness 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.**

**– 1 Chronicles 10.13–14**

3. Isaiah 30.1–2

**1 “Woe to the rebellious children,” says the LORD,  
“Who take counsel, but not of Me,  
And who devise plans, but not of My Spirit,  
That they may add sin to sin;  
2 Who walk to go down to Egypt,  
And have not asked My advice,  
To strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh,  
And to trust in the shadow of Egypt!**

**– Isaiah 30.1–2**

**XI. First Chronicles 15.16–24 • Music for the Ark**

**16 Then David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers accompanied by instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals, by raising the voice with resounding joy. 17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of**



**Berechiah; and of their brethren, the sons of Merari, Ethan the son of Kushiah; 18 and with them their brethren of the second rank: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers; 19 the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were to sound the cymbals of bronze; 20 Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with strings according to Alamoth; 21 Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azariah, to direct with harps on the Sheminith; 22 Chenaniah, leader of the Levites, was instructor in charge of the music, because he was skillful; 23 Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark; 24 Shebani-ah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, were to blow the trumpets before the ark of God; and Obed-Edom and Jehiah, doorkeepers for the ark.**

- A. David wanted to make a big celebration of this event.
- B. We do the same thing when something significant is moved.
  - 1. The recent things moved to the Grand Egyptian Museum

## **XII. First Chronicles 15.25–28 • Celebration for the Ark**

**25 So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-Edom with joy. 26 And so it was, when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams. 27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the music master with the singers. David also wore a linen ephod. 28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps.**

- A. What Second Samuel says in comparison to verse 26.

**13 And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.**

**– 2 Samuel 6.13**

- B. Dressed for the occasion.
- C. Shouting and music.

D. However, not everyone was pleased.

**XIII. First Chronicles 15.29 • Michal Despised David**

**29 And it happened, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the City of David, that Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David whirling and playing music; and she despised him in her heart.**