

1 Chronicles 28:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

Analysis

Theological Analysis: This passage falls within the section on David's final charge and temple plans. The Hebrew term לבב (levav) - heart/mind is theologically significant here, pointing to Wholehearted devotion to God's purposes. The Chronicler's narrative, while paralleling Samuel-Kings in places, offers a distinct theological perspective emphasizing temple worship, Levitical service, and covenant faithfulness.

Chronicles presents David not primarily as warrior-king but as worship organizer and temple planner. This verse contributes to that portrait by highlighting the spiritual dimensions of Israel's national life. The text demonstrates that true prosperity comes through proper worship and covenant obedience rather than merely military or political success.

Doctrinally, this passage teaches about Wholehearted devotion to God's purposes. Cross-references throughout Chronicles connect David's reign to the broader redemptive narrative, showing how God's covenant promises advance through

faithful human leadership while ultimately depending on divine grace and power. The messianic implications are profound: Christ's commands to disciples.

Historical Context

Historical Background: This section describes events from David's reign (c. 1010-970 BCE) but was written centuries later during the Persian period (c. 450-400 BCE). The Chronicler's selectivity in retelling David's story serves his theological purposes—he omits David's sins (Bathsheba, Absalom's rebellion) while emphasizing David's worship reforms and temple preparations.

The historical setting of David's final charge and temple plans occurred during Israel's united monarchy, when the nation reached its territorial and political zenith. Archaeological evidence from this period shows significant building projects and administrative development. However, the Chronicler writes for a much smaller, struggling post-exilic community, using David's golden age to inspire hope for restoration.

Ancient Near Eastern parallels show that temple construction and royal sponsorship of worship were common across cultures. However, Israel's understanding of worship centered on covenant relationship with the one true God rather than manipulation of capricious deities. This theological distinctiveness shapes the Chronicler's presentation.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse's emphasis on Wholehearted devotion to God's purposes challenge or affirm your current spiritual priorities and practices?

- What does Christ's commands to disciples teach you about Jesus Christ and His redemptive work?
- In what practical ways can you apply the principles of covenant faithfulness and proper worship demonstrated in this passage?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׁרֵךְ	וְשָׁרֵךְ	וְשָׁרֵךְ	וְשָׁרֵךְ	וְשָׁרֵךְ
assembled	And David	H853	H3605	all the princes
H6950	H1732		H8269	of Israel
			H3478	all the princes
			H8269	
לֹמַת	לֹמַת	לֹמַת	לֹמַת	לֹמַת
לְמִתְּשִׁרְתָּת	לְמִתְּשִׁרְתָּת	לְמִתְּשִׁרְתָּת	לְמִתְּשִׁרְתָּת	לְמִתְּשִׁרְתָּת
of the tribes	all the princes	by course	that ministered	of the king
H7626	H8269	H4256	H8334	H4428
וְשָׁרֵךְ	וְשָׁרֵךְ	וְשָׁרֵךְ	וְשָׁרֵךְ	וְשָׁרֵךְ
all the princes	over the thousands	all the princes	over the hundreds	all the princes
H8269	H505	H8269	H3967	H8269
כָּל	רְכוּשׁ	וּמִקְנָה	לֹמַת	וּלְבָנָיו
H3605	over all the substance	and possession	of the king	and of his sons
H7399	H4735	H4428	H1121	H5973
וְשָׁרֵךְ	גָּבָר	וְשָׁרֵךְ	גָּבָר	וְשָׁרֵךְ
with the officers	and with the mighty men	H3605	and with the mighty men	
H5631	H1368		H1368	
וְשָׁרֵךְ	אֶל	יְרוּשָׁלָם:		
and with all the valiant men	H413	unto Jerusalem		
H2428	H3389			

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 23:2 (References Israel): And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.

