

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 לֵב (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?

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

Interlinear Text

וַיָּקֶם לְ	וַיְהִי וַיְהִי	אֶת	כָּל	וְשָׂרֵי י	יִשְׂרָאֵל לְ	וְשָׂרֵי י
assembled	And David			all the princes	of Israel	all the princes
H6950	H1732	H853	H3605	H8269	H3478	H8269
הַשְּׁבֵט יָם	וְשָׂרֵי י	הַמַּחְלֵק וְ	הַמְּשָׁרֵת יָם	אֶת	לְמֶלֶךְ	לְמֶלֶךְ
of the tribes	all the princes	by course	that ministered			of the king
H7626	H8269	H4256	H8334	H853		H4428
וְשָׂרֵי י	הָאֲלָפִים יָם	וְשָׂרֵי י	הֵמָּא וְ	וְשָׂרֵי י		
all the princes	over the thousands	all the princes	over the hundreds	all the princes		
H8269	H505	H8269	H3967	H8269		
כָּל	רְכוּשׁ	וּמִקְנֶה וְ	לְמֶלֶךְ לְ	וּלְבָנָיו	עִם	
H3605	over all the substance	and possession	of the king	and of his sons		
	H7399	H4735	H4428	H1121	H5973	
הַסָּרִיסִים יָם	גִּבּוֹר וְ	וְלִכְלֹ	גִּבּוֹר וְ			
with the officers	and with the mighty men		and with the mighty men			
H5631	H1368	H3605	H1368			
וְעִם כָּל	אֶל	יְרוּשָׁלַם:				
and with all the valiant men		unto Jerusalem				
H2428	H413	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.

