

1 Chronicles 29:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

Analysis

Theological Analysis: This passage falls within the section on Offerings for temple and Solomon's coronation. The Hebrew term נְדָבָה (nedavah) - freewill offering is theologically significant here, pointing to Generous giving from willing hearts. 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 Generous giving from willing hearts. 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 ultimate self-offering.

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 Offerings for temple and Solomon's coronation 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse's emphasis on Generous giving from willing hearts challenge or affirm your current spiritual priorities and practices?

2. What does Christ's ultimate self-offering 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

וְכָל	כֹּחַ י	הֵכִינ וְתִי	לְבֵית	אֱלֹהֵ י
H3605	with all my might	Now I have prepared	for the house	of my God
	H3581	H3559	H1004	H430
ל זָהָב	ל זָהָב	לֶכֶסֶף		
for things to be made of gold	for things to be made of gold	and the silver		
H2091	H2091	H3701		
לֶכֶסֶף	לִנְחַ שֵׁט	לִנְחַ שֵׁט	לִבְרֹז ל	לִבְרֹז ל
and the silver	and the brass	and the brass	for things of iron	for things of iron
H3701	H5178	H5178	H1270	H1270
לַעֲץ ים	לַעֲץ ים	אֲבָנֵי	שֵׂ הֵם	וּמִלֹּאֲ ים
and wood	and wood	stones	onyx	and stones to be set
H6086	H6086	H68	H7718	H4394
וּרְקֻמָּה ה	אֲבָנֵי	יְקָרָה ה	אֲבָנֵי	שֵׁ יֵשׁ
and of divers colours	stones	and all manner of precious	stones	and marble
H7553	H3605	H68	H3368	H68
לְרֹב:				
in abundance				
H7230				

Additional Cross-References

Colossians 3:23 (Parallel theme): And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (Parallel theme): Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

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