

When

- The Book of 1 Chronicles was written several hundred years after King David's reign.

- David became king of Judah in approximately 1055 B.C, the year Saul died. David's reign spanned approximately 40 years (1055-1015 B.C.). He reigned over Judah for 7 years and 6 months, before becoming king over all Israel. His reign over all Judah and Israel lasted 33 years.

- The final chapters of 1 Chronicles document events that occurred at the end of David's life.

Key Characters

- **David** - The 2nd king of Israel and Judah.

- **Solomon** - The son of David and the 3rd king of Israel and Judah.

- **Government Officials** - "The officials of the tribes, the officers of the divisions that served the king, the commanders of thousands, the commanders of hundreds, the stewards of all the property and livestock of the king and his sons" (28:1).



Where

- David assembled all the officials of Israel in Jerusalem to present Solomon as their next king and as the man who would build the Temple.

Outline

- **DAVID PRESENTS SOLOMON TO ISRAEL AS THEIR NEXT KING AND TEMPLE BUILDER (28:1-8):**
 - + David gathered all the officers, commanders, stewards, and the mighty men of his kingdom in Jerusalem.
 - + David told his officials how he originally intended to build the Temple, but the Lord forbid him because he was a man of war.
 - + He told them that God had appointed his son Solomon to be the next king, and that he would be the one to build the Temple.
 - + David commanded his officials to honor God's decision and keep God's laws, so that their children would inherit a blessed nation.
- **DAVID CHARGES SOLOMON TO BUILD THE TEMPLE (28:9-21):**
 - + After speaking to his officials, David turned to speak with Solomon.
 - + He encouraged him to serve God with his whole heart and with a willing mind.
 - + He told him to set to work building the Temple, because God had specifically chosen him for the job.
 - + David gave Solomon the detailed plans he had received from the Lord.
 - + The plans included specifics for the construction of almost every item related to the Temple, including the treasuries, chambers, interior rooms, court yards, vessels, and holy items.
 - + The plans also included details about the divisions of the priests and Levites, and how worship was to be done in the Temple.
 - + David concluded by encouraging his son. He told him the Lord was with him and all the people would support him as he undertook this momentous project.

Application

- The best inheritance you can leave your children isn't money, it's not property, it's a home grounded in the law of God.
- The best country you can leave for your children is not one with a booming economy, its one that respects the Creator.
- David knew this when he encouraged his officials to "observe and seek out all the commandments of the Lord" (28:8).
- You don't have to be rich or successful in earthly things to leave a good inheritance, but you do need to be dedicated and intentional about leading your family to God.