

## “Surpass Dad” (1 Chronicles 28–29)

I have always wanted to be like my Dad. When I was growing up, I wanted to be 6’2” like my Dad. I wanted to be able to grow a heavy beard like my Dad. I wanted to be able to handle a gas powered weed eater like my Dad. I wanted to drive a Subaru like my Dad. I wanted to cook chicken and dumplings like my Dad. I wanted to be able to write like my Dad.

Sadly, I haven’t been able to realize any of these desires. But now that I am grown up (mostly), I have a new set of desires. I still want to be like my Dad; I just have different priorities. Now, I want to love my wife for forty-five years like my Dad. I want to raise godly children who love the Lord like my Dad. I want to finish my career as a man of integrity like my Dad. I want to love the local and worldwide church like my Dad. I want to prioritize the eternal in my time, treasures, and talents, like my Dad.

I hope that I will be able to realize these desires. My Dad has entrusted to me in incredible spiritual legacy. I want to live up to this great responsibility. In fact, my desire, somehow, by God’s grace, is to surpass my Dad in godliness and kingdom impact. This is also my Dad’s passion for me. He has invested everything he can in my spiritual success. This has given me the goal of striving to ensure that my children also surpass me in godliness and kingdom impact.

First Chronicles 28–29 records the last words of King David. After forty years on the throne, he has narrowed and simplified his vision: He wants Solomon and the nation of Israel to surpass his legacy. Similarly, I will insist that your mission as a Dad is to *prepare your children to surpass you*.

Our story begins with a father’s charge to his son.<sup>1</sup> In 28:1–3, the Chronicler writes: **“Now David assembled at Jerusalem all the officials of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the commanders of the divisions that served the king, and the commanders of thousands, and the commanders of hundreds, and the overseers of all the property and livestock belonging to the king and his sons, with the officials and the mighty men, even all the valiant men. Then King David rose to his feet and said, ‘Listen to me, my brethren and my people; I *had* intended to build a permanent home for the ark of the covenant<sup>2</sup> of the LORD and for the footstool<sup>3</sup> of our God. So I had made preparations to build it.’<sup>4</sup> But God said to me, ‘You shall not build a house for My name because you are a man of war and have shed blood.’”** David calls together anyone and everyone in Israel to hear his vision.<sup>5</sup> This is emphasized in 28:1 with three uses of the word “all.” David is a powerful visionary king, yet he also reveals his true shepherd’s heart by addressing the nation of Israel as “my brethren and my people.”<sup>6</sup> He then builds some suspense to set up his vision. He reveals to Israel that he has always had a desire to build the Lord’s temple. He has spent significant time, energy, and expertise making plans to build the temple (cf. 22:14). However, God tells David that he will not build the temple because he has shed so much blood (28:3; cf. 22:7–8). Put yourself in David’s sandals: This news must have been incredibly disappointing to David. Can you imagine coming to the end of your life only to find out that you have disqualified yourself from one of your ministry dreams?<sup>7</sup> This would be devastating!

Dad, perhaps you are living with some regrets. You may have failed to invest in your children while they were young. Now that they are teenagers or young adults, the roles are reversed and your children no longer have time for you. Maybe you have failed to love your wife the way Christ loves His church and your marriage is anemic, at best. You can now see the damage that you have done to your wife. Even your children have been hurt by your failure to love their mother. You may have neglected serving in your local church. Consequently, you have become a spiritual slug and now your family is following in your footsteps. It is devastating to be a disappointment in your primary ministries. It is especially awful when you have no one to blame but yourself. Although this type of introspection can be helpful, it is harmful to remain in this place of negative reflection.

In the midst of your disappointments and failures, God always follows up with a tremendous little three letter word...”yet.” God’s program moves forward by contrasting the disappointing news of 28:3 with God sovereign promise in 28:4–7. **“Yet, the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me from all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever. For He has chosen Judah to be a leader; and in the house of Judah, my father’s house, and among the sons of my father He took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel. Of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons), He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. He said to me, ‘Your son Solomon is the one who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be a son to Me, and I will be a father to him. I will establish his kingdom forever if he resolutely performs My commandments and My ordinances, as is done now.’”**<sup>8</sup> These verses emphasize God’s sovereignty. Four times, David uses the word “chose” or “chosen.” Long ago God chose the tribe of Judah as the source of Israelite kingship (cf. Gen 49:10), the house of Jesse as its mediator (1 Sam 16:1), and David as its first and chief example (1 Sam 16:12). It was now time for the kingship to pass to the next generation, a move already initiated by the Lord (1 Chron 22:9). Solomon is now chosen as David’s heir apparent. These verses serve as a reminder that God’s election depends upon divine grace. Judah did not deserve to be the royal house. David did not deserve to be king. Solomon did not rise to power by his own initiative and power.<sup>9</sup> God was sovereignly orchestrating all of these events.

David makes a special point of mentioning that he has been given “many sons” (28:5). To be precise, David has nineteen sons. Nevertheless, of all of David’s sons, God chose Solomon (3:1–9) to be the second king of Israel. Who is Solomon? Solomon’s mother is Bathsheba. David committed adultery with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, one of David’s mighty men. She became pregnant! David tried to cover up his sin by calling Uriah home from battle to sleep with his wife so that everyone would assume the child belonged to Uriah. But David wasn’t expecting Uriah to be a better man than he was so when Uriah refused to sleep with his wife, David had him killed in battle. David and Bathsheba’s child became ill and died. But God’s grace is seen in that God gave the couple another son. God then chose that son to reign as the next king of Israel. God is so gracious! He can turn our greatest failures into something great.

David tells Solomon that God will establish his kingdom forever IF he obeys the Lord (28:7). That small two letter word “if” determines in large measure whether your children surpass you or not. As a Dad, you can only do so much. Your children have a responsibility to obey the Lord and they are ultimately accountable to Him. This verse is yet another example of the tension between divine sovereignty and human responsibility. While God is completely sovereign, He also expects you and your children to fulfill various roles and responsibilities. When God’s people do their part, God is pleased to bless.

As David prepares to conclude his instructions, he gives a specific charge to both the people (28:8) and Solomon (28:9–10).<sup>10</sup> David exclaims: **“So now, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, observe and seek after all the commandments of the LORD your God so that you may possess the good land and bequeath it to your sons after you forever. As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind<sup>11</sup>; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.”**<sup>12</sup> Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be courageous and act.” David urges the people of Israel to observe and to seek God’s commandments. If they do so, they will be able to possess the good land and pass it on to their sons as an inheritance (28:8). Biblical obedience leads to a legacy of blessing and integrity. The inheritance may not result in land or property, like in Israel. However, as a dad today, you can leave an even greater legacy to your children: You can pass on to your children a godly marriage that goes the distance and honors Christ. You can pass on a commitment to be a churchman and to serve the local church. You can pass on a commitment to reach out to those who have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. You can help your children surpass you by obeying God. Personal obedience can result in a world-changing legacy. *Prepare your children to surpass you.*

In 28:9, David specifically addresses Solomon. David wants his son to “know” God. Then he desires for him to serve God. Knowing comes before serving. It’s been said, “Some people are all heart and no mind in their service to God; others are all mind and no heart.” Both of these are important to truly serve Him. Unfortunately, as dads, it is so easy to *first* demand service from our children. Perhaps you have expectations for your child to get straight A’s in school. Maybe you expect your child to always do his or her chores. You may expect your child to be the model child in Sunday school and Awana. Your child may hear you utter a lot of “do’s” and “don’ts.” And there is definitely a place for service and obedience. But it would be far better to urge your child to know God intimately and passionately and then serve Him in response to the knowledge of God. Your child’s motivation is incredibly important. David says that God “searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts” (28:9). As important as it is to do what is right externally, one’s inner sincerity is of utmost importance. What if you said to your child, “All that I ask of you is that you do your very best in school. I would love for you to get good grades, but I am more concerned that you draw close to the Lord and see Him in your studies.” “When you go to church, I want to encourage you to know the Lord better. I hope you take notes on the pastor’s sermon and memorize all of your Awana verses, but I am more interested in whether you picked up on any of God’s attributes or characteristics.” By encouraging your child to know the Lord, you may just find here she also serves the Lord. The advantage to this approach is your child may do the right things for the right reasons.

In 28:11–29:20, David gives his son Solomon five essential gifts. ***The first gift that David gives is a strategy (28:11–19).*** Four times in this section, David uses the word “plan” (*tabnit*, 28:11, 12, 18, 19; cf. Exod 25:9, 40).<sup>13</sup> Three times, the Chronicler mentions the transference of the plans of the temple from David to Solomon (28:11–12, 19). David shares with Solomon the plans and specifications for the temple and its furnishings. This also included the ministry of the priests and Levites (28:13) and the weight of the gold and silver from which the sacred temple furnishings were to be made (28:14–18). Not wanting to leave anything to chance, David wrote down every detail of the heavenly revelation. In 28:19, David exclaims, “**All this,’ said David, ‘the LORD made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, all the details of this pattern.’**” The vision for the temple did not come from David; it came from the Lord. Thus, David makes sure that he takes detailed notes of this vision and passes it on to his son.

Dad, you may have great aspirations for your children. You probably desire your child to go to college, get a great job, get married, and have children so that you can be a grandpa. However, this may not be God’s vision for your child. The Lord may want your child to serve Him in a Third World country. Instead of your child supporting you in your old age, you may be supporting your child while he or she serves as a missionary. Instead of having your grandchildren, your child may be called to a life of singlehood and celibacy to serve the Lord free of any distraction. Today, I challenge you to grab a notepad and get alone with the Lord. Ask Him to reveal His vision for your children. Tell Him that you will relinquish your dreams and desires for your children. Give the Lord time to speak to you and then write down what He reveals and share it with your children. This may be the very best use of your time this week.

***The second gift that David gives is encouragement (28:20).*** “Then David said to his son Solomon, ‘Be strong and courageous, and act; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.’”<sup>14</sup> David goes out of his way to really pump Solomon up. Perhaps you’re thinking that David’s words seem a bit much. After all, how hard is it to build a temple? Here, we must stop and understand the significance of Solomon’s task. Scholars figure that the cost of this temple in today’s economy is somewhere in the neighborhood of 16 *billion* dollars! Safeco Field, home of the Seattle Mariners was opened in 2000 and cost \$517 Million. \$16 Billion would build thirty Safeco Fields. Do you think Solomon is feeling a bit overwhelmed and inadequate for this task? I should say so! He must be shaking in his sandals. He must be saying, “Dad, are you sure that you heard right from God? How can he expect me to be responsible for a task of this magnitude? It is beyond my comprehension.”

David clearly understands back building this temple is a God-sized vision. There is no way that Solomon can pull this off apart from the Lord's empowerment and enablement. This is why David tells his son that he must be strong and courageous.<sup>15</sup> He urges him not to be dismayed because the Lord is with him. David even promises Solomon that the Lord will not forsake him until the temple task is completed.<sup>16</sup> Although David expects Solomon to carry out his responsibilities in building a temple, he makes it clear that the continued success of Israel's dynasty depends upon faithfulness to God.<sup>17</sup>

Dad, one of your most significant tasks as a father is to infect your children with vision. David's life was rapidly drawing to a close so he focused in on what was most important—God's work in the future generation. Likewise, you need to encourage your child to discover a God-sized vision. You need to encourage your son or daughter to dream big dreams for the kingdom of God. Anything that your child can pull off in the natural is not necessarily from God. It may be the seed of God's vision, but it is not the whole. God is calling His children to accomplish supernatural ministry for Him. As a dad, God calls you to continually encourage your child in ministry. This is as simple as saying, "I love you. I believe in you. I am proud of your service. I love watching you use your gift in ministry. God has great plans in store for you. Your ministry is going to touch lives all over the world." As you verbally encourage your child, remind him or her that nothing is impossible with God. *Prepare your children to surpass you.*

***The third gift that David gives is leadership (28:21).*** David recognizes that Solomon cannot build the temple alone so he recruits leaders to assist him.<sup>18</sup> David organizes the various levels of leaders, both civil and religious, so they could work harmoniously and follow Solomon. Just as the Lord provided skillful people to construct the tabernacle (Exod 35:25–35; 36:1–2), so He provides the workers that Solomon needs to build the Lord's temple (see 2 Chron 2:13–14). God uses David's leadership position to influence and compel the people to respond to his commands.

Dad, you have a responsibility to surround your children with godly influences. Will you invite pastors, missionaries, church leaders into your home to influence your children? This is critical because there will come a day when your child will no longer listen to you. Will you ensure that your children have godly friends? While it is critical to encourage your children to share Christ with their classmates and neighbors, it is essential to ensure that your children have at least some friends who are even godlier than they are. These friendships will help take them to the next level of spiritual growth. Remember, Dad, a God-sized vision can only be accomplished by a team of godly individuals. *Prepare your children to surpass you* by surrounding him or her with godly leaders.

***The fourth gift that David gives is provision (29:1–9).*** David is a great example of a man who "puts his money where his mouth is." David graciously gives all the money that he has been saving for the temple project.<sup>19</sup> He then goes above and beyond and sacrificially gives even more to support Solomon's effort.<sup>20</sup> The people follow their leader's example and give generously as well.<sup>21</sup> In case you're interested in knowing the particulars, one talent is the equivalent to 67.3 pounds.<sup>22</sup> So the figures that you see in this section are dealing in tons! David and the people are extravagant in their giving. What is even more impressive is what the Chronicler records in 29:9: "**Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the LORD with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly.**"<sup>23</sup>

Dad, will you follow Israel's example and be thrilled to give toward your son or daughter's ministry? If your child wants to attend a Christian camp or conference this summer, give toward this training. If your child wants to go on a short-term mission, give generously and sacrificially. Despite our economy, step out in faith! Buy your children Christian books that will facilitate their growth. Begin saving now for their Bible college education. This will serve your child well his or her entire life. Furthermore, you will be investing in decades of fruitful ministry that will accrue to your eternal retirement account (ERA).<sup>24</sup> *Prepare your children to surpass you* by investing in their present and future ministry.

***The fifth gift that David gives is prayer (29:10–19).*** David, a man after God’s own heart, prays a passionate and theologically profound prayer. Please consider studying this prayer this week and then praying this prayer for your children. Since it is God’s very Word, I can assure you that He will respond in a mighty way. But, Dad, can I ask you: Do your children know that you are a man of prayer? Do they “catch” you praying in the morning before work or late at night? Do you pray with them every night? Do you ask them how you can pray for them? Do you pray regularly and instinctually as a family whenever anything comes up, either seemingly positive or negative?

After David’s passionate prayer, he exhorts the people to respond by worshipping God (29:20). The people immediately bow low and pay homage to the Lord. The very next day, they make sacrifices to the Lord and eat and drink before the Lord with great gladness (29:21–22a). Israel then makes Solomon the king a second time (29:22b–25). This great story concludes in 29:28 with these words: **“Then he died in a ripe old age, full of days, riches and honor; and his son Solomon reigned in his place.”** David dies passing the baton to Solomon. This is the vision of our church—transferring truth to the next generation.

I wish I could tell you that Solomon surpassed David. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Solomon did build God’s temple (28:6; 2 Chron 5:1); but he did not finish well. Instead, he collapsed into a life of idolatry and immorality (1 Kgs 11:1–11). Dad, in the end, there is only so much you can do. As David said in 1 Chron 28:7 your children are responsible to fulfill the “if”—they must obey the Lord. Children, the best gift you can give your Dad is to love the Lord and obey Him. Then your Dad’s legacy lives on.

When I was growing up our family went to a lot of theme parks. My Dad and I loved riding roller coasters together. But there was one roller coaster that I didn’t join my Dad on—Montezuma’s Revenge at Knott’s Berry Farm. This ride explodes out of the station from 0 to 55 in just three seconds through a giant, seven-story loop, once forward, then again backwards and then returns to the station with a neck jolting screeching halt.<sup>25</sup> Although I desperately wanted to join my Dad on this roller coaster; I was scared. I kept mustering up courage only to falter as we approached the line. So my dad always went on Montezuma’s Revenge alone.

I haven’t been to any major theme parks in over twenty years. However, last month my family was given a timeshare in Carlsbad. While we were down in Southern California, we decided to go to Disneyland and Knott’s Berry Farm. When we arrived at Knott’s Berry Farm, all I could think about was my compulsion to conquer Montezuma’s Revenge. After much prayer and fasting, the Holy Spirit filled me with courage and I approached the infamous Montezuma’s Revenge. I noticed that there wasn’t a long line. I was excited. I would be able to get this over with quickly without getting psyched out. But as I drew near to the roller coaster, I saw the fateful sign: “Out of order. This ride is currently being serviced.” I was incredibly disappointed. (Okay, maybe a little relieved.) I didn’t know when I would ever have another opportunity to conquer this fear.

A week later, my family and I returned to Knott’s Berry Farm. We had such a wonderful time that we decided to go back for more. Besides, I had some unfinished business to attend to. This time around I boldly and courageously went on Montezuma’s Revenge (possibly a slight exaggeration). What was even more impressive is Lori and my kids joined me! I will never forget calling my Dad from Knott’s Berry Farm to tell him that I finally conquered one of my inner child demons☺. What excited me the most though was being able to tell my Dad that my eight-year-old daughter, Jena, went on Montezuma’s Revenge with me! What a hilarious example of my children surpassing me! However, I am not content with my children surpassing me in roller coaster courage. I am preparing for my children to surpass me in their passion for God’s Word, worship, and the church. I am preparing for my children to far surpass me in their love for the Savior and in their kingdom impact. My hope and prayer today is that you will boldly and courageously lead your children to conquer their fears in obedience to Christ and surpass your spiritual legacy.

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1 Chronicles 28:1–21  
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Psalm 78:4  
Proverbs 22:6  
Ephesians 6:4  
Colossians 3:21

### **Study Questions**

1. Have I come to grips with the brevity and fragility of my own life (28:1)? Read Psalm 39:4; 90:12; and James 4:13–17. What am I doing to ensure that I impart God’s vision to my children? How will my children continue God’s work in future generations? Do I spend time daily or weekly praying for God to reveal His vision to each of my children?
2. Have I been consciously emphasizing the importance of biblical obedience to my children (28:8–9)? How am I seeking to balance grace and discipline? Do I seek to have pure motives in raising my children? Read 1 Corinthians 4:1–5. Even though I can’t completely discern my motives, what can I do to have the purest motives possible?
3. Do I have an overall strategy for transferring God’s truth to my children? What are my specific plans (28:11, 12, 18, 19)? How frequently do my wife and I discuss our children? Do we earnestly pray for each of our children? What are some practical ways that we can improve in our parenting and spiritual leadership? Is there anyone who can help us meet our family goals?
4. Am I striving to assure my children of God’s presence in their lives (28:20)? How have I tangibly sought to do this? Have I presented to my children an accurate theological view of God? If my children were asked what they have learned from me, what would they say? What would I want them to say?
5. What mistakes have I made that I don’t want my children to repeat? Have I discussed in detail past and present shortcomings and sins with my children? Why or why not? What are each of my children’s unique strengths and abilities? In what ways do I desire my children to surpass me? What does parental faithfulness/success look like?

## Notes

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<sup>1</sup> David's speech here is closely related to 1 Chron 22 although there are differences. It is not surprising to find these parallels as the subject matter is similar. See J.A. Thompson, *1, 2 Chronicles*. The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1994), 189.

<sup>2</sup> The "ark of the covenant" is a holy object which symbolizes the earthly throne of the heavenly King.

<sup>3</sup> The ark as a footstool is known elsewhere only in Psalm 132:7–8. The temple is God's resting place and the ark is His footstool. The temple is the place where God Himself rests just as He has given Israel rest. In the theology of Israel, this is God's sabbatical rest where He lives in covenant with His people. The ark, as a symbol of the covenant between God and Israel, is the place where Israel enters into the rest of God. Indeed, the ark as the mercy seat (Rom 3:25–26) anticipates the rest which Jesus brings the people of God as we yet anticipate the full consummation of that rest in the presence of God (Heb 4). John Mark Hicks, *1 & 2 Chronicles*. The College Press NIV Commentary (Joplin, MO: College Press, 2001), 241.

<sup>4</sup> The language of this narrative is found only in Psalm 132.

<sup>5</sup> Wilcock writes, "David addresses this speech to the leaders and people of Israel. There are plural verb sprinkled throughout the entire context. There is a profound message here: David, the great king and leader of Israel, must pass from the scene. What future or hope to the people have? Their whole must not be in David, whom they see but whose strength and wisdom are limited, but in God, whom they do not see but whose presence, power, goodness, and wisdom are forever. It was God who chose the house of David, God who determined who would build the temple, God who gave the commandments in which our life in peace, and God who would remain when David was gone. Israel must not despair the loss of their great king but realize that their only hope is in God." Michael Wilcock, *The Message of Chronicles* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1987), 109; Thompson, *1, 2 Chronicles*, 191.

<sup>6</sup> Andrew E. Hill, *1 & 2 Chronicles*. The NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003), 323.

<sup>7</sup> Paul's exhortation in 1 Cor 9:24–27 is worthy of careful study, especially the concept of disqualification in 9:27.

<sup>8</sup> David's public explanation corresponds to what he had already told Solomon privately (1 Chron 22:7–16).

<sup>9</sup> Hicks, *1 & 2 Chronicles*, 240–41.

<sup>10</sup> Hill, *1 & 2 Chronicles*, 324, "David faithfully passes the leadership baton to Solomon. Yet, he exhorts Israel to look to God for their hope and help—not to himself or even his dynasty."

<sup>11</sup> David's appeal to his son to serve God with "a whole heart and a willing mind" parallels his similar final admonition recorded in 1 Kgs 2:2–4.

<sup>12</sup> This warning is in the context of the kingdom service (i.e., fulfilling the kingship, building the temple). This is not an OT proof text for loss of salvation. Instead, it serves as a warning to Solomon to not forfeit your ministry.

<sup>13</sup> Thompson, *1, 2 Chronicles*, 192. Hill, *1 & 2 Chronicles*, 325, points out that *tabin* ("plan") forms an inclusio as it begins and ends this section (1 Chron 28:11, 19).

<sup>14</sup> David's final charge to Solomon (cf. 1 Chron 28:9–10; 22:11–16; Pss 27:13–14; 31:23–24), that he should "be strong and courageous" because the Lord would "not fail...or forsake" him, reflects the stirring charges of Moses to Joshua (Deut 31:7–8, 23; 34:1–7; 32:44–47), and of the Lord himself (Josh 1:5–9, 18). Paul gives a similar closing admonition in 1 Cor 16:13.

<sup>15</sup> I like what General George Patton once said, "Courage is fear that has said its prayers." Preaching Today citation: James P. Moore, Jr., *One Nation Under God: The History of Prayer in America* (Doubleday, 2005); submitted by Van Morris, Mount Washington, KY.

<sup>16</sup> Sailhamer writes, "The Chronicler takes great pains to make clear David's role in the building of the temple. David's words to Solomon, admonishing and exhorting him to build the temple, sound much like the words of Haggai, the prophet after the Exile, who stirred up the hearts of the people and the leaders to rebuild the temple that lay in ruins (see Haggai 2:4–5)." John Sailhamer, *NIV Compact Bible Commentary* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994), 285.

<sup>17</sup> Thompson, *1, 2 Chronicles*, 190.

<sup>18</sup> Hill, *1 & 2 Chronicles*, 322, writes, "Two distinct threads tie the chapter together: (1) the stress placed on obedience by the leadership of Israel, both to God and to Solomon as David's successor (1 Chron. 28:7–8, 21), and (2) the understanding that the temple-building project is really a divine initiative (cf. 28:2, 10, 12, 19)."

<sup>19</sup> The spoils of battle that David devoted to the Lord amounted to 3,750 tons of gold and 37,500 tons of silver (1 Chron 22:14).

<sup>20</sup> David added from his own wealth 110 tons of gold and 260 tons of silver (1 Chron 29:4). This means that David was responsible for providing 3,860 tons of gold and 37,760 tons of silver.

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<sup>21</sup> Israel contributed 190 tons of gold, plus another 185 pounds, 375 tons of silver, 675 tons of bronze, and 3,750 tons of iron, as well as precious stones.

<sup>22</sup> See NET study notes: <http://net.bible.org/bible.php>.

<sup>23</sup> The record of Israel's sacrificial generosity looks forward to Paul's words in 2 Cor 8–9 and Phil 1, 4.

<sup>24</sup> See Phil 4:17: "Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account."

<sup>25</sup> See <http://www.knotts.com/park/tour/fvillage/>.