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Christ in Every Chapter

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I Chronicles 1- 29

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CHAPTER 1

Verse 28: We know from earlier studies that Isaac is a type of Christ in that he was a promised son with a unique birth, his father was willing to sacrifice him, and his name means “laughter,” reminding us of the joy of salvation that Christ brings to all who receive Him.

CHAPTER 2

Verse 1: The mention of Judah obviously reminds us of Christ since He came from Judah and is the “Lion of the tribe of Juda” (Rev. 5:5).

Verse 2: As we covered in Genesis, Joseph pictures Christ in many ways. The stronger points are the fact that he was hated, betrayed, and sold by his brethren, and then he was exalted to rule over them. The name given to him in Egypt was “Zaphnath-paaneah,” which means “saviour of the world.”

Verse 15: David is a type of Christ for the many reasons given in our study on I and II Samuel, with the primary reason being the fact that he is a good Jewish king in Jerusalem who ascends to the throne after overcoming a major adversary in Saul. Christ receives His throne after overcoming Satan.

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CHAPTER 3

Verse 10: Solomon is a type of Christ in that he is a son of David, like Jesus (Mat. 9:27), his name means “peace,” reminding us of the “Prince of Peace” (Isa. 9:6), and his glorious kingdom was a foreshadow of Christ’s coming kingdom (Luke 11:31).

CHAPTER 4

Verses 9-10: **“And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.”** The name Jabez signifies *affliction*, thus we are supplied with another type of Christ, the “man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief” (Isa. 53:3). Also, the fact that Jabez “was more honourable than his brethren” points to Christ, as does the fact that “God granted him that which he requested.” This passage stands out and shines in I Chronicles chapter 4 much like Christ stands out and shines among men.

CHAPTER 5

Verse 2: “For Judah prevailed above his brethren . . .” This reminds us of Jesus Christ in Revelation 5:5: “. . . the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed . . .”

CHAPTER 6

Verse 49: The mention of “Aaron and his sons” again reminds us of Christ the High Priest and the many “sons” that make up His spiritual priesthood. I Peter 2:5 says, **“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”**

CHAPTER 7

Verse 29: **“ . . . the children of Joseph the son of Israel.”** As we made clear in our Genesis study, Joseph is a type of Christ in many ways. In fact, he’s the greatest type of Christ in the Bible. Interestingly enough, his two sons have names with some rather significant meanings (Gen. 41:50-52). Manasseh, the firstborn son, means “who makes to forget,” and Ephraim means “double fruitfulness.”

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So a child of God through Jesus Christ must first *forget* his old life, and then he becomes *fruitful* in his new life.

CHAPTER 8

Verse 6: Ehud was a great judge of Israel back in Judges chapter three. In addition to being a Jewish judge like Jesus (Mic. 5:1), he typifies Christ in that he was raised up to be a deliverer (Jgs. 3:15) and he slew the king of Moab with a twoedged sword (Jgs. 3:16, 21), picturing the word of God that Jesus used and will use against Satan (Mat. 4:4-11; Rev. 19:15).

CHAPTER 9

Verse 27: It's interesting that the priests "lodged around about the house" since the house is the temple that typifies Christ. In fact, Jesus called Himself a temple in John 2:19-21. As the priests stayed near the temple, we should stay near our Lord.

CHAPTER 10

Verse 14: **"... he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse."** So Satan's kingdom of this world will one day be given to Jesus Christ, the King of Kings (Rev. 11:15).

CHAPTER 11

Verse 1: **"Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh."** The wording reminds us of our relationship with Jesus, **"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."** (Eph. 5:30)

Verse 9: **"So David waxed greater and greater: for the LORD of hosts was with him."** So it is with Jesus. He began as a little baby in a manger, yet He ends up ruling as King of Kings over the world.

Verse 17: **"And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, that is at the gate!"** Since Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the well can picture Christ as the water of life (John 7:38; Rev. 22:17). Significantly enough, the well was "at the gate." No one enters the gates of heaven without having drunk the water of life.

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CHAPTER 12

Verse 22: **“For at that time day by day there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God.”** Such is the manner in which God builds His army under His Captain Jesus Christ. As Acts 2:47 says, **“... the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”**

Verses 38: **“All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king ...”** Anyone with a perfect heart will make Jesus their King.

CHAPTER 13

Verse : **“And they set the ark of God upon a new cart ...”** So man, the vehicle of God’s ministry, must become a *new* creature in Christ in order for God to indwell and use him (II Cor. 5:17).

Verses 6-7: God didn’t have to have man stabilize His ark. So Christ doesn’t need the world; it is the world that needs Christ.

CHAPTER 14

Verse 17: **“And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.”** This, of course, is exactly what will happen when Jesus Christ rules from the throne of His glory in Jerusalem. A good reference is Isaiah 11:9: **“They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.”**

CHAPTER 15

Verse 2: **“Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever.”** So no one can carry Jesus Christ in their hearts other than His true priests for today, those who have born again through His blood atonement.

Verse 15: **“And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD.”** This pictures today’s believers willingly taking up their crosses and following Jesus (Luke 9:23; Mat. 11:28-29).

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CHAPTER 16

Verse 3: “And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.” Like David, Christ is good to His people in supplying all their needs (Philip. 4:19).

Verse 31-33: “Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein. Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.” The expressions “The LORD reigneth” and “he cometh to judge the earth” are clearly references to the second coming of Christ.

CHAPTER 17

Verses 11-14: “And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee: But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.” The short view is obviously Solomon, but the longer view is Christ in His coming kingdom.

CHAPTER 18

Verse 6: “. . . Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.” Likewise, the Father preserved His Son Jesus withthersoever He went, even when His enemies tried to kill Him before His time. Also see verse 13.

CHAPTER 19

Verses 1-6: “Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? Wherefore Hanun took

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David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away. Then there went certain, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return." Likewise, a great many of Christ's servants are misunderstood and shamefully treated today for doing nothing more than obeying the words of their Master.

CHAPTER 20

Verse 1: "And it came to pass, that after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out to battle, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it." If you are familiar with the account in II Samuel, then you immediately realize that something is missing. The II Samuel account tells the reader *what David did* when he tarried at Jerusalem. But after David had committed his sin and repented of it, Nathan told him that God had *put away* his sin (II Sam. 12:13), so the Holy Spirit doesn't choose to bring it up again in the Chronicles account, nor does He bring it up in the New Testament, even though David is mentioned over fifty times. This is a great picture of the forgiveness of sin that we have in Christ. If it's under the blood, then it's gone, period.

Verse 8: "These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants." So Christ and His servants are in the giant slaying business today. Giants of idleness, lust, ignorance, and envy, must be slain so that the cause of Christ might prevail in our lives.

CHAPTER 21

Verse 17: "And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued." Here David stands as a type of Christ in that he intercedes for his sheep and is willing to bear the full burden for sin.

CHAPTER 22

Verse 9-10: "Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son,

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and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.” So Christ was also “a man of rest” (Mat. 11:28-29) who gives “peace and quietness” to Israel at His second coming, and it is He who establishes the house of the Lord (Isa. 2:2) and sits upon the “thone of his kingdom” (Luke 1:32).

CHAPTER 23

Verses 13-14: **“... Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever.”** As we’ve pointed out before, Aaron and his sons picture Christ and his believers, the spiritual priesthood of I Peter 2:5.

CHAPTER 24

This chapter deals with the twenty-four course division of Aaron’s sons. As we’ve seen many times, Aaron and his sons picture Christ and His sons. The mention of the twenty-four elders in Revelation 4:4 make the comparison even stronger: **“And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.”** Just as God had the Aaronic priesthood neatly divided, God also has the spiritual priesthood of Christ divided. Ephesians 4:11 says, **“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.”** I Corinthians 12:4-11 speaks of the diversities of gifts in the body of Christ with verse eleven saying, **“But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”**

CHAPTER 25

Verse 1: **“Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph . . .”** The wording is interesting in light of what the New Testament says about Christian service. In order to serve in David’s kingdom, one had to be “separated to” the service. Paul said in Romans 1:1 that he was **“separated unto the gospel of God,”** and he praised the Thessalonians for having **“turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God”** (I Ths. 1:9). The lesson is clear: being merely separated from sin isn’t enough. The cemetery is filled with people who are separated from sin (they haven’t sinned in years!), but they are not separated *to* anything either, except cold dirt. In Christ’s service, one must not only be separated from sin, but also separated to God’s service.

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CHAPTER 26

Verse 1: **“Concerning the divisions of the porters . . .”** A porter is a gatekeeper. This reminds us of what Jesus said in John 10:3: **“To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.”** Thanks be to Jesus, we will not have to worry about a porter stopping our entry into New Jerusalem, and especially not the traditional Catholic “St. Peter.”

CHAPTER 27

Verse 1: **“Now the children of Israel after their number, to wit, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses . . .”** The whole chapter deals with delegated responsibilities in David’s kingdom. Likewise, as we saw in our comments on chapter twenty-four, there are various delegated responsibilities in Christ kingdom (I Cor. 12:4-7).

CHAPTER 28

Verse 20: **“And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.”** So Christ will finish all the work that His Father gave to Him. Jesus said, in John 4:34, **“ . . . My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.”**

CHAPTER 29

Verse 25: **“And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.”** So God the Father will magnify His Son Jesus Christ in the sight of all Israel.