

Week 29: July 21 (July 14–July 20)

- Chronicles tells a different story about plans for building the Temple; Solomon will still be the one to build it, but David is more involved in planning and gathering resources for it.
- Interesting words: “In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war...”
- First mention of someone named “Satan”: “Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel.” Compare the text we read earlier in 2 Samuel 24: “Again, the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, “Go, count the people...” (June 5/p. 513)
- Very different recounting of the succession of Solomon - none of the intrigue we’d read before. David selects Solomon and prepares him.
- David tells Solomon to begin work on the Temple; has all the plans and gives them to Solomon
- David seeks contributions to fund the work - the first “Capital Campaign”: “Then the leaders.... gave willingly. They gave toward the work on the temple.... The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord.” (1C29:6ff; p.661)
- David prays in response, “Everything in heaven and earth is yours...wealth and honor come from you... Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand”
- David then dies; Solomon becomes king, prays for wisdom
- Solomon then, as before, reaches north across the border to trade in order to build the Temple
- “You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.” (R2:1)
- “For those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth...there will be wrath and anger”
- Paul speaks to circumcision - it is only a physical sign. What God wants is “circumcision of the heart” - the covenant bound within the person.
- Paul argues strongly that Jews and Gentiles are alike in the eyes of God; it isn’t about works or following the law, it is about grace
- “Righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe; ... all are justified freely by God’s grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”
- “Justified by faith...”

- “Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring - not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who have the faith of Abraham.”
- “Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.”
- “Therefore just as sin entered the world through one man...” - is this a reference to “Original Sin”?
- “Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.”
- “For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his... In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus... For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.”
- “the benefit you reap leads to holiness and the result is eternal life”
- Psalm 11:7 - “For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice”
- Psalm 12:1 - “Help, Lord, for no one is faithful anymore; those who are loyal have vanished from the human race. Everyone lies to their neighbor... The poor are plundered, the needy groan”
- Proverbs 19:16 - “A person’s wisdom yields patience; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense”
- Proverbs 19:17 - “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.”
- Proverbs 19:19 - “A hot-tempered person must pay the penalty”
- Proverbs 19:20 - “Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.”
- Proverbs 19:21 - “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails”