

Life-Study of 1 and 2 Chronicles Summary - Messages 1–5

Introduction

The books of 1 and 2 Chronicles cover the genealogy of mankind from Adam to Abraham and the genealogy of God's elect from Abraham to the family of Saul, and the history of Israel from Saul the king to Israel's return from their captivity

The central thought is, first, **to give us a full chronology of God's move in man's history** by including the genealogy from Adam to Samuel, indicating that God's move in man's history to prepare the way for God to carry out His eternal economy in humanity by becoming a man that man may become God is not a matter that concerns only the history of God's elect but a matter that concerns the history of the entire mankind. The central thought is also **to present to us some of the important details of God's dealing with the kings of Judah that are not recorded in 1 and 2 Samuel and in 1 and 2 Kings**. Finally, in these books we have a complete history of God's move in man's history from Adam to Abraham, from Abraham to Samuel, and from Samuel, who brought in the kingship, to Israel's return from their captivity.

The Reproduction of God

Man was created not from His own kind but according to God's kind. **God did not create mankind; He created man according to God's kind**. According to His eternal plan God Himself had to become a man. God came to be a man, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a human virgin. He grew up for thirty more years, but no one knew that He was God become a man, a God-man. The first grain—the first God-man—was a prototype, and the many grains—the many God-men—produced by this one grain through death and resurrection are the mass reproduction.

In our daily living we may be **God** at one time, a **scorpion** at another time, and Satan at yet another time. Because this is our actual situation, we surely need to be **transformed**.

The Highest Point of God's Gospel

The eternal God in His eternity had a "dream" according to His heart's desire, and He made a plan, which in the New Testament is called **God's economy**. Then God created the universe, making His heart's desire (Adam) the centre. This heart's desire is nothing less **than one who is the same kind as God is, one who would reproduce and fill the whole earth**. However, after the fall man separated himself from God and became mankind. Out of the confused world of mankind, God chose Abraham, whose descendants became the nation of Israel. Two thousand years after Abraham, the choosing God became a man. **This God-man through His death and resurrection, has made a mass reproduction of Himself**. He as the one grain became many grains. In Christ God and man have become one entity, the God-man. When we think of ourselves as God-men, this thinking, this realization, revolutionizes us in our daily experience. This is the highest point of God's gospel.

The Supplement to the History of David

David's preparation of the materials for the building of the temple of God in abundance typifies **Christ's provision for the building of the church of God with His unsearchable riches**. David's preparation in his affliction, in his trials, and in the victory of his fightings typifies Christ's rich provision for the building of the church of God in His trials and victory over Satan with his power of darkness.

We need to realize that there is an order in the Body of Christ, with the various members set in a particular place. The arrangement in the Body is not a matter of who is higher and who is lower; rather, the arrangement is altogether a matter of what has been ordered by Christ.

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